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The Paralegal Association of Northern Virginia (www.PANV.org) congratulates Rosslyn "Shelly" M. Woods, RP[®], on successfully completing the Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam (PACE[™]). Ms. Woods is now entitled to use the designation "PACE Registered Paralegal[®]" or "RP[®]," as credentials in her professional career.

Ms. Woods is employed as a paralegal with the law firm of William B. Reichhardt & Associates in Fairfax, Virginia, and is a member of PANV.

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In order to maintain her RP[®] credential, Ms. Woods must obtain a minimum of twelve hours of continuing education in a legal or specialty field every two years, with at least one hour of the twelve in legal ethics.

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