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E-Discovery Professional is Awarded CEDS Certification After Passing Rigorous Examination

Andrew M. Pardieck of the Southern Illinois University School of Law is among a select group of e-discovery professionals to pass the rigorous Certified E-Discovery Specialists certification examination. Andrew has now earned the right to use the prestigious designation, CEDS, as a Certified E-Discovery Specialist.

The CEDS credential is earned by individuals who pass the rigorous four-hour examination that provides a tough and objective measure of mastery of the challenging field of e-discovery. The certification program is administered by the Association of Certified E-Discovery Specialists (ACEDS), the premier membership organization of professionals in the field worldwide. Since the exam was first offered in November 2010, professionals in the United States, Canada, the UK, South Korea, Germany and China have earned the CEDS certification.

The CEDS certification is compelling evidence that designees are competent and knowledgeable in e-discovery regardless of their professional specialization—whether they are lawyers, litigation support staff, records managers, information technology (IT) specialists, technology officials, court personnel, paralegals or consultants. The credential is an assurance to employers, colleagues and clients that the CEDS-certified professional is serious about efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and risk reduction in all phases of e-discovery.

CEDS designation is powerful evidence of specialized expertise

"I don't know what took so long for a certification like CEDS to come along. There needed to be a strong standard of competence. The exam was rigorous and thorough. You don't just pay money and pass the test. This helps solve my hiring problems." said Alvin Lindsay, a partner at the international law firm, Hogan Lovells, in Miami, who chairs the ACEDS Advisory Board and is often quoted in the media in matters regarding technology and litigation and electronic evidence.

CEDS exam is offered at 560 worldwide secure testing centers

The proctored CEDS certification exam is offered at 560 secure ACEDS-Kryterion Testing Centers worldwide, including 320 in the United States and 30 in Canada. The exam was assembled over eight months by a team of 40 leading e-discovery professionals under the guidance of the ACEDS management and an independent psychometric firm, Kryterion, to ensure the CEDS exam was technically sound and legally defensible. The computer-based examination has 145 items, and CEDS candidates receive results upon completion.

In April 2011 ACEDS began offering an online, on-demand CEDS Examination Preparation Seminar at its website at ACEDS.org.

For more information on CEDS certification, including how to apply and register for the exam, contact Member Services by email at memberservices@ACEDS.org or by telephone at 786-517-2701.