



The State Bar of California

OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM IV.D. JUNE 2022

DATE: June 10, 2022

TO: Members, California Board of Legal Specialization

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

SUBJECT: Approval of the 2021 Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This agenda item presents the 35th Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS) for CBLS review and approval. The Annual Report includes historical data and information, and updates to the Legal Specialization program through calendar year 2021.

BACKGROUND

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

Although no longer being presented to the Board or Supreme Court, staff proposed in 2014 to continue providing the annual report to the CBLS for informational purposes. In 2019, the CBLS further 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 2021 include the first remote administration of the

Legal Specialist Examination, and approval of beginning additional research into potentially adding Privacy Law as a State Bar legal specialization area.

RECOMMENDATION

Should the California Board of Legal Specialization agree with the staff recommendation, the following motion should be made:

MOVE, that the 2021 Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization is approved for receipt and filing.

ATTACHMENT LIST

- A.** 2021 Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization