



# 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, June 14, 2019, 9:05 a.m. – 10:06 a.m.

A meeting of the California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS) was convened on Friday, June 14, 2019 at 9:05 a.m. in open session with member Robert Hershenson presiding.

The following members of the CBLS were present: Janet M. Coulter, Robert Hershenson, Mark A. Lester, Donald K. Sheppard, and Aurelio Torre.

The following members of the CBLS were absent: Louis J. Esbin and Cynthia Levin.

The following State Bar staff members were present: Amy C. Nuñez, Director; Destie Overpeck, Attorney; and Adrian Galang, Program Analyst.

### I. INFORMATION

1. Member Hershenson welcomed CBLS and staff. Hershenson also welcomed member of the public, Faith Pincus, Pincus Professional Education, who had no comment for any agenda item.
2. Amy C. Nuñez gave the report on the status of several pending State Bar activities, including updates on:
  - an upcoming discussion regarding the implementation plan for Working Groups;
  - an upcoming study on optimizing and ensuring a fair grading process for the Legal Specialist Examination; and
  - the upcoming remote proctoring pilot program for the October 2019 First Year Law Students' Examination.

### II. CONSENT

1. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the April 5, 2019 CBLS open meeting minutes was approved.

Moved by Lester, Seconded by Torre.

Yes – Coulter, Hershenson, Lester, Sheppard, Torre

No – N/A

Motion passes.

### III. ACTION

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

Moved by Lester, Seconded by Coulter.

Yes – Coulter, Hershenson, Lester, Sheppard, Torre

No – N/A

Motion passes.

2. **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.

Moved by Torre, Seconded by Lester.

Yes – Coulter, Hershenson, Lester, Sheppard, Torre

No – N/A

Motion passes.

3. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the recommendations of staff and the advisory commissions 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 Sheppard, Seconded by Lester. Member Coulter abstained from the vote for Workers' Compensation Law.

Yes – Coulter, Hershenson, Lester, Sheppard, Torre

No – N/A

Motion passes.

4. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the 2018 Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization was approved.

Moved by Coulter, Seconded by Sheppard.

Yes – Coulter, Hershenson, Lester, Sheppard, Torre

No – N/A

Motion passes.

5. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, Janice Tam's (SBN-276118) request for a waiver of the 2019 Legal Specialization Program Annual Fee was approved.

Moved by Sheppard, Seconded by Lester.

Yes – Coulter, Hershenson, Lester, Sheppard, Torre

No – N/A

Motion passes.

Seeing no other business, member Hershenson called the open session meeting to a close at 10:06 a.m. and the group convened into closed session.