



## MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** Perry L. Segal, Former Chair, Law Practice Management and Technology Section (LPMT)  
Executive Committee/Immediate Past Chair, Council of State Bar Sections

**TO:** The State Bar of California, Board of Trustees, Attn: David Pasternak, President

**DATE:** April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

**RE:** Governance in the Public Interest Task Force

Dear President Pasternak:

First, please be advised that I submit this memorandum with the full authorization of Chair Kurt Obermeyer and the LPMT Section.

I call to your attention a recent vote of the Section and our unanimous decision in favor of Unification. We believe that our affiliation with the State Bar is a benefit, not a detriment. We also believe that, as one of the smallest Sections of the Bar, de-unification poses serious risks to us and the other small Sections.

Furthermore, we take our name – and mandate – very seriously. Our goal is to assist attorneys in navigating the most difficult issues they face. Bagley-Keane is a prime example of this, but it's not the first issue we've surmounted. Here is a brief number of "firsts" accomplished by our Section over the past few years:

- First use of QR codes in Section materials
- First – and only – development of an App for Android and iPhone devices
- First fully ADA-compliant electronic publication

And now, we take it as a personal challenge to assist our colleagues in navigating the latest challenge – Bagley-Keane.

We take a contrarian view to most. Due to the more strenuous regulations that we must adhere to, it means that we, as part of the State Bar, must strive to be *better* than all of the education providers in California; and to us, that's a good thing. It means that we live up to our name, which requires us to be on the cutting edge of both legal and technological advances, for the betterment of our members.

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We fully understand that problems exist, as they do in all of these types of relationships. However, as a Section, we wish to work these issues out within the existing State Bar structure as we feel it is the best path forward for us and our membership.

We also urge those who seek to divide us to seriously consider the cost/benefit of such a decision. Based on our collective experience, we fear the cost will be much higher than anticipated – and we don't wish to reach a point of no return before that truth is discovered.

We sincerely thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Best regards,

Perry L. Segal

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