



# 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, December 13, 2019, 9:04 a.m. – 11:53 a.m.**

A meeting of the California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLs) was convened on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 9:04 a.m. in open session with Chair Aurelio Torre presiding.

The following members of the CBLs were present: Norma L. Acosta, Robert Hershenson, Mark A. Lester, Avi Levy, Aurelio Torre, and Natalie P. Vance.

The following members of the CBLs were absent: Jeffrey T. Hammerschmidt.

The following State Bar staff members were present: Amy C. Nuñez, Director; Lisa J. Cummins, Program Manager; Caroline Holmes, Attorney; Adrian Galang, Program Analyst; Janelle Delacruz, Program Specialist; and Wes Galan, Program Specialist.

### **I. INFORMATION**

1. Chair Torre welcomed CBLs and staff.
2. Amy C. Nuñez gave a new member orientation, which include topics and discussion on:
  - Certification requirements and the need for 'automatic' expiration or revocation if requirements are not met;
  - Development of Working Groups and the need for consistent engagement; and
  - Outreach for both potential program participants and the public.
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 have not yet applied for initial certification.

4. The CBLs discussed (1) the development of the CBLs 2020 Work Plan; (2) Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Accreditation of Specialty Certification Programs; and (3) the International Association of Privacy Professionals' (IAPP) Application for Accreditation of Specialty Certification Program in Privacy Law.

Upon recommendation of Staff, the CBLs agreed to schedule a future teleconference and continue discussion of these items at that time.

## II. CONSENT

1. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the September 6, 2019 CBLs open meeting minutes was approved.

Moved by Lester, Seconded by Torre

Yes –Hershenson, Lester, Torre

No – N/A

Abstain – Acosta, Levy, Vance

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 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 Hershenson, Seconded by Levy

Yes – Acosta, Hershenson, Levy, Torre, Vance

No – N/A

Abstain – Lester

Motion passes.

Seeing no other business, Chair Torre called the open session meeting to a close at 11:53 a.m. and the group convened into closed session.