



# The State Bar of California

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## California Board of Legal Specialization Teleconference

Open Session Minutes  
Friday, June 30, 2023  
10:11 a.m.–10:52 a.m.

**Time Meeting Commenced:** The California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS) meeting commenced at 10:11 a.m.  
**Time Meeting Adjourned:** 10:52 a.m.  
**Chair:** Natalie Vance  
**Committee Coordinator:** Adrian Galang  
**Members Present:** Norma Acosta, Grace Alano, Jeffrey T. Hammerschmidt, Michael Lee, and Jake Yoon  
**Members Absent:** None

### OPEN SESSION

#### I. CHAIR'S REPORT

##### A. Roll Call

The CBLS meeting was called to order by Chair Vance. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

##### B. Approval of March 10, 2023, California Board of Legal Specialization Open Meeting Minutes

*Moved by Acosta, Seconded by Alano*

*Ayes – (5) Acosta, Alano, Hammerschmidt, Vance, Yoon*

*Noes – (0)*

*Abstain – (1) Lee*

*Recuse – (0)*

*Absent – (0)*

*Motion carries.*

##### C. Chair's Report

Chair Vance called for public comment, inquiring as to whether there were any person(s) who wished to comment on any agenda item. There were no members of the public who wished to speak on any agenda item.

## **II. STAFF REPORTS**

### **A. Report on Key Statistical Indicators**

Janelle Delacruz provided an oral report.

### **B. Update on the Consulting Group on the Establishment of a Legal Specialization in Privacy Law Initiatives**

Janelle Delacruz provided an oral report.

### **C. Recent Developments**

Amy Nuñez and Adrian Galang provided oral reports.

## **III. BUSINESS**

### **A. Discussion and Approval of Proposed Changes to Legal Specialist Exam Refund Rules and Policies; Recommendation to Circulate State Bar Rule 3.116 for Public Comment**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Board of Legal Specialization approve the LSX Refund of Fees Policy provided in Attachment A, effective immediately for the 2023 exam and future administrations until such time as the policy is revised.

*Moved by Hammerschmidt, Seconded by Yoon*

*Ayes – (6) Acosta, Alano, Hammerschmidt, Lee, Vance, Yoon*

*Noes – (0)*

*Abstain – (0)*

*Recuse – (0)*

*Absent – (0)*

*Motion carries.*

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the California Board of Legal Specialization recommends to the Board of Trustees that the proposed amendments to Legal Specialization rule 3.116 provided in Attachment B, be circulated for a 60-day public comment period.

*Moved by Acosta, Seconded by Yoon*

*Ayes – (6) Acosta, Alano, Hammerschmidt, Lee, Vance, Yoon*  
*Noes – (0)*  
*Abstain – (0)*  
*Recuse – (0)*  
*Absent – (0)*

*Motion carries.*

**B. Discussion and Approval of Proposed Changes to Legal Specialist Exam Results Rules and Policies; Recommendation to Circulate State Bar Rules 3.110 and 3.116 for Public Comment**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Board of Legal Specialization approve amendments to Legal Specialization rule 3.110 provided in Attachment A, for transmission to the Board of Trustees to request a 60-day public comment period.

*Moved by Acosta, Seconded by Hammerschmidt*

*Ayes – (6) Acosta, Alano, Hammerschmidt, Lee, Vance, Yoon*  
*Noes – (0)*  
*Abstain – (0)*  
*Recuse – (0)*  
*Absent – (0)*

*Motion carries.*

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the California Board of Legal Specialization approve amendments to Legal Specialization rule 3.116 provided in Attachment B, for transmission to the Board of Trustees to request a 60-day public comment period.

*Moved by Alano, Seconded by Acosta*

*Ayes – (6) Acosta, Alano, Hammerschmidt, Lee, Vance, Yoon*  
*Noes – (0)*  
*Abstain – (0)*  
*Recuse – (0)*  
*Absent – (0)*

*Motion carries.*

**C. Review and Approval of 2022 Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Board of Legal Specialization approve the 2022 Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization for receipt and filing.

*Moved by Hammerschmidt, Seconded by Lee*

*Ayes – (6) Acosta, Alano, Hammerschmidt, Lee, Vance, Yoon*

*Noes – (0)*

*Abstain – (0)*

*Recuse – (0)*

*Absent – (0)*

*Motion carries.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

**NONE**

**ADJOURN**