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### Theme of the Month:



### Event(s)

- General Dinner Meeting March 17. This event will be held at the Cortyard Marriott Midtown Sacramento, 4422 Y Street. You can register online through our website or contact Rebecca Lerma @ lermar@gtlaw.com. See page 21.
- Elections—SLSA results March 17. Please remember to mail in your ballots and vote!!

### **Mission Statement**

The Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association ("SLSA") is a nonprofit, educational organization whose purpose is to further knowledge of law and its procedures, promote a high standard of ethics, encourage a statewide networking system, and advance the interests of our members and the legal community.

**NON-MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!** 

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### President's Report

by Astrid Watterson, CCLS



Hello SLSA members! We are quickly nearing the end of our fiscal year. We had a lot of activity in the month of February. We hosted the Legal Trivia Throwdown interclub event at Jack London's Square in February. Many thanks to Launa Atkinson, CCLS and Diane West, CCLS for their work in putting together a successful and fun event. We had associations from San Mateo, Alameda, Livermore-Amador Valley, Mt. Diablo, and Sacramento present. Those that competed for the coveted award were San Mateo, Alameers from the United States Eastern District court and the Eastern District Bankruptcy court. A recap article can be found in this bulletin. Once again, Rebecca Lerma and her team of Lynne Gomes and Rosa Deniz provided us with a third and final outstanding Day in Court event. Many thanks to this team for the work and effort they put in to these events.

In February, the nominations and elections committee members, Yolanda De La Cruz and Jaymie Moralez announced the final slate of officers for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The bal-

Your ballots are due to the nominations and elections chair, Yolanda De La Cruz on or before the day of our meeting, March 17, 2011. Please be sure to read the biographies for each nominee, vote, and return your *signed* return envelope to Yolanda. Best of luck to all of the nominees!

March brings us criminal law. Our speaker will be teaching us what a legal professional should know when working in this area of law. Even if you don't work in criminal law, it doesn't hurt to learn something new. So far this year, we have

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possible without the help of various volunteers this year.

#### ~Astrid Watterson, CCLS

da, Livermore-Amador Valley, and Mt. Diablo, with Alameda taking home the prize! Congratulations to Alameda! Even though we did not compete this year, we had quite a few members in attendance and the support of Nationwide Legal as our scorekeepers.

Last month was not only our Federal Day in Court, but it was our nominations for office month. If you were not able to attend the Federal Day in Court event last month, the handouts can be found on our members only section of our website. If you need the password, please contact our membership chair, Anne French. The Federal Day in Court event brought us great speak-

lots were mailed in February to all members. If you were not present at the meeting last month, the nominees are:

#### President:

Dawn Forgeur, CCLS

#### Vice President:

Lynne Gomes

#### Secretary:

Deseree Gamayo

#### Treasurer:

Justine Gamayo

#### Governor:

Andrea Stoll and Rhonda Harrigan

### Delegates for Annual Conference:

Anne French, Astrid Watterson, CCLS, Elizabeth Bomke, CCLS, and Sherri Lee Caplette, CCLS covered several areas of law. In June we covered Civil Litigation; in July we covered Family law; in August we covered Ethics; in September we covered Law Office Administration; in October we covered Bankruptcy; in November we covered Estate Planning/ Probate; in December we covered Trial Preparation; in January we covered Tips and Tricks for filing documents with the court; in February we covered Federal/Appellate law; and in March we are covering Criminal law. The goal this year was to cover as many areas of law as possible and provide something for everyone. I believe that we have met that goal.



### President's Report (cont.)

by Astrid Watterson, CCLS

Meeting goals are important, but meeting those goals would not be possible without the help of various volunteers this year. I would like to take a moment and thank my tireless worker bees as well as other members who jumped in to help out with an event or two or even by providing suggestions or ideas. My apologies if I have inadvertently missed anyone. In no particular order, as the year wraps up for me as President, a huge thank you goes to:

Sophia Albov, CCLS Sandra Andrade Launa Atkinson, CCLS Johnny Bateman Kristi Baughman Ron Bodenmann Sheila Brown

Alex Cain

Sherri Lee Caplette, CCLS

Maimie Chyinski

Yolanda De La Cruz

Desiree Delonia, CCLS

Rosa Deniz

Jennifer Estabrook, CCLS

Dawn Forgeur, CCLS

Gloriela Garcia

Stevie Garcia

Liz Gideon

Lynne Gomes

Gwen Gomez

Susan Lee

Rebecca Lerma

Molly Mahoney

Teri McClory, CCLS

Daria Milton

Jaymie Moralez

Aaliyah Muhammad

Lindsey Perry

Crystal Rivera

Jennifer Rotz

Andrea Savig, CCLS

Jennifer Shelton

Moe Talamantes

Nancy Vanderhorst, CCLS

Laura Welch, CCLS

Diane West, CCLS

Thank you for allowing me to be President this year.



### Benefit Highlight

by Dawn Forgeur, CCLS

#### Working Advantage Spotlight

You can email me at forgeurd@gtlaw.com to get LSI's Member Number to take advantage of these discounts, which are only a sampling of what is offered.

**Shoes.com** is the largest online retailer of footwear for the entire family. When you shop at Shoes.com you will receive a 115% price guarantee, 365 day return period and pre-paid return shipping! 15% off your order. Plus, there's always free standard shipping on shoes

The Children's Place is a leading specialty retailer of children's merchandise, ages newborn to ten years old. 10% off your order, thru 5/31/11.

Blue Man Group (San Francisco, CA): June 4, 2011 – Matinee 2:00 p.m. at the Golden Gate Theatre. Seating: Mezzanine Seats, Row E or better. Member Price: \$82.95 per ticket (Regular price: \$114.00 including standard service fees. Regular box office price: \$99.00)

Six Flags Magic Mountain (Valencia, CA) Adult Ticket

Member Price: \$27.00 (Regular price\*: \$59.99)

Six Flags Magic Mountain (Valencia, CA) Child Ticket

Member Price: \$17.50 (Regular price\*: \$34.99)

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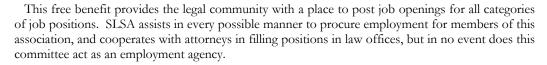
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### Employment Report/Positions Available

by Jaymie Moralez



Attorneys will need to give the following information to the Employment Chair: name, firm name, address, phone number(s), areas of law practice, software used, position available, years of experience required. The attorney/employer is requested to e-mail the Employment Chair and Webmaster with the advertisement formatted like those currently posted on the "Employment Opportunities" page. Ads are usually posted within 48 hours.

It is the responsibility of the applicants to contact the employers, schedule interviews, exchange résumés, and to discuss benefits and salary, etc. All information is listed until notification to drop the name/position is given to the Employment Chair and/or Webmaster.

Please contact Employment Chair Jaymie Moralez, at (916) 446-7979, or e-mail her at <u>imoralez@somachlaw.com</u>. A detailed message can be left, and your call will be returned within 24 hours. If you wish your listing to be placed on our web page, please indicate your authorization to do so.

• (3/4/11) Legal Secretary/Office Manager Three attorney business/real estate litigation firm in Sacramento near Arden Fair Mall seeking part time/full time person with minimum three years litigation experience to handle a range of responsibilities including office management, mail management, calendaring, case file management, basic bookkeeping, and secretarial duties as needed. Position involves client contact by phone and in person. Compensation is hourly based and depends on experience. Medical benefits provided. Software used is Microsoft Word and Essential Forms. Experience with Excel, Tabs, and QuickBooks a plus. Please email resume with subject line "SLSA March 2011" to jobs legal@yahoo.com. Position available immediately.



### Membership Chair Report

by Anne French

Well, this year is almost over and we are currently in the middle of elections for our new board for the 2011-2012 year. Make sure you fill out your ballots and return them to the election committee.

If you're not a member, you can contact me at (916) 520-5268 or e-mail me at afrench@downeybrand.com for information regarding membership.

Below is our new member that has recently joined SLSA.

**KATE MOORE** – Kate is a secretary at Millstone, Peterson & Watts, LLP. She has been a legal professional since 2005. Kate celebrates her birthday on September 7. She enjoys reading, traveling, music, art, and yoga.



Are you an SLSA member who has changed jobs? Been promoted? Recently engaged or married? New addition to the family? We want to know about you. Let us celebrate your accomplishments with you during good times and support you during tough times. Please send your news to afrench@downeybrand.com.

### How Do I?

How do I tell the difference between letter formats?

According to The Gregg Reference Manual there are four standard styles for a business letter: (1) Modified-Block Style – Standard Format; (2) Modified-Block Style – With Indented Paragraphs; (3) Block Style; and (4) Simplified Style.

The modified-block style standard format contains the date line, the complimentary closing, the company signature, and the writer's identification, which all begin at the center of the page. All of the other lines, such as your paragraphs, begin at the left margin.

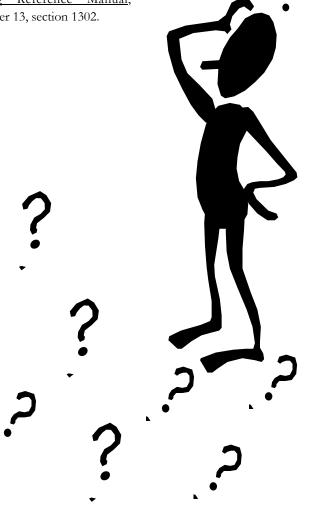
The modified-block style with indented paragraphs format contains the date line, the complimentary closing, the company signature, and the

writer's identification, all beginning at the center of the page. Essentially the same as the modified block style standard format, except that this particular style has the paragraphs indented .5 inch.

The block style format has all of the lines, including the heading, opening, body, closing, and paragraphs beginning at the left margin. Nothing is indented except for displayed quotes, tables, and other similar items.

The simplified style is similar to the block style because all of the lines begin at the left margin, except the simplified style has replaced the salutation line with a subject line in all caps; you don't include the complimentary closing; and the writer's signature block is typed in all caps on one line.

Samples of the different types of business letter formatting can be found in The Gregg Reference Manual, Chapter 13, section 1302.





### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS:**

Please remember if you have moved offices or home, be sure to send us your Change of Address form so that we can update our records. This will minimize any delay in your receiving our monthly bulletin, any correspondence, and the LSI quarterly magazine. The change of address form can be found in this bulletin or on our website. They should be mailed to our Vice President and Membership chair, Anne French to her work address at Downey Brand, 621 Capitol Mall, 18th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.



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### SLSA's Federal Day in Court

by Rebecca Lerma, Day in Court Chair



SLSA's annual Federal Day in Court event was held on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at the Hilton-Arden West. There were over 80 attendees this vear! We were honored to have guest speakers Jeremy Donati, Operations Supervisor and Magistrate Judge Dale A. Drozd from the U.S. District Court, Eastern District as well as Sandy Gettler, ECF Liaison/Training Specialist and Nicole Sanchez-Gargalikis, Operations Help-Desk Analyst from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. Our speakers shared common filing and procedural errors that they encounter, and provided updates on local rules and procedures.

While I knew that the Eastern District Court was busy, it was enlightening to learn that they are in fact the busiest federal district court in the United States. Each active judge has a weighted caseload of more than double the national average! With this type of workload, the District Court's handout which includes phone numbers for the operations supervisors, ECF helpdesk and all courtrooms, including phone numbers for each Courtroom Deputy, Court Reporter and Chambers will certainly be useful. (Note to members: Do not call chambers unless you are asked to do so!)

Among other topics of discussion, Magistrate Judge Dale A. Drozd spoke about Eastern District Local Rule 141 (adopted 6/2010) regarding the sealing of documents which some offices are doing incorrectly. He cautioned that any Stipulated Protective Order that give the attorneys the power to declare a document is confidential (to invoke filing under seal) will automatically be rejected by him with a note to read the local rules. The Northern District now has a

standard Stipulated Protective Order on their website and, while the Eastern District has not adopted it (because they can't all agree), Judge Drozd said it was a good starting point.

Our speakers from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court were very helpful and have made themselves available to anyone who has questions about filing a document with the Court. They will even walk you through your filing over the phone if needed. Part of what I enjoy about Day in Court events is that it is not just one-sided. Not only do we all learn new things but on some occasions, our speakers learn something from us. For instance, one of the common mistakes the Bankruptcy Court sees with filings is that people will enter the same exact name in both the name and aka section which causes issues on the Court's side. What our speakers did not know, and learned from our members, is that the "aka section" was a mandatory, and did not allow you to leave it blank, hence the double name

If you missed this event, or are missing a handout, they will be made available on SLSA's website, www.slsa.org, under the members only section. I hope that those that were able to attend either of our day in court events in January and February enjoyed them and learned something new. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve future day in court events, or would like to help the new 2011/2012 Day in Court Chair, feel free to email me at lermar@gtlaw.com.



From left to right: Magistrate Judge Dale Drozd, Nicole Sanchez-Gargalakis, Rebecca Lerma, Sandy Gettler and Jeremy Donati



From left to right: Nicole Sanchez-Gargalakis and Sandy Gettler



From left to right: Magistrate Judge Dale A. Drozd, Jeremy Donati, Nicole Sanchez-Gargalakis, and Sandy Gettler

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## **CCLS Quiz**

by Jennifer Estabrook, CCLS

#### Criminal

#### True or False:

	1.	In each case of an infraction, the accused will receive a Courtesy Notice from the court that will state whether an appearance is mandatory.
		True
		False
'' 83	2.	A plea of nolo contendere has the same result as a guilty plea.
		True
		False
	3.	Diversion enables a case to be pulled out of the court system in order to allow the defendant to get help for a problem (i.e. drug dependency) and not suffer a conviction of the charges.
		True
		False
	4.	A person in custody who is accused of a misdemeanor must be brought before a judge within 72 hours of his/her arrest.
		True
		False
	5.	Hearsay evidence from a law enforcement officer may not be used at a felony preliminary hearing.
		True
		False
	6.	Witness fees are paid by the county and not by the issuing party in criminal cases.
		True
		False
	7.	Only the prosecution has the right to compel the attendance of a witness.
		True
		False
	8.	The discovery motion to obtain personnel records for law enforcement officers is called a "Pitchess Motion.".
		True
		False
	9.	If a prosecutor elects to present a criminal matter to a grand jury, the right to a preliminary hearing no longer exists.
		True
	Ц	False
	10.	The purpose of preliminary hearing is for a grand jury to determine whether an offense has been committed and whether there is probable cause to believe the defendant guilty of that offense.
		True
		False

### Parliamentarian's Corner

March is our election month. This year the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer only have one candidate running for office. What happens when there is no competition? Roberts Rules of Order says that if only one candidate has been nominated for an office, the chair (the President) may declare the nominee elected by acclamation,

unless the organization's bylaws require a ballot vote. In our case, SLSA's bylaws require a ballot vote. There can be write ins, but the majority votes will win. An election becomes final when the chair (the President) announces the results of the election and the candidate is present and does not decline or is absent but has previously consented to serve. It will be the job of the nominations and elections committee to count the ballots and votes for each nominee, then present the results to the chair (the President) at the March general membership meeting.



#### Still waiting for your transcript?



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### Of Note

#### Sacramento Superior Court Rules effective 01/01/2011, Amended 01/24/11

The January 1, 2011 Local Rules have been corrected; the following paragraphs were inadvertently omitted: Seven (7) paragraphs identified - Chapters 4.01 D(2) & (3), 4.01 E(3) & (4); 16.06; and 22.18(B) & (C).

#### Sacramento Superior Court, Local Rules 3.04 (b), Tentative Rulings.

(B) The tentative ruling shall become the ruling of the court, unless a party desiring to be heard so advises the clerk of the designated department no later than 4:00 p.m. on the court day preceding the hearing, and further advises the clerk that such party has notified the other side of its intention to appear. (Amended effective 1/1/11)

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### Of Note (cont.)



#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA County of Sacramento 720 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814-1380 (916) 874-5522 www.saccourt.ca.gov

#### **Civil Customer Service Changes**

On Friday, June 4, 2010, the court will unveil a reconfiguration of the Civil customer service counter and lobby area in room 102. Seating will be placed in the lobby area and a Take-A-Number system will be installed.

#### Law & Motion Filings

The Law & Motion Window, which handles filings for Dept 53/54 and Ex Parte filings for Dept 53, 54 and 47, will move to window #12. Customers visiting this window should NOT take a number. Customers should form a line in front of the window.

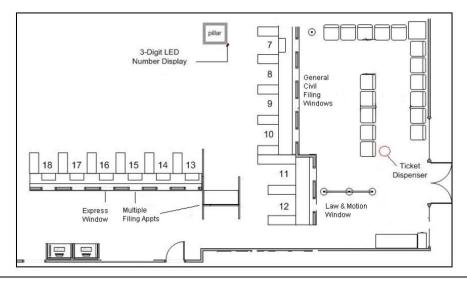
#### **Express Filings**

The Express Window, which handles 2 documents/transactions or less, will move to window #16 along the side counter. Customers visiting this window should NOT take a number. Customers should form a line in front of the window.

#### Other Civil Filings

For all other civil filings, customers must take a number from the machine upon arrival. Numbers will be called in consecutive order by the next available clerk. A LED sign will indicate the last number called. If you are not present when your number is called, the clerk will proceed to call the next number. Should you return after your number has been passed, you must take a new ticket from the machine.

To ensure proper clearance around the new seating and to maintain ingress/egress throughout the lobby, customers will not be permitted to use their own personal chairs or sit on the floor.



### SLSA President Nomination(s)

### Dawn Forgeur, CCLS



I have been nominated for the position of President. I am currently a legal secretary with Greenberg Traurig, LLP and have been working in the legal field for several years. I have previously represented SLSA as Governor and I have held the positions of Legal Secretarial Training Co-Chair and CCLS Co-Chair for SLSA, helping to teach the Beginning Legal Secretary course and the California Certified Legal Secretary study group. Not only have I participated in the local level, I have served as an LSI state chairman, having been appointed the 2009-2010 Legal Secretarial Training/Seminar Chairman. I believe that my experience and participation in SLSA has given me the leadership qualities needed for the office of President.

It is my belief that SLSA has great things in its future and I want to be a part of making those things happen. With the members' help, I believe that SLSA can continue to be a successful association.

### SLSA Vice President Nomination(s)

### Lynne Gomes

I am a legal/legislative secretary with Greenberg Traurig, LLP, and have been working in the legal field for 27 years. Prior to becoming a member of SLSA, I served as a two-term President for Solano County LSA, also serving as its Secretary, Vice President, and Governor. Additionally, I served one year as the Law Office Administration section leader for the Legal Specialization Sections under former LSI President, Deanna Pepe. I believe in what SLSA and LSI stands for, and would like to put my previous association experience to work as an advocate for broader recognition of SLSA, increase our membership, and serve alongside the professionals in our association.



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### SLSA Secretary Nomination(s)

### Deseree Gamayo



As a first-year member of SLSA, it is a great honor and privilege to be nominated for the position of Secretary of the organization. Over the last nine years I have worked as both an office administrator and legal secretary at a transactional law firm and a litigation firm. My experiences from working in these small firms have provided me with a unique insight into the challenges of administrative and secretarial work, as well as the actual business of running a legal practice. I believe that my background will complement the existing wealth of knowledge that my fellow SLSA members already posses. In addition to my work as a legal secretary, I am raising two young boys and am involved in community and sports organizations. As I continue to grow and develop my legal career, I look forward to becoming an active voice in the leadership of SLSA. This nomination presents a unique opportunity that will not be taken for granted.

### SLSA Treasurer Nomination(s)

## Justine Gamayo

I am honored to have been nominated for the position of Treasurer. I am a legal secretary and a Notary Public. I became a member of the Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association in 2010. Although I am a new member of SLSA, I have been involved in other non-profit organizations. I have been involved in fundraisers for the National Children's Choir. The goal was to help teens sing a Carnegie Hall in New York.

I am confident that I will be an excellent Treasurer of SLSA. I am responsible for preparing and turning in one of my attorney's expenses each month and have experience with accounts receivable/payable. I am also in charge of various Trust administration expenses for which our firm serves as Trustee.

I look forward to contributing to SLSA's already superb reputation and meet-



## SLSA Governor Nomination(s)

### Rhonda Harrigan



Rhonda Harrigan is a litigation paralegal with the law offices of Moreno and Rivera, specializing in civil rights defense. She has earned an A.A. degree and a paralegal certificate. Rhonda served SLSA as Programs chair from 2005 - 2010, Parliamentarian (2009), Co-chair of Day in Court and Federal Day in Court 2009, and assisted with the lunch lessons in 2009.

Thank you!

### **Andrea Stoll**

I am a paralegal with the Law Office of Eugene P. Haydu, and have worked in the legal field for 4 years. I attended the University of California at Santa Cruz where I obtained my Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies in 2006. I am a fairly new member of SLSA and would like to use my experience in the legal field to help educate and train other legal professionals. It would be an honor to represent this Association. While I may not have served as an SLSA officer before, I have read the requirements for Governor and believe that with the support of my employer and my fellow SLSA members, I am qualified and ready to fulfill the role of Governor. If you vote for me, I will represent SLSA at the LSI conferences and will do the best to ensure that SLSA's vote is counted. I am looking forward to the possibility of joining the executive board in the new fiscal year and hope that with your vote, I will be able to contribute to the team.



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### SLSA Delegate Nomination(s)

### Astrid Watterson, CCLS



I am a paralegal at Somach Simmons & Dunn and have been in the legal field since 1997. I have been a member in good standing of SLSA since 2004. During that time, I have held many positions including, President 2005-2007 and 2010-2011, Governor, Secretary, and Delegate. I have also held many of the chairman positions throughout the years. I have been involved at the LSI state level as an appointed chairman, including the California Certified Legal Secretary chair from 2008-2010. I believe that my experience both at the local level and state level, will allow me to better understand and represent SLSA's interest at the May LSI Annual Conference.

### Anne French

I am a legal secretary at Downey Brand and have been in the legal field since 1992 and a member of SLSA since 2005. I have worked in various types of law practices, from a sole practitioner with the responsibility of running a law office to one of the largest law firms in the Sacramento area. I received my paralegal certificate from American River College in 1997. My area of specialty is civil litigation. I was most recently the Vice President of SLSA and have attended three LSI conferences. My first conference I attended was due in large part to my participation with the annual conference committee. Having attended the conferences this year, I had the opportunity to listen to the board of governors' meetings and even attend the presidents' luncheons with 2010-2011 President, Astrid Watterson, CCLS. I believe that I have learned a great deal while attending conferences and am able to use that knowledge to represent SLSA at the May LSI Annual Conference.



### SLSA Delegate Nomination(s) (cont.)

### Elizabeth Bomke, CCLS



I am the legal assistant for the Whittall-Scherfee Law Office and have been for the past eight years. I have been in the field for 17 years. I have been a member of SLSA since 2005. I have held the following positions with SLSA: Audit Committee Co-chair for three years; CCLS co-chair for two years; Legal Professional/Boss of the Year Committee co-chair in 2009; and CCLS Study Group Co-instructor in 2008/2009. I have also served as a delegate for SLSA for the past three years. I know what is expected of a delegate and would enjoy representing SLSA at the annual conference again this year. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

### Sherri Lee Caplette, CCLS

I am the office manager and a legal secretary for Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost, LLP. I have been in the legal field for over 25 years. I have served SLSA in various capacities over the years including President, Executive Advisor, Parliamentarian, and nearly all of the chair positions. I have served LSI at the state level as the Scholarship Chair and as the Magazine Editor of *The Legal Secretary*, and I have taught various seminars and classes for several years. I believe that my experience and my understanding of SLSA's needs would allow me to be efficient in the capacity of delegate. I am ready and willing, with your vote, to be a delegate for SLSA at the May annual conference.



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### Legal Procedures

If you have ever wondered which county matches up with which appellate district, the map enclosed can help or you can simply go to <a href="https://www.courtinfo.ca.gov">www.courtinfo.ca.gov</a>. The state of California has six court of appeal districts. Take a look at the map and you can see where you would need to file your appellate documents.

# State of California • Courts of Appeal Appellate Districts



### **CCLS Quiz Answers**

by Jennifer Estabrook, CCLS

#### **CRIMINAL ANSWERS:**

1. False, LOPM G(II)(A)

2. True, LOPM G(III)(D)(5)(c)

3. True, LOPM G(III)(E)(1)

4. False, LOPM G(III)(A)

5. False, LOPM G(IV)(A)

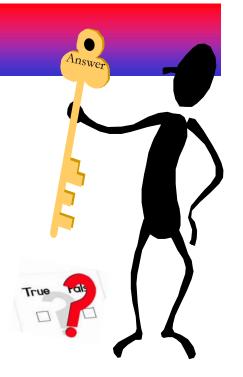
6. True, LOPM G(VII)(5)

7. False, LOPM G(VII)(A)

8 True, LOPM G(VI)(A)(3)(b)

9. True, LOPM G(V)(A)(2)

10. False, LOPM G(IV)(E)



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### Governor's Report

by Dawn Forgeur, CCLS







I attended LSI's 3rd Quarterly Conference from February 25-27, 2011, which was held at the Gold Country Casino in Oroville, hosted by Southern Butte County LPA.

During the Board of Governors Meeting, LSI's Vice President announced that Sacramento LSA won 2nd place in the LSI – Experience It! membership drive, from September 1, 2010, through January 30, 2011. San Diego LSA was the 1st place winner, beating our association by only two members.

LSI's Nominations and Elections Report was presented. The slate of nominees are President: Brooke Atherton, CCLS; Vice President: Sandra T. Jimenez, CCLS; Executive Secretary: Mary J. Beaudrow, CCLS; and Treasurer: Jennifer L. Page, CCLS. If there are no nominations from the floor at the Annual Conference in May 2011, these are who your delegates will be voting for at that conference.

As you will recall, SLSA members directed me to vote in favor of making the LSI Administrator position a paid employee

position instead of an independent contractor decision. Unfortunately, this motion was not made at this conference. Instead, LSI's Executive Board recommended that a second opinion be obtained from an independent law firm specializing in employment law, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. There was a lot of discussion about this at the Governors' Luncheon, and even more discussion when the Board of Governors Meeting reconvened in the afternoon. There were Governors and Presidents who questioned why a second opinion was needed when LSI received two previous opinions, one from an employment attorney and another from a CPA. The Executive Board discussed that they did not feel that they had enough clarification about the Administrator's job duties and if they really did fall into the employee versus independent contractor status. This recommendation was passed by a majority of the Governors voting. LSI will be emailing the results of the independent attorney recommendation to the Governors.

Finally, the Governors were presented with the bids to host future conferences. These will be voted on at the Annual Conference by your delegates.

### November 15-18, 2012 Conference

Desert Palm LPA hosting at the Palm Springs Hilton. Room cost-\$109. Scrip-\$108.50

Long Beach LPA hosting, but has not finalized the hotel location.

Doubletree Hotel Maya. Room cost-\$129. Scrip-\$115. or

Long Beach Hilton. Room cost-\$159. Scrip-\$115.

### May 16-19, 2013 Annual Conference

Santa Clara County LPA hosting at the San Jose Marriott. Room cost-\$109. Scrip-\$131.

Orange County LPA hosting at Knots Berry Farm. Room cost-\$119. Scrip-\$100.

# Capturing CAPs (Chapter Achievement Points)

Are you a CCLS that has recertified during the 2010-2011 fiscal year? SLSA earns 50 points for each member that has recertified.

Did you know that members who belong to an LSI sponsored credit union can earn SLSA 100 Chapter Achievement Points?

Did you know that members who use the LSI Hertz discount can earn SLSA 200 Chapter Achievement Points each time they rent a car?

# March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Board Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 General Dinner Meeting SLSA Election Ballots Due!	18	19
20	21 Bulletin Submis- sions Due	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

### **Dates to Remember**

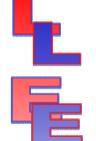
- March 7 SLSA Board Meeting (Location: Somach Simmons & Dunn Time: 5:30 p.m.)
- March 17 General Dinner Meeting (Location: Courtyard Marriott, Midtown Sacramento, 4422 Y Street, Sacramento, CA, 5:30 p.m.)
- SLSA Elections are Due!!
- March 21 Last Day to Submit Articles for the March issue of The Legal Eagle



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### Vocabulary List

by Jennifer Estabrook, CCLS









#### Criminal

Constitutional criminal procedure basic protections that the United States Constitution requires

be afforded to those accused of crimes

Statutory criminal procedure enacted rules that govern the actual conduct of a trial (i.e.

Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure)

Infraction a violation of state statute or local ordinance punishable by a

fine or other penalty, but not normally by incarceration

Misdemeanor an offense punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and/or

by incarceration, usually in a county jail, for a period typically

limited to a year or less

Felony a crime which is punishable by death or by confinement in

state prison

Arraignment the first appearance at court on any charging document in a

criminal matter

Nolo contendere a formal declaration by an accused that he/she will not con-

test the charges

Formal probation conditional freedom granted by a judicial officer, as long as

the released person meets certain conditions of behavior and

is supervised by a probation agency

Indictment a formal, written accusation submitted to the court by a grand

jury, alleging that a specified person has committed a speci-

fied offense, usually a felony

Preliminary Examination proceeding before a judicial officer in which it is decided (1)

whether a crime was committed; (2) whether the crime occurred within the territorial jurisdiction of the court, and (3) whether there are reasonable grounds to believe that the de-

fendant committed the crime

Pretrial Conference a meeting of the opposing parties in a case with the judicial

officer prior to trial, for the purposes of stipulating those things agreed upon, disclosing required information, and organizing the presentation of motions, witnesses and evidence.

Grand jury a jury so

a jury selected and sworn to hear the evidence against accused persons to determine whether there is sufficient evi-

dence to bring the person to trial

Court probation a criminal court requirement that a defendant or offender fulfill specific conditions of behavior in lieu of a sentence to

confinement, but without supervision by a probation agency

Bench warrant a document issued by the court directing that a law enforce-

ment officer bring the person named therein before the court, usually for failing to obey a court order or notice to

appear

Booking the process officially record an entry into detention after ar-

rest and identifying the person, place, time and reason for the

arrest, and the arresting authority





### Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association

Dinner Meeting •March 17, 2011



Speaker: Mark Reichel, Esq.

Topic:

"Criminal Law 101 for the Legal Professional"

5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Meet & Greet 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. Dinner Meeting

Courtyard Marriott Midtown Sacramento

4422 Y Street, Sacramento, CA Tel: (916) 455-6800 \$25 SLSA Members\*/\$28 Non-Members\* Vendor of the Month:

Carol Daly Sweeney Burkett's Office Supply, Inc.

RSVP by March 14. Complete & detach reservation form, enclose check payable to SLSA, and mail to: Jennifer Shelton, Murphy Austin Adams Schoenfeld, 304 "S" St., Sacramento, CA 95811; phone: 916.329.3104; fax: 916.503.4000; email: jshelton@murphyaustin.com. \*Please add \$3 for reservations made after March 14. NOTE: Cancellations must be received 48 hours in advance for a refund. No-Shows will be billed.

MCLE & CCLS Credit: SLSA, a local association of Legal Secretaries, Inc., an approved provider, certifies that this activity has been approved for minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of California and California Certified Legal Secretary credit in the amount of 0.5 hours.

N		Mexican Buffet
NAME:		Mixed Greens
ADDRESS:		<ul><li>Spicy Chicken Tortilla Soup</li><li>Chips And Salsa</li></ul>
Сіту:	STATE: ZIP:	Seasoned Shredded Beef And Chicken Fajitas     Cheese Enchiladas
EMAIL:		Refried Beans And Mexican Rice
TEL:	FAX:	Shredded Lettuce, Diced     Tomato, Cheddar Cheese,
	Do you require an ☐MCLE or ☐CCLS certificate?	<ul><li>Sour Cream And Guacamole</li><li>Gourmet Brownie Bars</li></ul>
	Are you an SLSA member?  YES NO If "No", are you interested in membership? YES N Are you interested in hearing about SLSA volunteer opportunities?	

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### Marin County LPA and Sonoma County LSA Are pleased to announce their Spring Tea/Interclub Event

Sunday, March 20, 2011, 1:00 p.m. Jacqueline's High Tea 203 Western Avenue, Petaluma, CA

\$35 per person

Includes
Pot of Tea
Soup & Salad
Finger Sandwiches
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Dessert

To reserve your spot, please send your check payable to MCLPA
c/o Isobel Clayton
2027 Beverly Way
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

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Reservations with payment must be received by March 12, 2011











### Vendor Spotlight

February Lunch Lesson: Nationwide Legal by Sophia Albov, CCLS

The Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association was joined at the February Lunch Lesson by Mike Taraban and Alex Cain from Nationwide Legal. Not only did they bring delicious cookies for us to enjoy, they also spoke a little bit about their business and how they can assist the Sacramento legal community. Their

company does court filings, process servings, and courier services. They have seven offices located through the state of California. They are as expert with Southern California filings as they are with Northern California. Each of their staff members is equipped with the latest technology to help keep them in

constant contact with their clients. If a document is kicked by a court clerk, Nationwide will make sure to call and let you know before they leave the courthouse. They will do everything in their power to make sure your documents are filed quickly and properly.



From L to R Mike Taraban, Sophia Albov, CCLC, and Alexander Cain



### Nationwide Legal Sacramento

1301 H Street, Suite 1 Sacramento, CA 95814 **Tel**: (916) 443-4400

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#### SACRAMENTO LEGAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION

#### Presents

#### BEGINNING LEGAL SECRETARY TRAINING COURSE

A nine-week (two hours per week) course designed for the legal secretary-to-be with little or no experience but currently working in a law office or law-related office, or the experienced secretary needing refresher courses. This course will be instructed with the use of the Law Office Procedures Manual, which will be purchased from The Rutter Group. The cost of the Law Office Procedures Manual, as well as other course materials, is included in the registration fee. This course will include weekly homework assignments, mini-exams, lectures, and a final exam. Classes will be taught by Dawn Forgeur, CCLS, and Astrid Watterson, CCLS. This course will cover:

Introduction to the Law Office

Roles of the Legal Personnel

Legal Research

Court Systems/Structure/Rules of Court

Legal Terminology

Citations

Calendaring and Docketing

Preparation and Service of Legal Documents

Statutes of Limitation, Timetables

Civil Litigation

The two-hour classes will be held on Tuesday evenings\* from 5:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. at:

\*See Attached Schedule for Exact Dates\*

DOWNEY BRAND 621 Capitol Mall - 18<sup>th</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

May 3, 2011 through June 28, 2011

\*\*Classes subject to change due to speakers' schedule.\*\*
Class Space is Limited to the First 30 students

Cost: SLSA Members - \$250 (nine-week course)

Non-SLSA Members - \$300 (nine-week course/SLSA membership fee included)

Deadline to Register: April 11, 2011. No refunds after April 15, 2011.

For more information call Astrid Watterson, CCLS, at 916-446-7979 or e-mail: awatterson@somachlaw.com Visit our website at www.SLSA.org

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CLASS LOCATION IS DOWNEY BRAND, 621 CAPITOL MALL, 18<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, DOWNTOWN SACRAMENTO

#### CLASS SCHEDULE

May 3, 2011: INTRODUCTION TO THE LAW OFFICE: Introduction of instructors, general information regarding publications and resource materials that are useful to legal secretaries, general information regarding LSI and its benefits and continuing education programs for legal professionals, handouts containing useful information for client intake, roles of legal personnel, how to relieve stress in the workplace, calendaring, file preparation, etc., question-and-answer session to assess the educational needs of each student, and mini-exams to test your knowledge. Policy and procedure regarding homework assignments and mini-exams as well as the grading policy will be reviewed during this class.

May 10, 2011: FILE MANAGEMENT/WORK CONTROL SYSTEMS, STATUTES OF LIMITATION, GENERAL SERVICE OF PROCESS AND PROOFS OF SERVICE: Office calendaring/docket procedures, follow-up tickler system, opening and closing files, rules for alphabetic filing, time of commencing civil actions, statutes of limitation in civil cases (from 0 to 10 years), and service of process.

May 17, 2011: INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL RESEARCH/CITATIONS: Instruction regarding California court structure, trial court/appellate court jurisdiction, sources of case law, primary versus secondary sources of law, how to read a citation, uniform system of citations, difference between Bluebook and California Style Manual, and legal research on the Internet.

May 24, 2011: DISCOVERY PROCEDURES: Legal terminology, key words and phrases used in the discovery process, flow of the discovery procedure for depositions, interrogatories, demands for production, requests for admissions, etc., discovery timetable for superior court cases, preparation of discovery documents, and sanctions.

May 31, 2011: CIVIL LITIGATION PROCEDURES: Legal terminology, key words and phrases used in civil litigation, flow of civil litigation procedure from filing of the summons and complaint through enforcement of judgment, regular motions, motions for summary judgment/adjudication, guidelines for preparation of legal documents, proofs of service, Judicial Council forms, and setting hearings.

<u>June 7, 2011</u>: PRETRIAL PROCEEDINGS AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION: Settlement procedures, preparation of documents such as releases and requests for dismissal, preparation of documents for filing with the court, fax filing procedures, proofs of service, verifications, substitutions of attorney, how and when to notify the court and interested parties, procedures, mediation and arbitration procedures, as well as tips for preparing your attorney for trial.

June 14, 2011: LITIGATION CALENDARING/DOCKETING: This is a continuation of the previous week with specific focus on calendaring. Various calendaring exercises will be used in order to cover all methods of time computation including discovery calendaring, law and motion calendaring, motions for summary judgment/adjudication calendaring, and pretrial calendaring.

June 21, 2011: MISCELLANEOUS: Recap of all classes. Review for Final Exam.

June 28, 2011: FINAL EXAM. Students must pass the final examination with a score of 75 percent or better on the final exam and have an overall score of 75 percent or better on their cumulative homework and weekly test scores in order to receive a Certificate of Completion. All others will receive a Certificate of Attendance for the classes that they attend.

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### Speaker Spotlight

February Lunch Lesson: "Nuts and Bots of Appellate Law for Legal Secretaries," with Jay-Allen Eisen, Esq.

by Sophia Albov, CCLS



The Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association was excited to spend a lunch hour with Jay-Allen Eisen, Esq., discussing the ins and outs of appellate law. He walked us through the calendaring, filing of a notice, designating the record, required information statements, and how to assemble the actual brief.

#### Appellate Calendaring

There are very exact time lines which parties have to file an appeal according to CRC 8.104. A party has 60 days from the mailing date of the Notice of Entry of Judgment to file an appeal. Unlike some other areas of law, there is no extension of time which correlates to the method of service. If your party never received a Notice of Entry of Judgment you have a maximum of 180 days from the

date the judgment was enter to file an appeal. These rules are jurisdictional which means the court does not have any wiggle room to extend the time unless the proper motion has been filed to extend the time. The motions which are available to extend the time are very tricky to use and must be properly executed to result in an extension. For example, a Motion for New Trial or a Motion to Vacate Judgment can be used to secure an additional 30 days in which to file an appeal.

### Filing the Required Documents

When a party is filing an appeal the actual document which constitutes the Notice of Appeal can be very short and sweet. For example acceptable verbiage can be as straightforward as "I am appealing from ...[insert here what you are appealing from.]" Or a party can use Judicial Counsel form APP-002 to file their appeal. The appeal is filed in the trial court and must be accompanied by two checks. One check is made out to the District Court of Appeals in the amount of \$655.00; this is the filing fee for the appeal. There must also be a check in the amount of \$100.00 which is made out to the trial court. This check helps to off-set the clerks' time for preparing the clerk's transcript which is used by the Court of Appeals. It is very important to remember that even if one does not intend to use a clerk's transcript the check must still

be sent.

#### Assembling the Brief

When assembling a brief there are some requirements for the physical make-up of the document. The margins must be 1 and ½ inches on the left and right, as well as, 1 inch top and bottom. You also must make sure the line spacing is at least 1 ½ per line. You do not number the lines as you would on a trial court pleading. The pages must be consecutively numbered and you can use both sides of the paper. Generally the brief is bound along the left margin with velo binding or spiral binding. You can staple, but you must make sure to cover all staples with tape. Be sure when the brief is being served that all parties are served, as well as, the superior court clerk.

Mr. Eisen has practiced law since 1969. He received his J.D. from Hastings College of Law in San Francisco. He specializes in appellate law and was once of the first Appellate Law Specialists certified by the State Bar of California. He has been counsel in over 300 appeals and appellate writs, including more than 75 that have led to published, precedent decisions.



From Left to Right: Molly Mahoney, Sophia Albov, CCLS, Jay –Allen Eisen, Esq., and Michelle Micciche



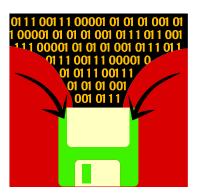


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### Law Office Products/ Management

by Ron Bodenmanm

#### Early case assessment electronic discovery



Today's law firms handle hundreds of cases each year and need to analyze an enormous (and increasing) volume of electronic stored information (ESI). In addition, the amended Federal Rules of Civil Procedures (FRCP) dictate that legal professionals must address e-discovery within days of filing a lawsuit. Thus, rapidly analyzing large

Early case assessment is an optimal way for companies to reduce their exposure to costly e-discovery review processes. By assessing the data related to a legal case as soon as possible, companies can identify the custodians involved in pending litigation. After custodians are identified, their information can be assessed for content reviewed for re-

does, reduce the amount of information to be produced to less than a gigabyte, when it may be cheaper to pay for processing on a "per page" basis.

There are a number of ECA tools on the market to help reduce the amount of data that may require EDD processing. Just do your homework, and then work with the

# The traditional approach to e-discovery is fraught with delays, business risk, and rising costs.

#### ~Ron Bodenmanm



amounts of ESI to perform early case assessment, quickly culling the data down to only the relevant files, and performing rapid review are critical tasks in today's litigation process. The traditional approach to e-discovery is fraught with delays, business risk, and rising costs. The inability to rapidly analyze ESI causes significant delays in case assessments thereby increasing the risk of choosing the wrong strategy. Further, ineffective cull-down of ESI forces far more documents to be processed and reviewed than is necessary, significantly increasing e-discovery costs. Unfortunately, efforts to short -cut the review process can result in valuable information being removed by too stringent filtering and categorical culling.

sponsiveness and relevance to a legal case. Reviewing ESI from one custodian often will yield other custodians and, in some cases, additional context and content. This broader list of custodians, context and content can provide an advantage in working for settlement, thus reducing a case's financial cost.

The other advantage of ECA tools is in reducing the amount of ESI that must be processed to produce in a usable format. Usually, ECA costs are charged on a "per gigabyte" basis that is much lower than the cost of electionic data discovery (EDD) processing. EDD is usually charged at a higher "per gigabyte" basis with a minimum charge equal to processing one gigabyte for large data sets. ECA can, and often

vendor to be sure you do not overly constrain your initial search in a way that requires you to start over from scratch, which can be quite expensive. You may need to pay for some consultation time with an expert in ECA, but it will be worth it in the long run.



#### CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT REPORTING FORM

Each Association in LSI participates every year in the Chapter Achievement Contest. Associations are grouped in categories depending upon the Association's membership (Group A: 5-30; B: 31-50; C: 51-75; D: 76-95; and E: over 95). Five awards of \$250 each are presented by Stuart F. Cooper Co. to the highest scoring Association in each of the above categories at the Annual Conference of LSI. Chapter Achievement points are tracked during the year by the Association's Governor. The Chapter Achievement Report covers activities from April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. This form's purpose is to track each member's activity during the course of the fiscal year. Please complete the form each time you attend a function and mail it to the person named below. If you attend a function and are not sure if it applies, include it below on the blank line provided and it will be determined if it applies. If you are an SLSA officer or committee chair, PLEASE take particular note to the last item below. Thank you.

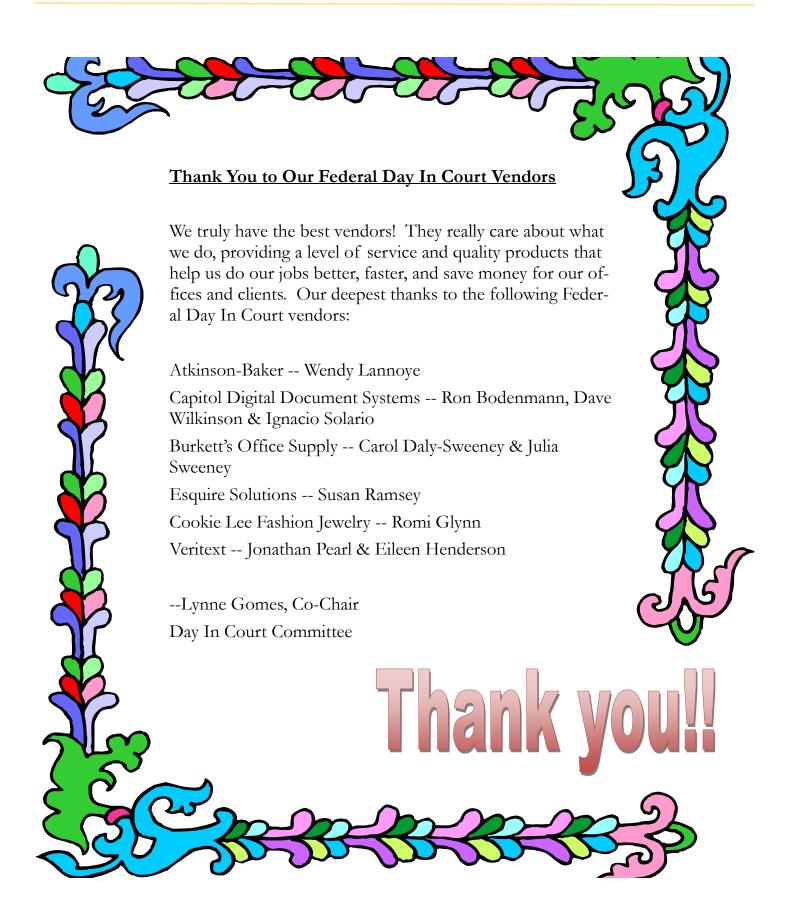
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	a copy (copies) of my response(s). (20 points per directive)
	I am an SLSA officer or committee chair. I timely responded to my LSI counterpart's quarterly directive(s). Attached is (are
	I purchased updates to the Law Office Procedures Manual between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011. (100 points)
	I purchased the Law Office Procedures Manual between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011. (200 points)
	I purchased updates to the LSI Legal Professional's Handbook between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011. (100 points)
	I purchased the LSI Legal Professional's Handbook between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011. (200 points)
	I gave a formal presentation on benefits of membership to the local bar association. (100 points per presentation)
-	I gave a formal presentation on benefits of membership to a law office. (50 points per presentation)
	I submitted an article for use in a Legal Specialization Section newsletter. (50 points)  I submitted an article to LSI Director of Public Relations for publication in the <i>Daily Journal</i> . (50 points per article)
	I attended a Legal Specialization Section Regional Seminar. (75 points)
	meeting)
	l attended a Legal Specialization Section Seminar at Quarterly or Annual Conference. How many? (50 points per
	I am a member of all six Legal Specialization Sections as of March 31, 2011. (100 points)
	I am a member of at least one Legal Specialization Section. (50 points)
	l conducted a short session on legal procedures at an SLSA dinner meeting. (25 points per meeting)
	I attended an educational workshop or seminar sponsored by a Forum, CEB or The Rutter Group. (25 points per event)
	I attended an educational workshop or seminar sponsored by SLSA or another local association. (25 points per event)
-	I taught an educational workshop or seminar. (75 points per event)
-	l attended another Association's monthly meeting, installation, or other function. (50 points per event)
	I gave a presentation on legal secretarial careers at a local educational institution. (50 points per presentation)
	I recertified as a CCLS during the 2010-2011 fiscal year. (50 points)
-	I submitted questions to the Continuing Education Council for use on the CCLS Mock exam. How many? (25 points)
	I took the CCLS exam. (Test date:) (100 points) I passed the CCLS exam. (Test date:) (200 points)
	I conducted a CCLS Mock exam. (150 points)
	I participated in a CCLS study group. (25 points)
	I sponsored a CCLS study group. (200 points)
	l enrolled in an LSI-approved retirement planning program. (100 points)
	I rented a car through Hertz and received the LSI discount. (200 points per rental)
	I am insured through an LSI plan. (100 points)
	I belong to an LSI-sponsored credit union. (100 points)
	I attended the President's Roundtable at the LSI Annual Conference. (25 points)
	l attended an Officer/Chairman Workshop at the LSI Annual Conference. How many? (25 points)
	l attended an LSI Quarterly Conference and/or Annual Conference. (50 points)
	I submitted an article to The Legal Secretary magazine. (50 points per article)
	I submitted a potential advertiser to the Editor of <i>The Legal Secretary</i> magazine. (25 points per advertiser)

Please attach additional pages if necessary. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, you can reach Dawn Forgeur, CCLS at (916) 442-1111; or e-mail at forgeurd@gtlaw.com. Otherwise mail to:

Dawn Forgeur, CCLS SLSA Governor 2010-2011 Greenberg Traurig 1201 K Street Sacramento, CA 95814 Page 30 The Legal Eagle Volume 3 Book 11



# Happy March Birthdays!!



Elizabeth Bomke, CCLS	March 4
Karen C. Traugh	March 19
Jeanette Georgianna	March 21
Jim Pinter	March 21
Michelle Chavez, CCLS	March 24
Kristen E. Moe	March 28

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### Out to Lunch:

### **Great Lunch Spots**

by Sophia Albov, CCLS



555 Capitol Mall, Suite 155 Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 498-9924

www.houseoncapitol.com

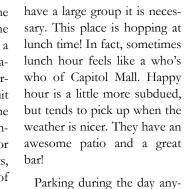
House boldly takes up the lower left hand corner of the venerable Plaza 555. This is a newer restaurant on the Sacramento scene. It has an interesting vibe; it attracts the suit types during the day and the staff types by night. The owner of House is also known for one of his other restaurants, Ink. House reminds me of Ink's more conservative cousin. They are both really good, but totally different.

The food is elevated comfort food. For example, they have macaroni and cheese, but this is not Kraft! You can expect every dish to be executed with intent and poise. They also have an interesting attitude toward menu building; they are open to customer suggestions. You can go to their website and "tell them what you're hungry for." If your menu suggestion gets picked, then you get to come in and try it first for free. So if you make something on the menu at House you get to try it on the "House"!

If you are planning on House for lunch, I highly suggest reservations. They will not take reservation for small parties (2 people), but if you

#### **Hours of Operation**

Monday – Tuesday 11:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. Wednesday – Friday 11:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.



Parking during the day anywhere on Capitol Mall is usually a challenge, unless you already have a spot in one of the buildings. There are many available spaces in the Plaza 555 garage, but you might end up paying more for you parking than you do for your lunch! However, they do offer complimentary parking the

Plaza 55 garage after 5 pm. A cheaper alternative, which is still very close, is parking in the downtown plaza garage.

If a sandwich and a coffee are more your speed; you can enjoy what House has to offer in their lobby café. The café staff is pleasant and ready to please, as well as, awesome baristas. Every day at lunch they have soups, salads, sandwiches, and at least one hot food option. The café is also great in the morning for a pre-work burrito!

House is a great addition to the dining options on Capitol Mall!





### Out to Lunch (cont.):

### **Great Lunch Spots**

by Sophia Albov, CCLS

### Happy Hour Specials:

### Happy Hour Times and Specials 4PM-8PM

Bar & Patio Only

\$5 Cocktails and select appetizers (the appetizers on Happy Hour change – so make sure to ask!)

#### RIPENED RASPBERRY ICE PICK

Jeremiah Weed Sweet Tea Vodka Smirnoff Raspberry Flavored Vodka Raspberry Liqueur and sweetened lemon juice Served on the rocks

#### **HOUSE SLIPPERS**

Peach Schnapps and Raspberry Liquor Fresh orange Juice and ice cold champagne Served on the rocks

#### **CALYPSO COLLINS**

Smirnoff Pineapple Flavored Vodka A splash of sweet and sour, fresh lemon juice & Soda water Served on the rocks

#### SINGAPORE SLING

New Amsterdam Gin Cherry Flavored Brandy Lemon juice & a dash of Grenadine Served on the rocks & topped with soda water

#### TRYST ON THE BEACH

Smirnoff Vanilla Flavored Vodka Peach Schnapps, Melon Liqueur Cranberry & pineapple juice Served on the rocks

#### \$5 Wine

BV Century Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon or Chardonnay

#### Draft beer specials

\$2 Olympia \$3 Sierra Nevada Pale Ale, Jamaica Red & Blue Moon





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### Los Angeles Legal Secretaries Association invites you to our Disco Party "Staying Alive @ L.A. LIVE" May 19 – 22, 2011



Legal Secretaries, Incorporated — 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

JW MARRIOTT @ L.A. LIVE 900 West Olympic Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90015 Phone: (213) 765-8600

#### **Conference Registration Form**

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POSTMARKED AFTER APRIL 20, 2011			@ \$135.00	\$	
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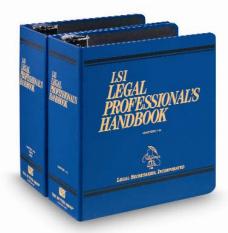
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