



# The State Bar of California

## CALIFORNIA PARAPROFESSIONAL PROGRAM WORKING GROUP

Date: June 29, 2021

To: Family, Children, and Custody Subcommittee, California Paraprofessional Program Working Group

From: Linda Katz, Principal Program Analyst

Subject: Proposed Educational Requirements for Family, Children, and Custody Practice Area

At its February 26, 2021 meeting, the California Paraprofessional Program Working Group (CPPWG) adopted recommendations for paraprofessional licensing requirements that include, among other requirements, 1,000 hours of practical training completed under attorney supervision, with a minimum of 500 hours in the licensed practice area. Recommendations also included a set of core educational requirements, as well as subject matter requirements for the family law practice area; the CPPWG agreed that each practice area subcommittee would provide subject matter-specific requirements.

Your subcommittee's recommendations for subject matter educational requirements were limited to the family law subtopic, and did not include recommendations regarding adoption and violence prevention, which were included in the recommendations adopted by the CPPWG at its June 10, 2021, meeting. The following table provides recommendations for the educational requirements for these topics, as well as for conservatorship and guardianship, and child welfare cases.<sup>1</sup>

Topic	Course	Units
All Practice Areas	Ethics and Professional Responsibility	3
	Pretrial Discovery and Evidence	3
	Court Procedure	3
	Court Advocacy	3
	Trauma-informed representation	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>
Family Law	Family Law and Procedure	3
	Advanced Family Law and Procedure	3
	Adoption	3
	Violence Prevention	2
	Dependency law	2
	Conservatorship/Guardianship	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>

<sup>1</sup> At its June 25, 2021, meeting, the CPPWG will have considered recommendations regarding conservatorship and guardianship cases; this memo was prepared and posted in advance of that meeting. At today's meeting, your subcommittee will reconsider its recommendations regarding child welfare cases.