



The State Bar of California

California Board of Legal Specialization

Friday, December 8, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The State Bar of California
845 South Figueroa Street
2nd Floor Conference Room 2C-G
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Time Meeting Commenced:	The California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS) meeting commenced at 10:05 a.m.
Time Meeting Adjourned:	1:55 p.m.
Chair:	Jeffrey T. Hammerschmidt
Committee Coordinator:	Adrian Galang
Members Present:	Grace Alano, Michael Lee, Dana Rueckert, George Surmaitis, and Jake Yoon
Members Absent:	Katrina Richard

OPEN SESSION

I. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

A. Welcome/Roll Call

The California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS) meeting was called to order by Chair Hammerschmidt. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

B. Approval of June 30, 2023, California Board of Legal Specialization Open Meeting Minutes

MOVED, that the California Board of Legal Specialization approves and adopts the June 30, 2023, California Board of Legal Specialization open meeting minutes.

Moved by Yoon, Seconded by Lee

Ayes – (6) Alano, Hammerschmidt, Lee, Rueckert, Surmaitis, Yoon

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Recuse – (0)

Absent – (1) Richard

Motion carries.

C. Chair's Report

Chair Hammerschmidt 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.

D. Annual New Member Orientation

Presenters: Jeffrey T. Hammerschmidt, CBLS Chair
Michael Lee, CBLS Vice Chair
Caroline Holmes, Attorney, Office of General Counsel

Presentation and discussion only.

II. STAFF REPORTS

A. Report on Key Statistical Indicators

Presenter: Janelle Delacruz, Program Analyst, Legal Specialization, Office of Admissions

B. Update on the October 2023 Administration of the Legal Specialist Examination

Presenter: Adrian Galang, Program Supervisor, Legal Specialization, Office of Admissions

C. Recent Developments

Presenters: Amy C. Nuñez, Assistant Director, Office of Admissions
Adrian Galang, Program Supervisor, Legal Specialization, Office of Admissions

III. BUSINESS

A. Planning Session: Review of 2023: Initiatives Implemented, Goals and Work Plans, and Discussion and Recommendations for 2024-2025 Schedule

Presenters: Adrian Galang, Program Supervisor, Legal Specialization, Office of Admissions
Ana Moreno, Program Specialist, Legal Specialization, Office of Admissions

Presentation and discussion only.

B. Discussion of Admiralty & Maritime Law Legal Specialization Analysis and Need for Continuation

Presenter: Janelle Delacruz, Program Analyst, Legal Specialization, Office of Admissions

Presentation and discussion only.

C. Discussion of Effects of State Bar Rule 3.117, Legal Specialization Reference Requirement

Presenter: Adrian Galang, Program Supervisor, Legal Specialization, Office of Admissions

Presentation and discussion only.

D. Discussion and Approval of the Consulting Group on the Establishment of a Legal Specialization in Privacy Law's Report and Recommendation to Continue Development of Privacy Law Legal Specialization

Presenters: Jeewon Serrato, Privacy Law Group (PLG) Chair

Ryan Davis, PLG Vice Chair

Linsey Krolik, PLG Member

MOVED, that the California Board of Legal Specialization approve the Report and Recommendations of the Consulting Group on the Establishment of a Legal Specialization in Privacy Law set forth in Attachment A, and direct the PLG to develop the requirements needed for applicants to receive legal specialization certification in privacy law: (1) exam specifications, (2) standards for certification and recertification, and (3) Legal Specialist Continuing Legal Education topics.

Moved by Lee, Seconded by Alano

Ayes – (6) Alano, Hammerschmidt, Lee, Rueckert, Surmaitis, Yoon

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Recuse – (0)

Absent – (1) Richard

Motion carries.

CLOSED SESSION

NONE

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