

SMITH THOMAS W
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SMITH THOMAS W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PRE PAID LEGAL SERVICES INC
[PPD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
323 RAILROAD AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/03/2005

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Member of Section 13(d) Group

GREENWICH, CT 06830

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	01/03/2005		J ⁽¹⁾		25,000	D	\$ 0 0
						I ⁽²⁾	By Petra Capital Partners ⁽²⁾
Common Stock	01/03/2005		J ⁽³⁾		7,500	A	\$ 0 907,500
						D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH THOMAS W 323 RAILROAD AVENUE GREENWICH, CT 06830		X		Member of Section 13(d) Group
PETRA CAPITAL PARTNERS 323 RAILROAD AVENUE GREENWICH, CT 06830				Member of Section 13(d) Group

Signatures

/s/ Thomas W. Smith, Individually and as General Partner of Petra Capital Partners 01/05/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents a pro-rata in-kind liquidating distribution by Petra Capital Partners ("PCP"), without consideration, in accordance with the terms of the PCP Limited Partnership Agreement.
These shares are owned directly by PCP, a private investment limited partnership, and indirectly by Mr. Smith as general partner of PCP.
- (2) Mr. Smith disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares in excess of his pecuniary interest in such shares under Rule 16a-1(a)(2)(ii)(B). The address for PIP is 323 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.
Represents a pro-rata in-kind liquidating distribution by PCP, without consideration, in accordance with the terms of the PCP Limited Partnership Agreement. Mr. Smith's acquisition of these shares represents a change in form of beneficial ownership exempt from Section 16 pursuant to Rule 16a-13 thereunder.

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