



# The State Bar *of California*

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## **OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM IV.E. JUNE 2021**

**DATE:** June 4, 2021

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Approval of the 2020 Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization

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### **SUMMARY**

The 34th Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS), covering calendar year 2020, is provided for CBLS review and approval.

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### **BACKGROUND**

In the past, an annual report on the Legal Specialization program was produced every year and shared with the Board of Trustees (BOT), the Supreme Court and the public to advise all parties of program status.

Although no longer being presented to the BOT or Supreme Court, the CBLS approved completion of the annual report each year to document and preserve historical data for the program. Neither the content nor the format will be changed from previous years.

### **DISCUSSION**

Attachment A provides updates to the previous Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization. Notable developments for 2020 include the 100 percent electronic release of Legal Specialist Examination results through the Admissions Applicant Portal, completion of a study on Legal Specialist Examination Graders and Grading Practices, and the transition to general remote work for Legal Specialization staff in response to COVID-19.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

**MOVE**, that the 2020 Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization is received and filed.

## **ATTACHMENT(S) LIST**

- A.** 2020 Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization