



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
Tuesday March 5, 2019, 1:00 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.**

A meeting of the California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS) was convened on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in open session with member Robert Hershenson presiding.

The following members of the CBLS were present: Louis J. Esbin, Robert Hershenson, Mark A. Lester, and Aurelio Torre.

The following member of the CBLS attended as a member of the public: Janet M. Coulter.

The following members of the CBLS were absent: Cynthia Levin and Donald K. Sheppard.

The following State Bar staff members were present: Amy C. Nuñez, Director; Brady Dewar, Assistant General Counsel; and Adrian Galang, Program Analyst.

I. INFORMATION

1. Member Hershenson welcomed CBLS and staff.
2. Regarding the sunset of the advisory commissions and the proposed State Bar Rules revisions resulting from the Appendix I Subentity Recommendation Global Changes, the CBLS discussed the ongoing need for working group/peer review of applications for certification and recertification as it relates to public protection. For further discussion and possible action, the CBLS called for a specific agenda item for the April 5, 2019 meeting.
3. Brady Dewar provided background to proposed new State Bar Rules: Conflict of Interest Policy for State Bar Subentities, and clarification on proposed new rules 6.72 (Financial Conflicts) and 6.74 (Personal Conflicts). Members provided the following feedback to Dewar as public comment:

Lester: Reword 6.74 to say 'undivided loyalty to the State Bar's purpose of protecting the public'.

Torre: Reword 6.74 to say 'disinterested skill in applying the State Bar's mission of public protection'.

II. CONSENT

1. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the February 15, 2019 CBLS open meeting minutes was approved.

Member Esbin abstained. All other members present voted yes.

The next CBLS 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, and there being no closed session items, member Hershenson called the open session meeting to a close and the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrian Galang
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