



The State Bar of California

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AGENDA ITEM

IV.F. DECEMBER 2021

DATE: December 17, 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 2
2021 Legal Specialist Continuing Legal Education Compliance

SUMMARY

Staff provide the attached recommendations for revocation of certification for failure to report 2021 Group 2 Legal Specialist Continuing Legal Education (LSCLE) Compliance (Attachment A).

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. 2021 MCLE Compliance Group 2 reporting was originally due February 1, 2021, and was later extended to June 30, 2021. Licensees who failed to report MCLE compliance by the extended deadline have then gone to Not Eligible status for Admin Inactive/MCLE Noncompliance.

Reminders have been sent to specialists via email prior to the original and final deadline. At the September meeting, the CBLS continued annual revocations. Staff has since sent an electronic letter, physical letter, and called all pending specialists. As of December 1, 2021, 119 certified specialists in Compliance Group 2 have not yet submitted their 2021 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 June 30, 2020, and as of December 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 2021 LSCLE Compliance
Admiralty & Maritime Law	1
Appellate Law	6
Bankruptcy Law	3
Criminal Law	13
Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law	19
Family Law	27
Franchise & Distribution Law	1
Immigration & Nationality Law	7
Legal Malpractice Law	3
Taxation Law	10
Workers' Compensation Law	29

Staff requests permission to close these certification records and send notice (by email and by physical letter) informing these specialists that their certificate of specialization will be revoked if LSCLE compliance is not received within 30 days of the letter. 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 LIST

- A. List of certified specialists who did submit 2021 Group 2 LSCLE compliance as of December 1, 2021