



# The State Bar *of California*

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**OPEN SESSION  
AGENDA ITEM  
III.C. APRIL 2019**

**DATE:** March 29, 2019

**TO:** Members, California Board of Legal Specialization

**FROM:** Amy C. Nuñez, Director, Admissions

**SUBJECT:** ACTION ON ADVISORY COMMISSION AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS  
REGARDING CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION

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## **SUMMARY**

Staff and the advisory commissions to the California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS) provide the attached recommendation for certification or recertification of a specialist, effective May 1, 2019 (Attachment A); and also revocation of certification for failure to file recertification applications (Attachment B)

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## **BACKGROUND**

Attachment A lists applicants that are recommended by staff and the advisory commissions for certification as specialists effective May 1, 2019 or recertification effective on the scheduled date.

Attachment B lists certified specialists who were due to recertify on various dates up to March 1, 2019, but have not done so. These specialists did not file applications for recertification and did not request extensions. Program rules require certified specialists to recertify on or before the conclusion of their five-year terms. Reminders are also sent prior to all deadlines.

## **DISCUSSION**

Attachment A contains recommendations from each of the eleven advisory commissions. The CBLS may approve, request more information, or deny the recommendations.

Attachment B lists certified specialists who were due to recertify on various dates through and including March 1, 2019, but they did not file applications for recertification and did not request

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extensions. It would be consistent with past practice to revoke the certification of these specialists if they do not respond to a final communication sent by certified mail.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the California Board of Legal Specialization approve the following motion:

**MOVE**, that the recommendations of staff and the advisory commissions concerning the certification of applicants as certified specialists whose names appear on Attachment A are adopted effective May 1, 2019 for all certifications or the applicants' scheduled recertification dates as noted; and

**FURTHER MOVE**, that those certified specialists listed on Attachment B are revoked for failure to recertify if no response to a final communication is received within thirty days.

## **ATTACHMENT(S) LIST**

- A.** Recommendations for Certification through April 1, 2019
- B.** List of certified specialists who did not file recertification applications that were otherwise due on or before March 1, 2019