

PACE TESTIMONIAL
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It's always been my belief that anything you can do to bolster your credentials no matter what field you're in, is well worth the effort, and that made taking the PACE test a must for me. Secondly, because I do not have a bachelor's degree, it was important for me to take the PACE test prior to the end of 2000 so that I could be grandfathered into the program.

It was definitely a groundbreaking event when I first brought the matter to the attention of the members of the law firm, but they were behind me all the way, paying for the study materials and the fee. The encouragement I received was outstanding.

I studied on my own and, of course, was really nervous when the time came to actually take the test, but I did and was quite proud of myself when I learned that I had passed.

My firm has always supported CLE for all of the paralegals, but since becoming a PACE Registered Paralegal, the firm not only supports CLE, but most definitely understands that I am required to complete a certain number of hours for continuing legal education and they assist with allowing the time off and paying the fees. I believe the members of the firm also look at the paralegals in this firm with the Registered Paralegal designation a little more professionally. I also believe having the designation of being a Registered Paralegal has impacted some of our clients.

Attorneys outside this firm have asked about the designation – what it means and where it comes from. People are paying attention.

PACE is a great step for paralegals and I encourage every paralegal to go for it!