



The State Bar of California

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

**The State Bar of California
180 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105
Friday, February 15, 2019, 11:00 a.m. – 1:55 p.m.**

A meeting of the California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS) was convened on Friday, February 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in open session with member Robert Hershenson presiding.

The following members of the CBLS were present: Janet M. Coulter, Louis J. Esbin, Robert Hershenson, Cynthia Levin, Donald K. Sheppard, and Aurelio Torre.

The following member of the CBLS attended telephonically: Mark A. Lester.

The following State Bar staff members were present: Amy C. Nuñez, Director; Christal Bundang, Program Supervisor; and Adrian Galang, Program Analyst.

I. INFORMATION

1. Member Hershenson welcomed CBLS and staff.
2. Amy C. Nuñez gave the report on the status of several pending State Bar activities, including updates on:
 - the State Bar Board of Trustee's January action arising from the Appendix I – Sub-Entity Review, specifically how it relates to the CBLS regarding composition and proposed Rules changes to allow for the sunset of the advisory commissions;
 - the upcoming February 2019 California Bar Examination and October 2019 Legal Specialist Examination; and
 - expected CBLS vacancies for the 2019-2020 State Bar year.
3. Regarding the sunset of the advisory commissions, the CBLS discussed composition requirements for potential working groups and the need for working group/peer review of applications for certification and recertification and examination development.
4. Regarding proposed new State Bar Rules: Conflict of Interest Policy for State Bar Subentities, the CBLS discussed proposed new rule 6.74 (Personal Conflicts) and how

it would affect the CBLS and its members. For further discussion and possible action, the CBLS called for a special meeting to take place on March 5, 2019.

II. CONSENT

1. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the November 30, 2018 CBLS open meeting minutes was approved.

All members present voted yes.

III. ACTION

1. **Action taken:** Upon motion, made, seconded and adopted, the report on Financial and Operational Key Indicators was received and filed.

All members present voted yes.

2. **Action taken:** Upon motion, made, seconded and adopted, the CBLS granted an extension of time to those who passed the 2015 Legal Specialist Examination to file their post-examination applications by May 31, 2019, rather than the original January 31, 2019 deadline.

All members present voted yes.

3. **Action taken:** Upon motion, made, seconded and adopted, the report regarding the Post-Examination Application status for Candidates passing the 2015 and 2017 Legal Specialist Examinations was received and filed.

All members present voted yes.

4. **Action taken:** Upon motion, made, seconded and adopted, the CBLS granted an extension of time to specialists of MCLE Compliance Group 1 to file their LSCLE Compliance by July 1, 2019, rather than the original February 1, 2019 deadline.

All members present voted yes.

5. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the recommendations of staff and the advisory commissions regarding the revocation of the status 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.

All members present voted yes.

6. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the following candidates were approved as interim appointments effective immediately until the sunset of the advisory commissions in 2019.

Admiralty & Maritime Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Randolph Moore
Vice Chair: John Hughes

Appellate Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Jeralyn Keller
Vice Chair: Eric Multhaup

Bankruptcy Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Stella Havkin
Vice Chair: James Selth

Criminal Law Advisory Commission

Chair: David Cohen
Vice Chair: Marlisa Ferreira

Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Leslie Daff
Vice Chair: Jean Kohler

Family Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Blake Thompson
Vice Chair: David Patton

Franchise & Distribution Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Bryan Dillon
Vice Chair: Jim Mulcahy

Immigration & Nationality Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Lucy Avedissian
Vice Chair: Grace Alano

Legal Malpractice Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Ken Feldman
Vice Chair: Allison Buchanan

Taxation Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Ronald Mollis
Vice Chair: Mitchell Schwary

Workers' Compensation Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Jeff Duarte
Vice Chair: Vysh Chandra

Member Coulter abstained from the vote for Workers' Compensation Law. All other members present voted yes.

The next CBLS in-person meeting will be held at State Bar of California in San Francisco on April 5, 2019, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Seeing no other business, member Hershenson called the open session of the meeting to a close at 1:55 pm, and the group convened into closed session.

Respectfully submitted,
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