



# 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 5, 2020, 10:05 a.m. – 11:31 a.m.**

A meeting of the California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS) was convened on Friday, June 5, 2020 at 10:05 a.m. in open session with Chair Aurelio Torre presiding.

The following members of the CBLS were present: Jeffrey T. Hammerschmidt, Robert Hershenson, Mark A. Lester, Avi Levy, Aurelio Torre, and Natalie P. Vance.

The following members of the CBLS were absent: Norma L. Acosta

The following State Bar staff members were present: Amy C. Nuñez, Director; Audrey Ching, Assistant Director; Kenneth Holloway, Attorney; Adrian Galang, Program Analyst; Janelle Delacruz, Program Specialist; and Patricia Salazar, Program Specialist.

### **I. INFORMATION**

1. Chair Torre welcomed CBLS and staff. Chair Torre also welcomed members of the public, representatives of the International Association of Privacy Professionals, who provided comment and took part in discussion regarding their Application for Accreditation of Specialty Certification Program in Privacy Law.
2. Amy C. Nuñez gave a report on the status of several pending State Bar activities, including updates in response to COVID-19 on:
  - the State Bar operations; and
  - updates to the June First Year Law Student's Examination and July California Bar Examination.
3. Audrey Ching gave the report on the status of several legal specialization program key indicators, including updates on:

- the Legal Specialization budget and staffing changes; and
  - program participant compliance with the program requirements.
4. Adrian Galang gave the report on the status the number of applicants that passed the 2017 and 2019 Legal Specialist Examinations that have not yet applied for initial certification.

## II. CONSENT

1. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the March 13, 2020 CBLS open meeting minutes was approved.

Moved by Lester, Seconded by Hershenson

Yes – Hammerschmidt, Hershenson, Lester, Levy, Torre, Vance

No – N/A

Abstain – 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 denied.

Moved by Lester, Seconded by Hershenson

Yes – N/A

No – Hammerschmidt, Hershenson, Lester, Levy, Torre, Vance

Abstain – N/A

Motion is lost.

2. **Action taken:** Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the 2019 Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization was approved.

Moved by Lester, Seconded by Vance

Yes – Hammerschmidt, Hershenson, Lester, Levy, Torre, Vance

No – N/A

Abstain – N/A

Motion passes.

Seeing no other business, Chair Torre called the open session meeting to a close at 11:31 a.m. and the group convened into closed session.