



# The State Bar of California

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## CALIFORNIA BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

**The State Bar of California**  
**180 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105**  
**Friday, March 13, 2020, 9:03 a.m. – 9:53 a.m.**

A meeting of the California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLs) was convened on Friday, March 13, 2020 at 9:03 a.m. in open session with Chair Aurelio Torre presiding.

The following members of the CBLs were present: Norma L. Acosta, Robert Hershenson, Mark A. Lester, Aurelio Torre, and Natalie P. Vance.

The following members of the CBLs were absent: Jeffrey T. Hammerschmidt and Avi Levy.

The following State Bar staff members were present: Amy C. Nuñez, Director; Audrey Ching, Assistant Director; Lisa J. Cummins, Program Manager; Kenneth Holloway, Attorney; Adrian Galang, Program Analyst; and Janelle Delacruz, Program Specialist.

### **I. INFORMATION**

1. Chair Torre welcomed CBLs and staff.
2. Amy C. Nuñez gave a report on the status of several pending State Bar activities. Including updates on:
  - Completion of the 2019 Legal Specialist Examination grading;
  - Approval of the CBLs 2020 Work Plan; and
  - Completion of the Admissions Information Management System (AIMS) remediation with Slalom.
3. Adrian Galang gave the report on the status of several legal specialization program key indicators, including updates on:
  - program participant compliance with the program requirements; and
  - the number of applicants that passed the 2017 Legal Specialist Examination that have not yet applied for initial certification.

## II. CONSENT

1. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the December 13, 2019 CBLS open meeting minutes was approved.

Moved by Vance, Seconded by Hershenson

Yes – Acosta, Hershenson, Lester, Torre, Vance

No – N/A

Abstain – N/A

Motion passes.

2. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the February 5, 2020 CBLS open meeting minutes was approved.

Moved by Torre, Seconded by Acosta

Yes – Acosta, Hershenson, Lester, Torre, Vance

No – N/A

Abstain – N/A

Motion passes.

## III. ACTION

1. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the recommendation of staff regarding the certification of certified specialists was approved.

Specialists who have not filed timely recertification applications will have their certificates revoked if they do not provide a recertification application and proper payment within ten days of a final reminder.

Moved by Lester, Seconded by Vance

Yes – Acosta, Hershenson, Lester, Torre, Vance

No – N/A

Abstain – N/A

Motion passes.

2. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the recommendation of staff regarding the extension of Legal Specialist Continuing Legal Education (LSCLE) reporting was approved.

Specialists in MCLE Compliance Group 3 who have not filed timely 2020 LSCLE Compliance will have until June 30, 2020 to do so.

Furthermore, the LSCLE Compliance deadline will be extended in principle to permanently match the corresponding MCLE deadline(s) each reporting period.

Moved by Lester, Seconded by Hershenson

Yes – Acosta, Hershenson, Lester, Torre, Vance

No – N/A

Abstain – N/A

Motion passes.

3. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the Standards for Determining the Creation of a New Specialty was approved as amended effective immediately.

Moved by Lester, Seconded by Acosta

Yes – Acosta, Hershenson, Lester, Torre, Vance

No – N/A

Abstain – N/A

Motion passes.

4. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the International Association of Privacy Professionals' (IAPP) Application for Accreditation of Specialty Certification Program in Privacy Law was denied.

Moved by Lester, Seconded by Vance

Yes – Acosta, Hershenson, Lester, Torre, Vance

No – N/A

Abstain – N/A

Motion passes.

Seeing no other business, Chair Torre called the open session meeting to a close at 9:53 a.m. and the group convened into closed session.