



# The State Bar *of California*

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## **OPEN SESSION**

## **AGENDA ITEM**

## **IV.E. MARCH 2021**

**DATE:** March 1, 2021

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Annual Certification Revocations for Failure to Report Group 3  
2020 Legal Specialist Continuing Legal Education Compliance

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## **SUMMARY**

Staff provide the attached recommendations for revocation of certification for failure to report 2020 Group 3 Legal Specialist Continuing Legal Education (LSCLE) Compliance (Attachment A).

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## **BACKGROUND**

Program rules require that certified specialists report their 36 hours of LSCLE every three years, which is reported at the same time as their general MCLE requirement. 2020 MCLE Compliance Group 3 reporting was originally due February 1, 2020, and the CBLS approved to extend the deadline to match any related MCLE reporting extension date. Due to the changing closures and restrictions related to COVID-19, this deadline was extended to September 30, 2020.

Reminders have been sent to specialists via email prior to the original and extended deadline, and a final 30-day notice was sent October 20, 2020. At its December meeting, the CBLS instructed to staff to also call any specialists that were pending their 2020 LSCLE Compliance. After email, regular mail and telephone contact attempts, as of March 1, 2021, 62 certified specialists in Compliance Group 3 have not yet submitted their 2020 LSCLE compliance.

## **DISCUSSION**

Attachment A lists certified specialists who were due to report their 36 hours of LSCLE or an approved equivalent by the extended deadline of September 30, 2020, and as of March 1, 2021

have not submitted their LSCLE compliance or did not otherwise respond to any of Staff's communications. The following table provides a breakdown of those specialists by specialty area.

Specialty Area	# of Specialists Pending 2020 LSCLE Compliance
Admiralty & Maritime Law	3
Appellate Law	2
Bankruptcy Law	3
Criminal Law	5
Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law	10
Family Law	14
Franchise & Distribution Law	-
Immigration & Nationality Law	3
Legal Malpractice Law	1
Taxation Law	2
Workers' Compensation Law	19

All specialists above have been sent a final 30-day notice, by both electronic and physical mailing, and have been called to submit their LSCLE compliance. Staff requests permission to close these certification records and send notice (again by email and by physical letter) informing these specialists that their certificate of specialization will now be revoked. This would be consistent with past CBLS action taken each year with certified specialists who missed their compliance reporting period.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

**MOVE**, that those certified specialists listed on Attachment A are revoked and notified for failure to comply with the LSCLE requirement.

## ATTACHMENT(S) LIST

- A. List of certified specialists who did submit 2020 Group 3 LSCLE compliance as of March 1, 2021