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Friendsgiving Dinner

November 21, 2024

6:15 PM
BLACK BEAR DINER
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Registration

\$20 Per Person
Members, Non-Members, and Friends
Welcome to Attend!
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Sacramento LPA invites you, along with your friends and colleagues, to our Friendsgiving dinner at Black Bear Diner! This festive evening is the perfect chance to relax, enjoy a delicious meal, and connect with fellow members in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. This event is all about celebrating community, gratitude, and good company. We look forward to sharing this special night with you!

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As we quickly approach the beginning of the holiday season, Sacramento LPA's leadership team wishes you and your families a happy, healthy, and safe Thanksgiving!

We are extremely grateful to our members, vendor partners, legal offices, court professionals, our local bar association, and our parent organization Legal Professionals, Incorporated, for the continued support and value you place on the contributions we make to Sacramento's legal community.

**We invite you, along with your friends and colleagues, to our
Friendsgiving Dinner at Black Bear Diner on November 21, 2024!
We can't wait to see you there!**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dawn Forgeur, CCLS



Dear Members,

November is a time for giving thanks, and I want to express my gratitude for your continued membership. On behalf of the entire Executive Board, we truly appreciate the time you invest in attending our events, reading emails, exploring *The Legal Eagle*, engaging with our social media posts, and even taking a moment to share your compliments, suggestions, and yes—even your complaints. Thank you for your support and involvement!

I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our many vendors and law firms who generously support our Association. Whether it's by covering membership fees for your employees, sponsoring their attendance at our classes, or contributing your time and resources to our events, we are truly grateful. We understand the many demands on your budgets, and knowing that you continue to keep us in mind means so much to us. Thank you for your unwavering support!

I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each member of the Executive Board. Your unwavering support, dedication, and hard work have been essential in guiding our Association forward. The time, energy, and expertise you bring to every meeting, event, and decision are truly appreciated. Thank you for your commitment and for continuously going above and beyond. It's an honor to work alongside such a passionate and talented group. Together, we are making a meaningful impact, and I am grateful to be on this journey with you.

Being a part of this Association has brought me many friendships, connections, and invaluable experiences. Many of us have dedicated our time and energy to support its mission, and through these shared efforts, we've built a truly special community. I hope you've had similar experiences.

Join us for our Friendsgiving Dinner on November 21, where we can celebrate the friendships and connections we've made—and maybe even make a few new ones. Feel free to bring a colleague or friend along; the more, the merrier! Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Morgan Albanese from Steno, the cost is only \$20. Enjoy a relaxing Thanksgiving dinner without the hassle of cooking or cleaning. We can't wait to see you there!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dawn".

Dawn R. Forgeur, CCLS
President

OPEN BOARD POSITION

FROM SACRAMENTO LPA PRESIDENT, DAWN FORGEUR, CCLS



I'm writing to inform you of an important change within our leadership team. Michelle Welch, who has diligently served as Sacramento LPA's Secretary, has decided to step down from her position on the Executive Board as our Secretary. The Association is grateful for her invaluable contributions during her tenure and wish her all the best in future endeavors.

With this change, we are seeking a dedicated member to volunteer for the Secretary role. This position on the Executive Board is crucial to maintaining effective communication, record-keeping, and organizational coordination. The role involves tasks such as:

- Taking and distributing meeting minutes;
- Assisting with member communications and record updates;
- Supporting the executive team with events and organizational planning.

This role is provided support by the entire Executive Board, and hands-on training is provided.

If you are an Active member (not a student or associate member), organized, detail-oriented, and interested in helping us continue to thrive, we encourage you to consider this opportunity. Volunteering as Secretary is an excellent opportunity to contribute meaningfully to our community, develop new skills, and connect with fellow members.

If you would like to volunteer or learn more about the responsibilities, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

**QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES CAN BE SUBMITTED TO
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LPI Past President Rod Cardinale, Jr.
(2022-2024) Santa Clara County LPA

RENO BUS TRIP PICS



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Carol Romo, LPI Member at Large



LPI Past President Rod Cardinale, Jr. (2022-2024),
Santa Clara County LPA (left) and Reno Bus Trip
Chair Michelle Welch, Sacramento LPA (right)



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Sacramento Legal Professionals Association's

ANNUAL HOLIDAY MOCK TRIAL

**The People v. Kris Kringle:
Grand Theft or Grand Generosity?**

**DECEMBER 19, 2024
6:15 PM**

Black Bear Diner, 2700 El Centro Road, Sacramento

Registration

\$20 Per Person
Members, Non-Members, and Friends
Welcome to Attend!
(convenience fee applies for online payments)

- Baked potato bar with a selection of toppings, choice of cup of soup or chili, dinner salad, and dessert. Includes choice of coffee, soda, or iced tea.

Actors Needed!

No memorizing lines - just read from the script!
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21st and/or the Mock Trial on
December 19th,
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to arrange for pickup of donations

**See Next Page for List of
Requested Donation Items**



MOST REQUESTED ITEMS

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- Dental Floss
- Hair Combs
- Lip Balm/Chapstick
- \$5-10 Gift card (McDonald's, Target, Safeway, Starbucks)
- Disposable razors
- Shoelaces
- Hand Sanitizer
- Feminine Care Items
- Disposable Rain Ponchos
- Playing Cards

Children

- Socks
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Knit Caps/Hats
- Travel Size Toiletries
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Dental Floss
- Hair Combs
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FAIRYTALE TOWN'S SAFE & SUPER HALLOWEEN 2024



By Crystal Rivera

This year, we Escape(d) to Neverland (October 12-13 and 19-20). We had plenty of candy to hand out thanks to the generosity of our members, co-workers and vendor partners. I overheard several excited kids say, “She gave me a big handful!”

We brought craft supplies to make alligators (using popsicle sticks or pipe cleaners) and spider lollipops (again using pipe cleaners), and plenty of coloring sheets. The alligator craft was a bit complicated, so there was a lot of improvising. There was plenty for everyone to enjoy.

Volunteers were SLPA Members Dawn Forgeur, CCLS, Dawn Willis, Gloria Loomis, Brenda Johnson, CCLS, Dulce Cermak, and Crystal Rivera; Somach Simmons & Dunn Attorney Casey Shorrock and her daughter Maggie; First Legal Office Manager Ebony Coleman and her son Amari; and, Downey Brand employee Alex Munoz and his son Bradley.

We received candy and/or monetary donations from Dawn Forgeur, CCLS, and Best Best & Krieger LLP, Dawn Willis and Downey Brand, Dreyer Babich, Ebony Coleman (First Legal), several folks from Somach Simmons & Dunn – Gloria Loomis, Janie Coleman, Michael Vergara, Ali Stevens, N. Jacobs, and Kristen Moseley.

THANK YOU EVERYONE! It would not have been the success that it was without you!



FAIRYTALE TOWN PICS



Sacramento LPA in King Arthur's Castle



Wendy (aka Dawn Willis!)



A cutie in pink enjoying craft time!



Showing the kiddos how it's done!

FAIRYTALE TOWN PICS



Just a few of the Sacramento LPA Fairytale Town Volunteer Crew



Dawn Willis, Dawn Forgeur, CCLS, and Gloria Loomis



What an adorable Tinkerbell!

FAIRYTALE TOWN PICS



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Candy, Crafts, Kids, and Sacramento LPA



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Santa Clara County Superior Court

SPEAKER:
BRANDON LEAHY, ESQ.
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JUNE HUNTER
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HON. ROBERTA S. HAYASHI
Judge, Santa Clara County Superior Court

Civility & Ethical Professionalism
3:15 - 4:15 PM
(CLE Seminar)



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General Overview of Trademark Law
(with insights into the day-to-day Work of a Trademark Lawyer, a Foundational Overview of Trademark Law, and Highlights of Emerging Issues for Brand Owners)
1:45 - 2:45 PM
(CLE Seminar)



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Electronic Signatures: The Rules Explained
11 AM - Noon
(CLE Seminar)

Legal Terminology Jeopardy!
3:15 - 4:15 PM
(CLE Seminar)



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11 AM - Noon
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LEGAL PROCEDURE

Client Care Beyond the Ethical Responsibilities



By Lynne Prescott, CCLS

As legal professionals, we are charged with the duty of providing clients with the best representation possible, to be a zealous advocate, and putting the interests of clients ahead of our own. We are to do this in accordance with the highest ethical and professional standards, always observing the tenets of attorney-client privilege and confidentiality. It is a high calling. But there is a level of client care that goes beyond ethical responsibility - it's client care that CARES.

Let's face it, when most people seek the services of an attorney, it's not because it's one of the happiest times in their life. Hiring a lawyer is often associated with conflict, problems, and potential legal battles, which can make people feel anxious and uneasy. There is also the financial burden of legal fees, which can be significant, adding to the stress of an already difficult situation. Added to that, many people do not fully understand the legal process, causing confusion and worry about navigating the system.

However, when a lawyer is able to effectively communicate, provide clear guidance, and successfully resolve the legal issue, clients can feel very satisfied with their experience. But clients who believe their attorney genuinely cares - not just about the case - but about them, what they are going through, what their life will be like when all is said and done, and treats them with dignity and respect, experience a level of service and care that goes beyond the rules of professional conduct and ethical responsibility.

A very skilled attorney once shared the following advice: "Our job is to help guide clients through some of the most emotionally difficult times in their life, while also efficiently guiding them through the overwhelming and confusing world of the legal system." She also provided these words of wisdom:

1. Remember that we are generally dealing with good people who are at their worst.
2. Don't take things personally, don't get personally involved, but do remember to serve the clients with a personal touch.
3. Every client deserves equal treatment, and to be seen and heard.

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Client Care Beyond the Ethical Responsibilities

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4. Regardless of how we feel about a client, what they have done, what has been done to them, their social or economic status, or the reason they are sitting in our office, it is not our job to judge.
5. It is our job to provide effective, professional, and zealous representation to every client we undertake to serve and to do it with the utmost respect, dignity, and care.

We often see some very fine people at the absolute lowest point in their lives; a time when the best thing we can do is honor their pain, listen to their fears and concerns, acknowledge their sense of frustration and anger, and encourage them at every step of their legal journey.

By listening, providing updates along the way, and gently guiding clients through the steps needed to move their case forward, they are assured that they do not have to face things alone. They have an advocate and a partner in the process. Remind them after every step how much closer they are to success and resolution of their legal issues. Thank them for their help.

Assisting the clients in this way enables them to perform their part in the process with the comfort and confidence of knowing they have a competent, caring team behind them - - a team that provides care beyond what's required by the rules.



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Welcome to Sacramento LPA's Newest Members!



Julie Anderson
Elaine Bell
Jacquelyn Cerna
Michelle Garvin
Madisen Geiger
Jeremy Glaze
Kari Harborth
Jenae Letcher
Brooklyn Lombardi
Betty Orozco

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Nikki Powers
Caysie Robertson
Klint Sherian
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Laura Strasser, Esq.
Gina Rallo-Williams
Peter Rooney

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Dulce Cermak
3 Janie Collier
5 Deanna Fillon
7 Laura Llanos
9 Astrid Furstner, CCLS
19 Dawna Carson
30 Jennifer Estabrook, CCLS
30 Maria Reyes

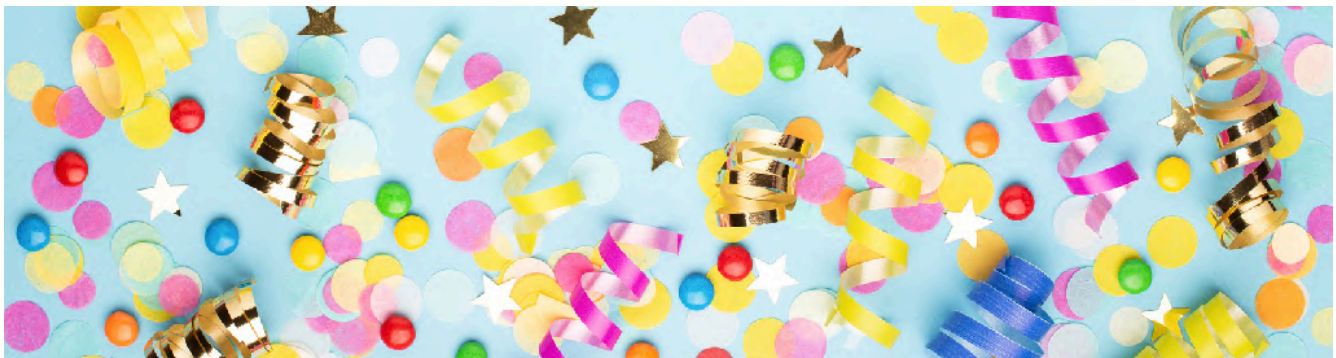


NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Sherrie Peritore
6 Jan Ainsworth
18 Alice Baber
22 Nikki Powers
26 Elle Chaseton

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8 Linda Gerst
13 Angela Grijalva
18 Julie Andersen
20 Marci Frazier



DATES TO REMEMBER

Even though the holiday season is upon us, there are lots of opportunities to attend conferences, webinars, and classes. Chances are, one or more of the following are just what you've been looking for!

Date	Event	Offered By
11/12/2024 – 1/7/2025	"Trial Preparation" Online Course - (Multi-week, online, work-at-your-own-pace training course)	LPI
11/12/2024 – 12/24/2024	"Advanced Discovery" Online Course - (Multiweek, online, work-at-your-own-pace training course)	LPI
11/12/2024 – 1/7/2025	"Appellate Procedures in California and The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals" Online Course - (Multiweek, online, work-at-your-own-pace training course)	LPI
11/15/2024 – 11/17/2024	Quarterly Education Conference – Embassy Suites, Walnut Creek, CA (All seminars available via Zoom, as well as in person)	LPI
11/18/2024 Noon – 1:00 PM	"Conservatorships: It's Not a Bad Word!" - Webinar	LPI
11/20/2024 Noon – 1:00 PM	"It's All About Subpoenas" - Webinar	LPI
11/21/2024 6:15 PM – 8:00 PM	Friendsgiving Dinner - Black Bear Diner – Natomas	Sac LPA
12/5/2024 Noon – 1:00 PM	"Saas & eDiscovery – Navigating the Challenges of Emerging Data Sources" - Webinar	LPI
12/10/2024 Noon – 1:00 PM	"Adobe Forms" - Webinar	LPI
12/11/2024 Noon – 1:00 PM	"Preparation, Presentation and Polish: Be Ready for Your Next Job or Interview!" - Webinar	LPI
12/17/2024 Noon – 1:00 PM	"Microsoft Teams" - Webinar	LPI
12/19/2024 6:15 PM – 8:15 PM	Annual Holiday Mock Trial - "The People v. Kris Kringle: Grand Larceny or Grand Generosity?" Black Bear Diner – Natomas	Sac LPA
1/2/2025 – 3/6/2025	CCLS Online Study Group	LPI
1/8/2025 – 3/26/2025 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (Wednesdays)	"Advanced Legal Professionals Training Course" 12-Week Online Course (Via Zoom)	LPI

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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Date	Event	Offered By
1/11/2025 10:00 AM – Noon	"Probate for Beginners" - Webinar	LPI
1/16/2025 Exhibitor Mixer 5:00 PM Program 6:15 PM - 7:45 PM	"Annual Court Updates Event" with State and Federal Court Representatives - Hilton Arden West, Sacramento	Sac LPA
1/23/2025 Noon – 1:00 PM	"Corporate Transparency Act" - Webinar	LPI
1/30/2025 Noon – 1:00 PM	"Summary Judgment Motions: Are the New Rules an Improvement?" - Webinar	LPI
2/10/2025 – 4/14/2025 6:00 – 8:00 PM (Mondays)	"Beginning Legal Professionals Training Course" 10-Week Online Course (Via Zoom)	Sac LPA
2/21/2025 – 2/23/2025	Quarterly Education Conference – Santa Cruz/Scotts Valley Hilton, Scotts Valley, CA (All seminars available via Zoom, as well as in person)	LPI
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VETERANS DAY: WHAT IT IS AND HOW DO WE CELEBRATE IT?



World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside of the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. (From the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.)

There is no apostrophe in “Veterans Day.” Why? Because it is not a day that “belongs” to veterans, it is a day for honoring all veterans. So, gentle reader, resist the urge to add an apostrophe.

Veterans Day vs. Memorial Day: Is there a difference? Memorial Day is for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country. Veterans Day is set aside to thank and honor ALL those who served honorably in the military – in wartime or peacetime. Veterans Day is largely intended to thank LIVING veterans and to acknowledge their contribution to our country.

How to thank a Veteran. Some ideas for observing Veterans Day –

- Attend a local event in your community, such as a parade, pancake breakfast at the local VFW, etc.
- If you don’t normally display a flag at your home, you might want to have one out on Veterans Day. Retire the flag at sunset, unless you have a light on it.
- Donate to a veteran focused charity.
- If you see an older person in a “Veteran” baseball cap or a young man/woman in uniform, thank them for their service. Ask them about their service; chances are they would love to share a story or two.
- Pay for coffee or a meal if you see a veteran in a restaurant or coffee shop. What a lovely treat.
- Do you have a VA hospital near you? If so, stop in for a visit. You may want to call first and see if anyone could use a visit. Maybe you can “adopt a veteran” and visit often.

It is acceptable to say “Happy Veterans Day” (please don’t make the mistake of saying “Happy Memorial Day.” And please remember those who are serving and away from home and family this Veterans Day.

GOV. NEWSOM ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS TO SACRAMENTO SUPERIOR COURT



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

On October 9, 2024, Governor Gavin Newsom announced his appointment of 18 Superior Court judges, including three to the Sacramento Superior Court. “These appointees bring a wealth of experience and knowledge that will round out the bench,” Presiding Court Judge Bunmi O. Awoniyi said.

Lee S. Bickley of Sacramento County has been appointed as a Judge in the Sacramento County Superior Court. Bickley has served as a Senior Attorney at the California Public Employees’ Retirement System since 2024. She served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney at the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Eastern District of California, from 2010 to 2024. Bickley was a Branch Chief for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission from 2005 to 2010 and a Senior Litigation Associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP from 1998 to 2005. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from Yale Law School and fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Gerrit W. Wood.

Appointee Joseph M. Cress of Sacramento County has been a Chief Assistant Public Defender at the Sacramento County Public Defender’s Office since 2022. He has served in several roles there since 1995, including Supervising Assistant Public Defender and Assistant Public Defender. Cress was an Adjunct Professor at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, from 2012 to 2015. He earned a Juris Doctor from the University of California College of Law, San Francisco, and fills the vacancy created by Judge James M. Mize’s retirement.

Brenda R. Dabney of Sacramento County has also been appointed as a Judge in the Sacramento County Superior Court. Dabney has been the Northern California Regional Director at the Children’s Law Center of California since 2017. She has held several roles at the law center since 2001, including Firm Director from 2011 to 2017, Supervising Attorney from 2005 to 2011, and Staff Attorney from 2001 to 2005. Dabney earned a Juris Doctor degree from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Paul L. Seave.

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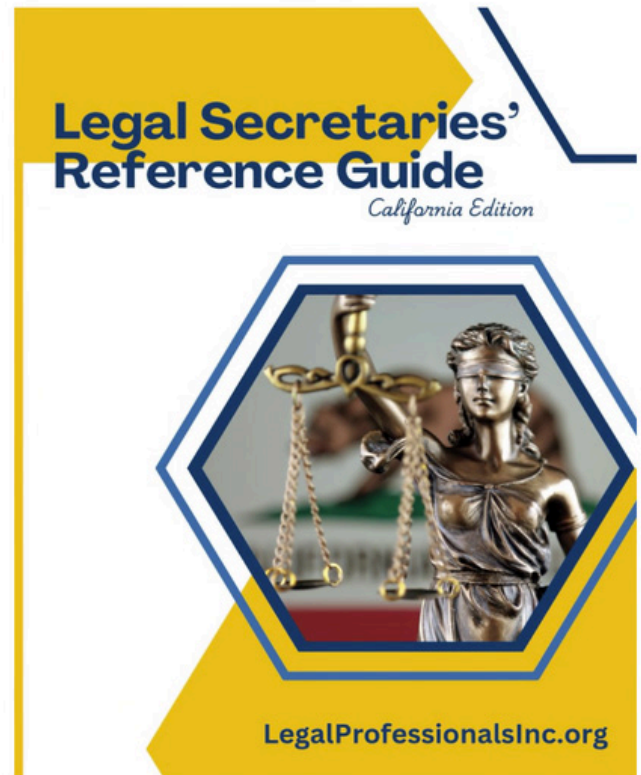
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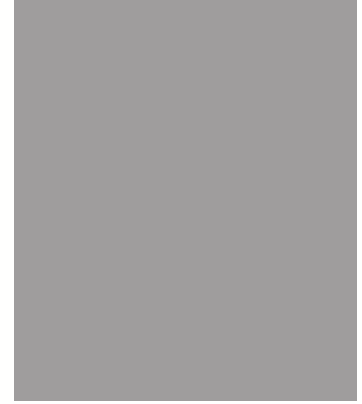
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