



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, September 6, 2019, 9:01 a.m. – 10:44 a.m.**

A meeting of the California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS) was convened on Friday, September 6, 2019 at 9:01 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, Mark A. Lester, Cynthia Levin, Donald K. Sheppard, and Aurelio Torre.

The following State Bar staff members were present: Amy C. Nuñez, Director; Destie Overpeck, Attorney; Caroline Holmes, Attorney; Rowena Espinosa, Program Supervisor; Christal Bundang, Sr. Program Analyst; Adrian Galang, Program Analyst; Janelle Delacruz, Program Specialist; Wes Galan, Program Specialist; and Elizabeth Mo, Program Specialist.

I. INFORMATION

1. Member Hershenson welcomed CBLS and staff. Hershenson also welcomed new staff that were attending.
2. Amy C. Nuñez gave the report on the status of several pending State Bar activities, including updates on:
 - an upcoming discussion regarding the process to review applications for certification and recertification;
 - an upcoming study on optimizing and ensuring a fair grading process for the Legal Specialist Examination; and
 - the upcoming second phase of AIMS development.
3. Adrian Galang gave the report on the status of several legal specialization program key indicators, including updates on:
 - program participant compliance with the program requirements; and
 - the number of applicants that passed the 2017 Legal Specialist Examination that are still pending submittal of their applications for certification.

II. CONSENT

1. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the June 14, 2019 CBLS open meeting minutes was approved.

Moved by Coulter, Seconded by Lester

Yes – Coulter, Esbin, Hershenson, Lester, Levin, Sheppard, Torre

No – N/A

Motion passes.

III. ACTION

1. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the recommendation of staff regarding the certification of certified specialists was approved.

Specialists who have not submitted payment of the 2019 Legal Specialization Program Annual Fee will have their certificates revoked if they do not provide proper payment within ten days of a final reminder.

Moved by Torre, Seconded by Esbin

Yes – Coulter, Esbin, Hershenson, Lester, Levin, Sheppard, Torre

No – N/A

Motion passes.

2. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the recommendation of staff regarding the certification of certified specialists was approved.

Specialists in MCLE Compliance Group 1 who have not submitted timely 2019 LSCLE Compliance will have their certificates revoked if they do not provide evidence or proper compliance within ten days of a final reminder.

Moved by Lester, Seconded by Sheppard

Yes – Coulter, Esbin, Hershenson, Lester, Levin, Sheppard, Torre

No – N/A

Motion passes.

3. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the recommendation of staff to delay action regarding the International Association of Privacy Professionals' Application for Accreditation of Specialty Certification Program in Privacy Law until further review and discussion was approved.

Moved by Torre, Seconded by Coulter

Yes – Coulter, Esbin, Hershenson, Lester, Levin, Sheppard, Torre

No – N/A

Motion passes.

Seeing no other business, member Hershenson called the open session meeting to a close at 10:44 a.m. and the group convened into closed session.