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The Legal Eagle



Installation of the 2015-2016 SLSA Board Members

June Events

- ♦ June 10, 2015: LSI Webinar: "Crimmigation", 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., *See page 11*.
- ◆ June 17, 2015: Lunch Lesson, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at U.S. Legal Support, 2710 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 300 South, Sacramento, CA See page 5.
- ♦ June 18, 2015: General Dinner Meeting, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Courtyard Marriott, 4422 Y Street, Sacramento, CA *See page 4*.

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President's Message Submitted by Crystal Rivera



Keys to Success Through Teamwork! That's the theme for this year.

Welcome to SLSA's 76th Year, and what an incredible achievement! The 2015-2016 Executive Board's goal is to continue to provide educational opportunities for you to obtain MCLE and CCLS credit. We can continue to be successful through teamwork!

This May/June issue of *The Legal Eagle* is chock-full of

information and several flyers for upcoming events.

We are pleased to announce that on June 17 we are presenting a FREE Lunch Lesson, in collaboration with U.S. Legal Support, on "HIPAA, HITECH and How they Affect Discovery." U.S. Legal Support's HIPAA Privacy Officer Heather L. Hughes, J.D., CHPC, is the speaker for the Lunch Lesson.

At our June 18 dinner meeting, we have guest speaker Lina Balciunas Cockrell of Messing Adam & Jasmine LLP, who will be talking to us about unlawful detainer, *Don't Let the Door Hit You On Your Way Out: Basics of Effective Unlawful Detainer Actions*.

You can find the flyers for both these events in this issue of the bulletin and also on SLSA's website.

I encourage you to come to the meetings to learn from our speakers, and maybe even get a tidbit of useful information from conversation at your table. SLSA also wants to continue to support local groups and non-profits through our charitable projects. SLSA has always given back to the community. I hope you will continue to support and volunteer for the various committees that I know will be working very hard again this year.

I would like to congratulate and introduce the rest of your 2015-2016 Executive Board:

- Vice President: Lacy Monserrat, CCLS
- Secretary: Brenda Bracy
- Treasurer: Heather Rodriguez, CCLS
- Governor: Jan Ainsworth
- Executive Advisor: Dawn Forgeur, CCLS
- Parliamentarian: Astrid Watterson, CCLS

I want to take this opportunity to thank:

- The new Board for joining me on this journey. It says a lot about their commitment to SLSA, knowing they would be sacrificing their personal time and dedicating it to SLSA.
- The incoming committee chairs for your willingness to accept a chairmanship.
- Astrid Watterson, CCLS, LSI and SLSA's Parliamentarian, for serving as SLSA's Installing Officer. Astrid did a wonderful job!
- Our Installing Marshals Paul Simmons, Michele Clark, Theresa Dunham, and Thomas Monserrat.
- The 2014-2015 officers and committee chairs for their hard work this past year.
- Somach Simmons & Dunn for supporting me personally and my involvement in SLSA

If you did not attend the April installation dinner meeting, you missed seeing the membership's affection for the past and present Board members. I personally cherish the many friends I've made by being an involved member of SLSA, and look forward to making many more new friends!



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Calendar/Dates to Remember

May 1	Membership renewals due for the 2015-2016 term.	June 1	Membership renewals received after June 1 are considered late and an additional late fee of \$5 applies.
May 5	Last Day to register for any Legal Specialization Section Seminars without incurring a late fee.	June 9	SLSA Executive Board Meeting, 6:00p.m., Somach Simmons & Dunn,
May 5	Cinco de Mayo!		500 Capitol Mall, Suite 1000, Sacramento.
May 10	Mother's Day!	June 10	LSI Law Office Administration and
May 12	SLSA Executive Board Meeting, 6:00p.m., Somach Simmons & Dunn, 500 Capitol Mall, Suite 1000, Sacramento.		Criminal Law Legal Specialization Sections Lunchtime Learning "Crimmigration" Webinar.
May 14 to 17	LSI 81st Annual Conference, San Diego.	June 14	Flag Day!
May 16	Armed Forces Day!	June 15	Initial Per Capita Report and payment
May 26	Deadline to submit articles to the Editor for		due to LSI.
	the June issue of <i>The Legal Eagle</i> .	June 17	"FREE" Lunch Lesson on HIPAA,
May 25	Memorial Day! State and federal courts closed. No U.S. Mail.		HITECH and How they Affect Discovery, U.S. Legal Support, 2710 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 300-South, Sacramento, CA; 12:00p.m. to 1:00p.m.
		June 18	SLSA Regular Membership Meeting,

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Courtyard Marriott, 4422 Y Street, Sacramento; 5:30 p.m. Meet and Greet; 6:15p.m. Dinner. June 21 Father's Day and First Day of Summer! June 26 Deadline to submit articles to the Editor

for the July issue of The Legal Eagle.



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Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association



Dinner Meeting - June 18, 2015

Courtyard Marriott 4422 Y Street - Sacramento

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



Don't Let the Door Hit You On Your Way Out: Basics of Effective Unlawful Detainer Actions

Guest Speaker: Lina Balciunas Cockrell Messing Adam & Jasmine LLP



MCLE & CCLS Credit: Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association is a local association of Legal Secretaries, Incorporated, an approved provider, and certifies that this activity has been approved for minimum continuing legal education credit in the amount of 0.5 hours by the State Bar of California.

RSVP by Noon on Friday, June 12*

Two Ways to Register:

- Online at <u>www.slsa.org</u> under Upcoming Events (Preferred)
- Via e-mail at <u>reservations@slsa.org</u> (please include menu choice)

\$25 SLSA Members / \$30 Non-Members Add \$5 after deadline

Make checks payable to SLSA and mail to:

Paula Lockard, CCLS Registration/Reception Chair 2015-2016 c/o Sacramento City Attorney's Office 915 "I" Street, 4th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

Dinner Menu - Choice of:

- Meat Lasagna with Fresh Marinara and Vegetables.
- · Quinoa Roasted Vegetables and Cilantro Aioli.

Entrees include green salad and choice of Starbucks Coffee, Tazo Tea, and water service.

SLSA's Vendor Partner for June 2015:



*Cancellations must be received 48 hours in advance for a refund. No-Shows will be billed.

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in collaboration with

U.S. LEGAL SUPPORT

LUNCH LESSON

Registration begins at 11:45 a.m., and the speaker will begin promptly at Noon June 17, 2015

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

FREE, and lunch will be provided!

"HIPAA, HITECH and How they Affect Discovery"

Presented by Heather L. Hughes, J.D., CHPC HIPAA Privacy Officer for U.S. Legal Support

Location: U.S. Legal Support 2710 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 300-South Sacramento, CA 95833

This is a one-hour presentation on the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules and how they affect the retrieval, retention, and destruction of Protected Health Information during the litigation process. The new 2009 HITECH regulations are also covered as well as the 2013 HIPAA Omnibus Rule. Common myths and facts about HIPAA and discovery are covered as well as the Physical, Technical and Administrative Requirements for covered entities and their business associate law firms.

Ms. Hughes received her Bachelor of Science from Florida State University and her Juris Doctorate from South Texas College of Law. She is Certified in Healthcare Privacy Compliance and she has over twenty years' experience in healthcare compliance for both healthcare entities and a national consulting firm. She has been the HIPAA Privacy Officer for a large private healthcare company and two litigation support firms. Heather has been presenting CLEs on HIPAA for over ten years and her presentation has been accredited by the Texas, Louisiana, West Virginia, Missouri, Florida, California, Illinois, New York and Pennsylvania Bar Associations.

Reservations due by noon on Friday, June 12.

Two Ways to Register:

Online at www.slsa.org under Upcoming Events (Preferred)
Via e-mail at reservations@slsa.org



1.0 hour MCLE Credit Available

Speaker Spotlight: Gary Smith Submitted by Crystal Rivera and Lynne Prescott, CCLS

Our speaker for the April dinner meeting was Gary Smith, Executive Director of Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC). Mr. Smith graduated from Yale Law School and Yale Divinity School in 1983. After serving as a law clerk for a United States District Court judge, he was the Managing Attorney for an office of DNA-People's Legal Services within the Navajo Nation in Northern Arizona, serving low-income Navajo and Hopi tribal members. In 1988, he was the Managing Attorney for LSNC's Yolo County office. In 1999, he was appointed Executive Director of LSNC.

Mr. Smith has been active in numerous state and national organizations promoting equal access to justice for the poor, including Board President of the Legal Aid Association of California; board member for the Public Interest Clearinghouse; member of the Funding Committee of the California Commission on Access to Justice; member of the State Bar of California's Justice Gap Commission; Executive Committee member of the California Project Directors Association; member of the Federal Court Access Group; and various committees of the National Legal Air and Defenders Association.

He serves as Visiting Professor of Public Interest and Public Benefits Law at the King Hall School of Law of the University of California at Davis, and has authored or co-authored over 20 law review articles in the Journal of Poverty Law and Policy. He was named California's Outstanding Legal Services Attorney by the Legal Aid Association of California in 1994, and in 2010 received the State Bar of California's top honor, the Loren Miller Legal Services Award. He is very passionate about his work!

Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC) is a non-profit organization that offers legal services without charge to disadvantaged groups and individuals in civil matters (public health, housing, civil rights, etc.). They have offices throughout Northern California. LSNC also serves non-profit organizations that assist low-income individuals and families. LSNC marshals assistance of many attorneys to help on pro bono matters.

The State Bar of California adopted the Pro Bono Resolution, which states "[a] lawyer should aspire to render at least (50) hours of pro bono" legal services per year, free of charge.

During Mr. Smith's presentation, he shared a story about John Adams (the second President of the United States) and his pro bono defense of British troops from the 1770 Boston Massacre. British troops fired into a rioting crowd and killed five men. Nine men were prosecuted, and

John Adams was asked to represent the British soldiers. The jury acquitted Captain Preston and six of his men; two others were found guilty of manslaughter, punished and discharged from the army. John Adams said that his probono representation of the defendants was his proudest moment!

A bit of additional interesting information that Mr. Smith shared was that John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were close friends (despite their political differences), until they ran against each other for the presidency in 1801 and Jefferson won. Their friendship was renewed about 10 years later and they wrote to each other often. After another 15 years friendship, on July 4, 1826, Adams and Jefferson died within hours of each other. Their deaths occurred on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence!

Mr. Smith also provided a historical timeline of the development of the pro bono system throughout the ages, starting almost from the first civil and ecclesiastical justice forums. Hence, the concept that all peoples, not just those who can afford legal representation, should have equal access to justice has been around almost since the inception of law and a formalized legal system.

SLSA is grateful to Mr. Smith for sharing the significance of this history with us, and for reminding us of the duty we have in the legal profession to consider the greater good.

"Pro bono publico - 'for the public good' - not just in the sense of professional work undertaken voluntarily and without payment, but in the sense of a public service to those



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Speaker Spotlight: Gary Smith (continued from page 6) Submitted by Crystal Rivera and Lynne Prescott, CCLS

who are unable to afford the services of skilled professionals. It is a noble and necessary calling for all attorneys." – Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye (October 2014)

"Equal justice under law is not merely a caption on the facade of the Supreme Court building; it is perhaps the most inspiring ideal of our society. It is one of the ends for which our entire legal system exists . . . it is fundamental that justice should be the same, in substance and availability, without regard to economic status." – Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr., U.S. Supreme Court Justice (Ret.), during his tenure as president of the American Bar Association (August 1976)

"There can be no equal justice where the kind of trial a man gets depends on the amount of money he has." – U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black (1964)



Vendor Spotlight: Capitol Digital Califorensics

SLSA was very pleased to have Ron Bodenmann and Erin Bechtold of Capitol Digital Califorensics as our Vendor Partner for April 2015. Capitol Digital Document Solutions and Califorensics joined forces in May of last year. The combination of the two firms yields a company of nearly 50 professionals able to respond to law firm needs from early consultation regarding evidence or discovery, to the capture of data, analysis, testimony and finally, hosting of data for review.

The firm's computer forensics experts are trained to preserve data by forensically imaging digital devices without altering any of the data on those devices. They strive to recover and analyze visible as well as hidden data from computer systems, including deleted, damaged, and encrypted files. All evidence is carefully controlled to maintain a full chain of custody, ensuring that recovered data are admissible in court.

Forensic services include:

- Mirror imaging of all data sources
- On-site or off-site data acquisition
- Strict chain of custody protocols for proper evidence handling
- Document and file recovery, including deleted files
- Analysis of recovered data
- Expert testimony in legal proceedings

Thank you to Ron and Erin for being with us at the April 16 meeting and for being SLSA's Vendor of the Month!

Ron Bodenmann can be reached at (916) 449-2820, or via e-mail at Ron@Capitol-Digital.com.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR VENDORS, BECAUSE THEY SUPPORT US!!



April General Dinner Meeting





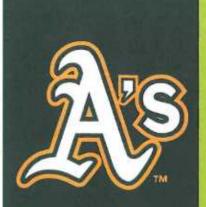






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Alameda County Legal Secretaries Association Summer Social

GROUP HIGHLIGHTS:

- A's Super Saver Game (tickets regularly sell for \$40)
- Pregame tailgate party at 3:30pm. Please bring a dish to share
- Discounted parking passes available for \$16 (reg. \$20)

Seating Area:

Ticket Price: \$25

Plaza Infield

Deadline to purchase tickets:

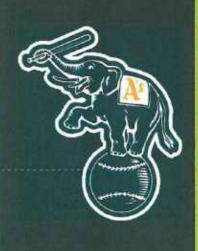
Friday, July 10, 2015

Check payment accepted. Make checks payable to "ACLSA". Mail. order form & check to Bryana Schroder, Summer Social Chair @ Alameda County Legal Secretaries Association, PO BOX 27476, Oakland CA 94602

For any questions or for more information, contact Bryana Schroder at bryana.schroder@juno.com or 415-796-5412

Saturday, August 1, 2015 @ 6:05pm

Oakland A's VS. Cleveland Indians



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Member News Submitted by Lacy Monserrat, CCLS



Welcome, and congratulations to the following new SLSA members who were inducted at the April 16, 2015 meeting.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Sarah Kelly – Sarah is a legal secretary at Wilke Fleury, LLP, and has been employed as a legal professional for over 25 years. She celebrates her birthday on July 11, and enjoys camping, fishing, crocheting, and playing with her daughter.

Marlene Celis – Marlene is a legal secretary at Angelo Kilday & Kilduff, and has been employed as a legal professional since 2009. She celebrates her birthday on July 2.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

REMINDER - Get your membership renewals in. They were due May 1, 2015. To avoid the additional late fee, get it in before June 1, 2015. The 2015-2016 renewal form is in this bulletin and available on SLSA's website.

If you are interested in membership in SLSA, please contact Vice President Lacy Monserrat, CCLS, at (916) 551-3302, or via email at lacy@majlabor.com.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Maryanna Rickner on her election as a member at large to the Executive Committee of her American Legion post. Maryanna hopes that with this new position she can work towards more recognition and support for our women, and the Gulf War to present veterans.

CONDOLENCES

Suzanne MacDonald's mother-in-law recently passed away. Our condolences go out to her family.

CHANGES?? UPDATES??

Are you an SLSA member who has moved? 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 the good times, and support you during the tough times. Please send your news to vicepresident@slsa.org.



Birthdays

The following members are celebrating their Birthday in May and June. We wish you a Wonderful Birthday!

May		Ann Edwards	May 20	Betty Hamilton	June 8
Sharree Flakes	May 2	Melanie Fitzpatrick	May 20	Jacquelyn Castillo	June 13
Micky Kelly, CCLS	May 6	Johanna Gibson Ford	May 26	Dana Reeder	June 17
Christina Witt	May 6	Phyllis Zakrajsek	May 24	Julia Diles	June 19
Michelle Peterson	May 10	Jeanette Osman-Bravard	May 30	Yolanda De La Cruz	June 22
Deseree Aguillen	May 11			Maimie Chyinski	June 23
Kristi Baughman	May 11	June		Pamela Spring	June 25
Diane Gee	May 11	Linda Bianchi	June 1	Yedda Yer Cha	June 27
Catharine Irvine	May 11	Sandra Andrade	June 3	Sherrell Hill	June 27
Sandra Zambo	May 12	Anne French	June 6	Crystal Rivera	June 27
	•			Jamie Gifford	June 29
Tereta McClory, CCLS	May 17	Lelia Jackson	June 7	Debbie Frias, CCLS	June 30

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LUNCHTIME LEARNING WEBINAR

The Law Office Administration and Criminal Law Legal Specialization Sections Present



"Crimmigration"

Immigration Consequences of a Criminal Conviction: A Review of Lawful Permanent Residency vs. Executive Action

Speaker: Janell Somera, Esq.

June 10, 2015, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Law Office Administration/Criminal Law Section Member Free with Advanced Reservations \$5 After June 3, 2015	\$10 with Advanced \$15 After June	Reservation \$1	5 with Advanced Reservation \$20 After June 3, 2015
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Legal Procedures Submitted by Corene Rodder



US Courts – Request for input – Local Bankruptcy Forms

Have you ever asked yourself: "Why don't we have a form for that?" Well here is your chance to suggest what and why. The U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of California has established a Forms Committee and is asking for your input on the creation of "new" forms that should be considered by the court. Also, please consider what changes might be made to the existing forms to make the form easier, smarter and more effective. Local Bankruptcy Forms can be found at http://www.casb.uscourts.gov/html/individual forms.htm. Your comments or samples can be emailed to LBRcomments@casb.uscourts.gov [please include the name, firm name (if any), e-mail address, and phone number of the person submitting the comment] or by mail to the Clerk of Court at 325 West F Street, San Diego, California 92101 - 6991. Please note on the envelope: "Local Forms". Please provide your input by June 2. Barry Lander, Clerk of Court.



Judicial Council of California Communications, 455 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102-3688 California Courts Infoline 800-900-5980, www.courts.ca.gov

NEWS RELEASE Contact: Kevin J. Lane, 619-744-0760 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE May 6, 2015

Fourth Appellate District Announces Destruction of Old Court Records

RIVERSIDE—The <u>Court of Appeal</u>, <u>Fourth Appellate District</u>, Division Two (Riverside), has announced its intention to destroy the following civil and juvenile records under Rule 10.1028(d) of the California Rules of Court.

The court will destroy all original proceedings filed from 1995 to 2004.

These cases encompass criminal and civil cases preserved for a period longer than 20 years.

To request a copy of cases on this list, send an email to kevin.lane@jud.ca.gov.

Anyone who knows of a reason why any of the above cases should be retained, whether for historical or other purposes, should notify Kevin J. Lane, Clerk/Administrator. The reasons for retention should be in writing, should be received by the court by Friday, May 22, 2015, and should be addressed to:

Mr. Kevin J. Lane, Clerk/Administrator Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District 750 B Street, Suite 300 San Diego, CA 92101

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Legal Procedures (continued from page 12) Submitted by Corene Rodder

United States District Court

Central District of California

Amended Local Rules Effective June 1, 2015

The amended Local Civil Rules listed below will become effective June 1, 2015. Redlined versions of these rules, as well as a complete copy of the Local Civil Rules that will be effective June 1, 2015, are available on the Court's website and accompany the electronic version of this notice.

Amended Local Civil Rules:

- 5-4.2(b)(1) [(Documents Excluded from Electronic Filing) Non-paper or Other Unusual Exhibits]
- 5-4.2(b)(4) [(Documents Excluded from Electronic Filing) Records for Bankruptcy Appeals and Administrative Review Cases]
- 5-4.3.1 [(Format of Electronically Filed Documents) Technical Requirements (File Format and Size Limitations)]
- 83-17.3 [(Special Requirements for Habeas Corpus Petitions Involving the Death Penalty) Initial Filings and Petitions]
- 83-17.7 [(Special Requirements for Habeas Corpus Petitions Involving the Death Penalty) Procedures for Considering the Petition]

All proceedings in cases commenced on or after June 1, 2015, and, insofar as just and practicable, all proceedings then pending will be governed by these new and amended rules.

Terry Nafisi

District Court Executive

May 1, 2015

United States District Court

Eastern District of California

Effective Monday, May 11, 2015, court provided public Wi-Fi access will no longer be available in the Eastern District of California Courthouses in Sacramento*, Fresno, Bakersfield, Redding and Yosemite National Park.

We are sorry for this inconvenience and hope to have court provided public Wi-Fi access available again in the near future.

• Public Wi-Fi access will remain available in the first floor attorney lounge and conference rooms in Sacramento only.

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Kern County Superior Court

NOTICE: Court discontinuing CaseFax submissions

Effective May 4, 2015 at 5 pm - The CaseFax (e-fax) system for Civil case filings will no longer be used or maintained by the Superior Court of Kern County. The Court will have a new system for Civil case filings - Odyssey File & Serve (e-filing) will be available for use in May of 2015. See the attached CA eFiling announcement here. The new Odyssey File & Serve site will have a maintenance outage until Wednesday, May 13th and be ready for Civil filings after that date. In preparation for use of the new site, it is recommended that all users attend a one hour on-line training session. Training sessions can be scheduled here. Kern has about 1500 current users, so early registration for a training session is recommended to reserve your seat. Become a registered user or learn more about California Odyssey File & Serve here.

To check on your filing, please call the Court main number and ask for your department (e.g. Civil, Family Law, etc.) at:

• Civil – unlimited: 661.868.7205

Civil – limited: 661.868.7204

For other questions use the Court web site at: http://www.kern.courts.ca.gov

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO 720 9TH STREET SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING FEE INCREASE FOR DUPLICATING ELECTRONIC RECORDINGS

(In Accordance with CA Govt. Code Section 70631 & CA Rule of Court 10.815)

NOTICE EFFECTIVE APRIL 6, 2015

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, effective April 6, 2015 the Sacramento Superior Court will increase the fee to duplicate electronic recordings of proceedings from cassette tape to compact disc. The fee for this service is \$50.00 per CD.

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Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles

April 22, 2015

To: Central Civil West – Filing Window Staff

From: Dominic Elias, Court Operations Manager

Subject: Collection of Complex Fees

Effective immediately, the complex case fee (\$1000) as well as the first appearance fee (\$435) shall be collected from each defendant, intervenor, respondent, or adverse party that files their first paper in a case that has been designated complex. This includes all Provisionally Complex Cases (CCWCPX), Class Action Cases, and Asbestos Cases awaiting a judicial ruling regarding complex determination.

Government Code section 70616(b) authorizes the collection of complex case fees as follows:

"In addition to the first appearance fee required under Section 70612 or 70614, a complex case fee shall be paid on behalf of each defendant, intervenor, respondent, or adverse party, whether filing separately or jointly, either at the time that party files its first paper in a case if the case is designated or counterdesignated as complex pursuant to the California Rules of Court, or, if no such designation was made, in each case in which a court determines that the case is a complex case pursuant to the California Rules of Court, within 10 calendar days of the filing of the court's order."

Please note that pursuant to Government Code section 70616(a), "...a single complex case fee shall be paid to the clerk on behalf of all plaintiffs, whether filing separately or jointly..." This fee is collected by the Filing Window at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse at the time the Complaint is filed.

CC: Marilynn Holcomb, Administrator II

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NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Ms. Charlene Ynson, 559-445-5491.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 26, 2015

Mandatory e-Filing at Fifth Appellate District begins with civil filings in February

Allows for 24 hour filing; self-represented litigants exempt; criminal and juvenile matters to follow later

FRESNO—Administrative Presiding Justice Brad Hill today announced that the Court of Appeal, <u>Fifth Appellate District</u> will implement mandatory e-Filing of all civil filings, including original proceedings, through <u>TrueFiling</u>, beginning February 17, 2015.

"We are pleased to be the second Court of Appeal in the state to implement an e-Filing system that will benefit the public, attorneys, and the court by providing a more efficient, convenient, and technologically advanced process for filing and managing cases," said Administrative Presiding Justice Hill. "The court appreciates the cooperation and assistance demonstrated by the local bar associations in preparing for this major enhancement in service to the litigants and legal professionals in the counties we all serve."

Pre-registration for e-Filing in civil proceedings on <u>TrueFiling</u> will open on February 10, 2015, in preparation for the mandatory e-Filing commencement date of Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

The process is being implemented under California Rule of Court <u>8.70</u>, with exemptions under <u>Rule 8</u>. <u>Electronic Filing</u> of the Local Rules of the Court of Appeal Fifth Appellate District. It is currently planned to add e-Filing for criminal and juvenile matters in mid-March.

"The Clerk's office is looking forward to e-Filing and the positive changes it brings for everyone involved, and we also felt that it was important for equal access that there be an exemption process to the Rule, especially for self-represented litigants" said Fifth District Clerk / Administrator Charlene Ynson. "e-Filing is the next vital step toward continuing to meet the court's goals of providing more effective public access to the court, increasing our efficiency, and ultimately modernizing the court operations."

Implementation Resources

- Fifth Appellate District eFiling Training (webex)
- TrueFiling <u>Law Firm Administrator Guide</u>
- TrueFiling <u>Training Video Library</u>
- ImageSoft <u>TrueFiling Troubleshooting</u>

The 10 justice Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District in Fresno has jurisdiction over cases originating in the following counties: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne.

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Incoming Governor's Report Submitted by Jan Ainsworth



Annual Conference is just around the corner in May and with it being held at the Bahia Resort in sunny San Diego, you have the opportunity to take advantage of the many different seminars that LSI has to offer.

Friday morning will bring various officer and chairman workshops that are free for registered conference attendees. These workshops offer information for local association officers, or those

thinking of running for office, on what their jobs entail. There are also chairmen workshops that instruct local chairmen on what their job entails.

Friday afternoon we have three Legal Specialization Section Seminars being offered, and Saturday will have two more. If you are an SLSA member, these classes are discounted. Please see the registration form for more information.

Friday, May 15, 2015, 1:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Criminal Law: The Best and Worst Practices in Criminal Litigation

Civil Litigation: Demystifying the Rules of Evidence

Friday, May 15, 2015, 4:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Probate/Estate Planning and Family Law: Crossover Issues in Family Law and Estate Planning

Saturday, May 16, 2015, 4:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Law Office Administration: Adobe Training 1 & 2 Transactional Law: The Business of Craft Brewing

You can also sign up for the CCLS/Member Luncheon on Saturday (\$38) and celebrate everyone who has passed the CCLS exam this past year!

Conference registration, hotel information, and the Legal Specialization Section registration forms are in this bulletin but please feel free to email me if you have any other questions about attending! governor@slsa.org



CAPs (Chapter Achievement Points) Submitted by Lacy Monserrat, CCLS

Thank you so much to all of you who submitted CAPs points to me this year! Also, a special thank you to Michelle Chavez, CCLS. Michelle worked diligently each and every month to tally her CAPs and send me the information. If there was a CAPs reward, you definitely won it Girl! Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association's total CAPs for the 2014-2015 reporting year was 43,935.

As Governor, calculating CAPs can be a somewhat daunting task. I have two tips for those of you that would like to do your part to maximize the Association's CAPs for the 2015-2016 reporting year: One, make a point to review the CAPs reporting form each month. Be familiar with the

form and the things you as members can do to qualify for CAPs. Two, do not hesitate to forward emails that you receive regarding any legal updates to practice or procedure. Each email forwarded gathers 25 CAPs. Twenty-five points and all you need to do is hit forward and start typing Governor. That's right, there I am in the autofill, governor@slsa.com. Although I will not be continuing on as Governor, I will definitely be making it my personal mission to break the 50k mark this year!

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CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT REPORTING FORM 2015-2016

Each association in LSI participates every year in the Chapter Achievement Points (CAPs) contest, and these points are tracked by SLSA's Governor. This covers activities from April 1, 2015, through March 31, 2016.

Please complete this form and mail or email it to SLSA's Governor, Jan Ainsworth. 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.

Date of Event	<u>Event</u>			
	I submitted an article to The Legal Secretary magazine. (50 points)			
	I attended an LSI Quarterly or Annual Conference. (50 points)			
-	I attended an Officer/Chairman Workshop at the Annual Conference.			
	How many? (25 points)			
William Co. Co.	I rented a car through Hertz with the LSI discount. (200 points)			
	I took the CCLS exam - Test Date: (100 points)			
****	I passed the CCLS exam - Test Date: (200 points)			
	I recertified as a CCLS during the 2015-2016 fiscal year. (50 points)			
	l attended another association's monthly meeting, installation, or other function. (50 points)			
	I attended an educational workshop or seminar sponsored by SLSA or another local			
	association. (25 points)			
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	The Rutter Group. (25 points)			
	I am a member of at least one Legal Specialization Section. (50 points)			
	I am a member of all six Legal Specialization Sections as of March 31, 2016. (100 points)			
	I attended a Legal Specialization Section Seminar at Quarterly or Annual			
	Conference. How many? (50 points per seminar)			
	I submitted an article for use in a Legal Specialization Section newsletter. (50 points)			
	I purchased the Legal Professional's Handbook (LPH). (200 points)			
	I purchased the Law Office Procedures Manual (LOPM). (200 points)			
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LSI 1ST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE AUGUST 21-23, 2015

The Stockton Hilton 2323 Grand Canal Blvd. Stockton, California

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name (as it will appear on badge): Mailing Address: City/State/Zip: Home/Cell Telephone: Work Telephone: Email address: Local Association (please spell out): PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU ARE: Title			
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Debbie Burgoine, 222 East El Campo Avenue, Stockton, CA 95207;

For questions call Debbie at (209) 472.9676 evenings or email debbieburgoine@yahoo.com
For Questions/ general information, Contact Jan Kuykendall, CCLS, or Colleen Young, Conference co-chairs, at

ks24fanatic@aol.com or (209) 747-4781 (Jan) or youngns@comcast.net or (209) 609-4042.

NO REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 1, 2015

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HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

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CHECK IN/OUT:

Check-in Time: 3:00 p.m. / Check-out Time: 12:00 noon

AIRPORTS:

Sacramento International (approx. 50 miles)





FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jan Kuykendall, CCLS, Co-Chair ks24fanatic@aol.com, Phone: (209) 747-4781

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Colleen Young, Co-Chair youngns@comcast.net Phone: (209) 609-4042

DEADLINE FOR GROUP RATE IS JULY 30, 2015

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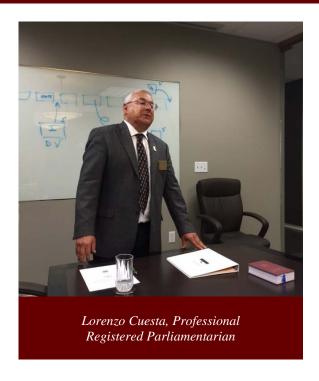


Legal Practice Bootcamp Submitted by Dawn Forgeur, CCLS

On March 20, 2015, SLSA partnered with the Sacramento County Bar Association's Mentorship Task Force for its first "Legal Practice Bootcamp" at McGeorge School of Law. This Bootcamp was for attorneys and law students to learn more practical skills for legal research, writing, and filings. Other presenters included Judge Judy Holzer Hersher of the Sacramento County Superior Court, and Kelly Browne, Assistant Director for Public Services for the Sacramento County Law Library. I teamed up with Astrid Watterson, CCLS and attorney Peter Kyung of Carson & Kyung, who is also on the SCBA Board of Directors and Chair of the SCBA Lawyer Referral and Information Service. Our presentation was *Nuts and Bolts of Filing Pleadings: What Your Legal Secretary Wishes You Knew* - and it was very well received! The audience was a mix of attorneys, students, solo and small practice attorneys - all of whom had plenty of questions for us during and after our presentation! This was a great mentorship program that I hope the SCBA is able to continue each year. I believe that getting the information out to law students and attorneys about what a legal secretary and/or paralegal actually does and what they can do to help their practice is invaluable. SLSA is very appreciative that it was asked to participate in this event and we truly appreciate the partnership with the SCBA.

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CCLS Vocabulary & Quiz (Answers on Page 33) Submitted by Liz Gideon, CCLS



Definitions	
ALLUSION	An indirect reference
SITE	A place
ALL MOST	All very much
DISPERSE	To scatter
ASSURE	To give confidence to someone
EFFECT	To bring about
AFFECT	To influence
EMINENT	Well-known; prominent
VORACIOUS	Greedy
INTRASTATE	Within one state

Select	the correct meaning of the word:	
1.	ASSENT	
	A. act of rising	B. consent
2.	FACETIOUS	
	A. artificial	B. witty
3.	ACCEDE	
	A. to comply with; to give one's consent	B. to surpass
4.	ACCEPT	
	A. to take; to receive	B. to exclude
5.	DISBURSE	
	A. to pay out	B. to scatter
6.	INFER	
	A. to suggest	B. to deduce, to guess
7.	ILLUSIVE	
	A. baffling; hard to catch	B. misleading; unreal
8.	A STATE OF DEVELOPMENT	
	A. faze	B. phase
9.	JUST; RIGHT	
	A. equable	B. equitable
10.	A SARCASTIC REMARK	
	A. gibe	B. jibe

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Founded locally in 1911, the Northern California & Northern Nevada affiliate of Volunteers of America is one of the largest providers of social services in the region, operating more than 40 programs including housing, employment services, substance abuse and recovery services to families, individuals, veterans, seniors and youth. In fact, Volunteers of America provides shelter or housing to nearly 1,800 men, women and children every night in the Greater Sacramento area. Nationally, Volunteers of America helps more than 2.5 million people annually in more than 400 communities.

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Perhaps more than any other document in human history, Magna Carta ("the Great Charter") has come to embody a simple but enduring truth: No one, no matter how powerful, is above the law. Celebrating its 800th anniversary, Magna Carta has taken root as an international symbol of the rule of law and as an inspiration for many basic rights Americans hold dear today.

Join us on Law Day, May 1, to commemorate this "Great Charter of Liberties," and rededicate ourselves to advancing the principle of rule of law in our community.

Friday, May 1
11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

New City Hall Council Chambers
915 I Street, Sacramento, CA
Public Welcome

Program (approx. 1.5 hrs):

- o Introduction: City Attorney, James C. Sanchez
- Magna Carta—800 Years of the Great Charter
 Short film
- History and Significance of Magna Carta
 Gerald C. Hicks, Supervising Deputy City Attorney
- Interactive Presentation on Individual Rights
 Adrian Carpenter, Deputy City Attorney
- Effecting Change and Empowering Individuals in Our Community Presentations by Sacramento Police
 Department and Sacramento Public Library
- Vendors: University of the Pacific—McGeorge School of Law; Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association;
 Sacramento Public Library; Sacramento Police Department
- Light refreshments provided

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Law Day Event Submitted by Paula Lockard, CCLS

On May 1, 2015, Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association was a vendor at the sixth annual Law Day event hosted by the City Attorney Office of the City of Sacramento. Law Day 2015's theme "Magna Carta - Symbol of Freedom Under Law" marked the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta ("Great Charter"). The event was both inter-active and informative. We learned a little history of this powerful document, discussed the rights that are important to you, and achieved a better understanding of how to promote the principles of Magna Carta in our community.

Elizabeth Madden, CCLS and Paula Lockard, CCLS talked with visitors attending the program, along with two K-9 officers.

Other vendors were the Sacramento Police Department, the Sacramento Public Library, and the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

President Dwight Eisenhower established the first Law Day in 1958 to mark the nation's commitment to the rule of law. In 1961, Congress issued a joint resolution designating May 1 as the official date for celebrating Law Day, which is subsequently codified (U.S. Code, Title 36, Section 113). Every president since then has issued a Law Day proclamation on May 1 to celebrate the nation's commitment to the rule of law.

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Employment Report Submitted by Jaymie Moralez



This free benefit offered by SLSA provides the legal community with a place to post job openings for all categories of job positions.

SLSA assists in every possible manner to procure employment for members of this association and cooperates with attorneys in filling positions in law offices, but in no event does this association act as an employment agency.

Employers desiring/needing to place an advertisement for employment on SLSA's website may view the "Employment Opportunities" page on this website and format the advertisement like those already posted. Employers will also 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, and years of experience required. The attorney/employer is requested to e-mail the Employment Chair with the advertisement formatted like those currently posted on the "Employment Opportunities" page. Advertisements for employment are usually posted as soon as possible.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact the employers, schedule interviews, exchange resumes, and to discuss benefits and salary, etc. All information is listed until notification to drop the name/position is

given to the Employment Chair.

Legal Assistant/Paralegal (Sonora). Legal Assistant/Paralegal position with a prominent law firm in Sonora, CA. Experience in Probate, Trusts, Estate Planning, Conservatorships and Guardianships required. Proficiency with MS Word, WordPerfect, Excel, creating correspondence, legal documents and pleadings necessary. Salary based on experience and abilities. Submit resumes to marga-ret@dtalawyers.com.

Legal Assistant/Paralegal (Sonora). Legal Assistant/Paralegal position with a prominent law firm in Sonora, CA. Proficiency with MS Word, WordPerfect, Excel, Quicken and Timeslips necessary. Skills in client billing, accounts receivable, accounts payable, file management and organization necessary. Experience in Probate, Trust and Estate Planning helpful. Salary based on experience and abilities. Submit resumes to margaret@dtalawyers.com.

Experienced Legal Secretary. Seeking a full-time legal secretary with a minimum of 5 years of experience to provide high quality administrative and secretarial assistance to assigned lawyers and paralegals. *Duties and responsibilities include:* proofreading and finalizing letters, pleadings, and motions; maintaining paper and electronic files; collecting and analyzing information and preparation of charts; preparing expense reports; answering telephones, and screening and transmitting telephone calls to lawyers; scheduling conference calls and other commitments; arranging travel for attorneys; and performing other duties as assigned, including serving as back-up receptionist, as required. Must have superior grammar and proofreading skills, and be able to multi-task, meet deadlines, prioritize duties and work under pressure with minimal supervision. Ideal applicant will be a proactive, self-starter who shows ownership of his or her work, a commitment to serving the firm's clients, a strong ability to work well as part of a team, and a very positive attitude. Interested individuals should provide a resume and list of references to Danielle Stephens at dstephens@kwgattorneys.com.

Estate Planning Legal Secretary. Weintraub Tobin's Sacramento office is currently seeking a full-time (40 hours per week) experienced Estate Planning Secretary to join our Trust and Estates Practice Group. The successful candidate must be able to multi-task in a fast-paced and professional environment, enjoy working as part of a team, and demonstrate a commitment to quality client service. Under minimal supervision, the Estate Planning Secretary will be expected to carry out the following job duties and responsibilities: welcome guests and clients by greeting them in person or on the telephone; answering or directing inquiries; produce legal information by transcribing, formatting, inputting, editing, retrieving, copying, and transmitting text, data, and graphics, coordinating case preparation and assuring that high priority items are completed in a timely manner; conserve attorneys' time by reading, researching, reviewing, verifying, and routing correspondence, reports and legal documents; draft letters and documents; collect and analyze information; schedule couriers, court reporters, expert witnesses, and other special functions; coordinate preparation of charts, graphs, and other courtroom visuals; prepare expense reports; maintain attorney calendar by planning and scheduling conferences, teleconferences, depositions, and travel; record and monitor court appearance dates, pleadings, and filing requirements; monitor evidence-gathering; complete and submit conflict check forms, screening forms and new matter request forms; represent attorney by communicating and obtaining information; following-up on delegated assignments; know when to refer matters to the attorney; maintain client confidence by keeping client/attorney information confidential; Input time entry; review and edit bills; additional duties as assigned including assisting other secretaries, as needed. The ideal candidate will have the following capabilities: excellent interpersonal skills; ability to empathize with clients and build a personal connection; strong analytical and problem solving skills; effective communication skills; superb drafting skills; attention to detail and high level of accuracy; strong organizational skills; stress and time management skills; flexibility in dealing with multiple projects and assignments; strong client focus; excellent at managing the very busy desk, interacting with clients, and proactively keeping

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work and assigned attorneys on schedule. *Education and Experience*: college degree preferred but not required; minimum of five years of Trusts and Estate Planning experience including trust administration, probate administration and related real estate projects; knowledge of State, Probate Court and tax filings requirements; advanced operation and knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite (Outlook, Word, Excel and PowerPoint); type 50 wpm; solid drafting and proofreading skills; self-motivated and able to work independently; ability to multi-task and meet deadlines. Qualified candidates should send their cover letter, resume and salary requirement to wrecruiting@weintraub.com.

Litigation Secretary (Sacramento). Sacramento law firm seeks a full or part time experienced litigation secretary, minimum 5 years of experience as a legal secretary. *Duties/Experience Required include:* heavy typing (minimum 80 words per minute); preparation and electronic filing of legal pleadings; data entry; managing attorney calendars; correspondence and communication with clients, courts, and attorneys. This position requires in-depth knowledge of WordPerfect, Outlook, Sage Timeslips, and Adobe. Knowledge of federal and state rules of court and civil procedure is necessary. Applicants must be able to work under deadlines, communicate effectively, and have exceptional attention to detail and accuracy. Problem solving skills, a good memory, and organization are a must for this busy desk. We are located in Sacramento in the Howe Ave./Fair Oaks Blvd. vicinity. We are a bankruptcy firm that has a select group of clients that we serve, not the general public. Bankruptcy experience is desired. Please submit cover letter, resume, references, and salary requirements to staff@epinolaw.com for consideration. Please detail in your cover letter what specific experience you have that corresponds with the duties listed above. Please only reply to this ad if you have the skills listed in the experience required section.

Legal Secretary. Low McKinley Baleria & Salenko, an AV-rated insurance defense firm seeks a legal secretary with a minimum of 5 years of experience in insurance defense. Candidate must have excellent communication and organizational skills, along with a strong work ethic. Must have knowledge of Word, type at least 75 wpm, and have excellent spelling, grammar, and punctuation skills. Candidate must also be able to multi-task, meet deadlines, and prioritize workload with minimal supervision. The firm offers competitive salary and benefits. Interested candidates should send their resume with salary requirements to Robyn Mitts at rgm@lmblaw.net.

Experienced Legal Secretary. Seeking a full-time legal secretary with a minimum of 5 years of experience to provide high quality administrative and secretarial assistance to assigned lawyers and paralegals. Duties and responsibilities include proofreading and finalizing letters, pleadings, and motions; maintaining paper and electronic files; collecting and analyzing information and preparation of charts; preparing expense reports; answering telephones, and screening and transmitting telephone calls to lawyers; scheduling conference calls and other commitments; arranging travel for attorneys; and performing other duties as assigned, including serving as back-up receptionist, as required. Must have superior grammar and proofreading skills, and be able to multi-task, meet deadlines, prioritize duties and work under pressure with minimal supervision. Ideal applicant will be a proactive, self-starter who shows ownership of his or her work, a commitment to serving the firm's clients, a strong ability to work well as part of a team, and a very positive attitude. Interested individuals should provide a resume and list of references to Danielle Stephens at dstephens@kwgattorneys.com.

Legal Secretary/Assistant. Mennemeier Glassman LLP, a small downtown law firm specializing in civil litigation, seeks an experienced litigation secretary/assistant for a part-time position (approx. 20-25 hours/week). Candidates should have 2 years of litigation experience, be familiar with state and federal court rules and procedures, have the ability to multi-task under tight deadlines, be able to edit and proofread legal documents, and have excellent clerical skills for maintaining files. Proficiency in Word, WordPerfect, and Timeslips is a must. The position allows for a flexible schedule. Compensation will depend on experience and qualifications. The firm provides competitive compensation and paid parking. Interested parties may send résumés via email to <a href="https://mrs.liter.com/hr/9/mrs.

Legal Secretary - Litigation (Downtown Sacramento). Somach Simmons & Dunn, a mid-sized environmental law firm, is currently looking for an experienced legal secretary with a minimum ten years of civil litigation experience as well as some public agency experience. Qualified candidates will possess excellent communication, organizational, document production, and computer skills combined with a strong work ethic. Candidate must have a thorough working knowledge of WORD, type at least 75 wpm, and possess excellent spelling, grammar, and punctuation skills. Working knowledge of both federal and state court rules is required. Must be able to work independently, have the ability to multi-task, have excellent attention to detail, and be a team player. Somach Simmons & Dunn offers an excellent work environment with competitive salary and benefits including paid parking. Interested candidates should send their resume with cover letter including salary requirements to Somach Simmons & Dunn, Attn: Craig Price, 500 Capitol Mall, Suite 1000, Sacramento, CA 95814 (no phone calls please).

Litigation Secretary/Paralegal (Sacramento-Capitol Mall). California's leading education law firm seeks an experienced litigation secretary to join a collegial team of results-oriented practitioners. *REQUIRED duties and experience include:* heavy document production and file management; OAH, state and federal court filings; legal calendaring via Compulaw or similar electronic court rules program; heavy drafting of correspondence and client interaction/communication with clients, courts, and attorneys; a minimum of 5 years of litigation experience as a secretary/paralegal working with multiple attorneys; in-depth knowledge of Microsoft Suite, Omega Time-keeping and DMS IManage or similar software; expert knowledge of OAH, federal and state rules of court and civil procedure. Prefer-

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ence will be given to applicants with demonstrated ability to work under competing deadlines, communicate effectively, and have exceptional attention to detail and accuracy. Problem solving skills, prioritization, a good memory, and organization are a must. Secretaries with strong employment history and insurance defense background are encouraged to apply. Please submit cover letter, resume, references, and salary requirements to aRoe@F3law.com. Your cover letter should outline specific experience which corresponds with the duties listed above. We invite you to learn more about our firm at www.f3law.com.

Part-Time Administrative Assistant. MALDEF is the nation's leading non-profit Latino civil rights law firm. Founded in 1968, MALDEF works to safeguard the civil rights of Latinos and to increase the community's ability to participate fully in American society. We currently seek a part-time Administrative Assistant to support our legal and policy staff in the Sacramento Office.

Job Responsibilities: Under the supervision of the Legislative Staff Attorney, the Administrative Assistant provides the secretarial, clerical, and office administrative functions required in a small office, using initiative and judgment as necessary in the absence of the attorneys. The Administrative Assistant answers telephones taking and relaying messages and information; schedules appointments and meetings; prepares and processes incoming and outgoing mail and correspondence; maintains an office calendar and tickler system for important dates, deadlines, and other appointments; maintains the office filing system; drafts simple correspondence and memoranda; types testimony, fact sheets and talking points; proofreads documents for accuracy; performs clerical collation; puts together reports and exhibits; fills in forms precisely and without error; prepares expense forms and check requests; processes and maintains petty cash and cash disbursements; answers telephones and serves as receptionist. Qualifications and Experience: The successful candidate will have two (2) years experience performing secretarial or clerical tasks in professional office environment. Law and/or legislative office experience highly preferred. Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: The successful candidate will have basic knowledge of legal terminology and basic understanding of legal/legislative systems and documents; knowledge of general organization of pleading/brief dockets and legal correspondence files; excellent computer skills, especially word processing, spreadsheets, and Internet. Knowledge of WordPerfect, MSWord, Adobe Acrobat and the Internet; knowledge of proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling sufficient to proofread legal work and to compose simple correspondence; ability to read and understand rules and procedures sufficient to prepare and format documents; skill in typing and word processing at a minimum of 50 wpm; knowledge of both legal and general office procedures and routines. Candidates must be able to communicate fluently in both English and Spanish, including the ability to speak, read, write, understand, and translate from one language to the other.

Compensation: \$13.52 - \$16.33 per hour. Salary is commensurate with experience. Part time employees are eligible for some benefits including 11 holidays (paid at 50%) and 80 hours of personal time off (PTO) per year. Part time employees also may elect to participate in our 403(b) retirement plan with employer match. How to Apply: Send cover letter and résumé by email to: jobs@maldef.org. For ease of processing please title your email as follows: Your Name – SAC Administrative Assistant. Attachments should be in .doc, .docx, .rtf, .txt or .pdf format. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Part-Time File Clerk. Stone Graves Dutra & Oates is looking for a part-time file clerk. Job responsibilities include filing, copying, scanning and pulling files for attorneys making appearances. Additional duties include indexing and sending files to storage; handling incoming and outgoing mail and assisting with phones. Qualifications include proficiency in MS Office (Word and Outlook), ability to alphabetize, prioritize. We are looking for someone who is not afraid of hard work, energetic, diligent and very organized. Please send resume and salary requirements to Deseree Aguillen at daguillen@stonegraves.com.

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Employment Report (continued from page 30) Submitted by Jaymie Moralez

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Look What's New At LSI Submitted by Lynne Prescott, CCLS

LSI's Marketing Committee is pleased to present a new LSI Membership Pin and new LSI President's Pin, both of which bear the new LSI logo. Even better, the purchase price of the new pins remains the same as the old ones: \$5 for Membership Pin; and, \$7 for President's Pin.

The new Membership Pin (pictured at left) is oval-shaped, with a leaf cluster adornment on each side. Not only does it bear the new LSI logo, but also LSI's motto of "Educating California's Legal Support Professionals."

The new President's Pin (pictured at right) is approximately two-and-a-half times larger than the old pin, making it a standout statement piece. The entire pin is rimmed with a beautiful gold-tone finish.





Additionally, the Marketing Committee introduced a new LSI Tote Bag (pictured at left) at the Annual Conference in San Diego. This sturdy canvas-construction bag bears the new LSI logo in color, set against a blue and black color scheme. Dual zippers at the top, pockets in front and on the side, and a deep center compartment make this a great carrying case for attending meetings and conferences, or just handling your everyday needs. This beautiful, practical bag is priced at just \$10!

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Congratulations! Submitted by Crystal Rivera

Congratulations to Jan Ainsworth, recipient of SLSA's Membership Award for the 2014-2015 term. She attended more SLSA regular monthly meetings from April 2014 to March 2015 than any other member! Jan received a Membership Award Certificate, which entitles her to attend two regular SLSA dinner meetings for free.





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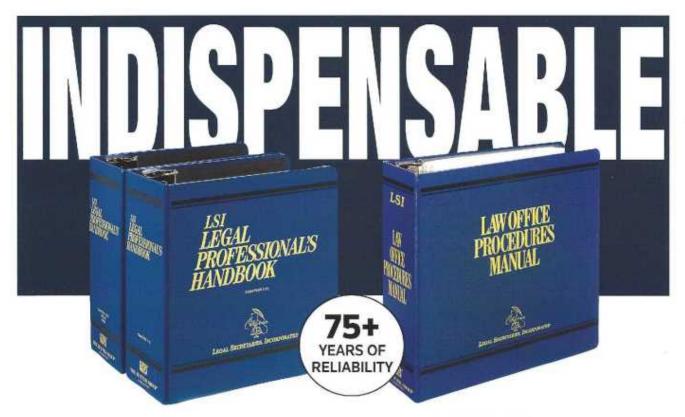
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LSI's 81st Annual Conference, May 14-17, San Diego Submitted by Crystal Rivera

I was glad I was able to attend LSI's 81st Annual Conference in San Diego. This year's annual conference was hosted by San Diego LSA, at the Bahia Resort on May 14-17. They did an awesome job! As usual, annual conference had lots of workshops and Legal Specialization Section (LSS) seminars, great speakers, many vendors, great location, and lots of familiar faces. You would think San Diego – sunny, right? Well, San Diego was not so sunny. Rainy, overcast, and windy. Sunday was clear – and the day we had to leave. Go figure!

Friday morning I attended the Presidents' Roundtable, moderated by Yvonne Waldron-Robinson, CCLS and Christa Davis (both LSI Past Presidents). The workshop was very informative for this newbie president. I then attended the Presidents' Luncheon. After lunch, I joined our new Governor Jan Ainsworth at the Civil Litigation Section Seminar "Demystifying the Rules of Evidence." Attorney Mary J. V. Cataldo provided an interesting, analytic approach to admissible evidence. Friday evening was the Welcome Reception on the paddle boat William D. Evans with its beautiful leaded glass ceiling – which made for weird acoustics. Later that evening, a few of us ventured to Old Town San Diego to Fred's Mexican Restaurant for some cocktails, great food, and lots of laughter!

Saturday morning was back to business, starting at 8:00 a.m. with the Pre-Board of Governors' Meeting where various recommendations were discussed and adopted. Then it was off to General Assembly, which started at 9:30 a.m. The guest speaker was Michael Roddy, Executive Officer of the Superior Court of San Diego County. Mr. Roddy was the Executive Officer of the Sacramento Superior Court from 1989-1994.

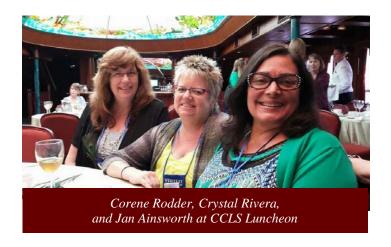
I then attended the CCLS Luncheon, along with the rest of the SLSA gals. The new CCLSes were announced and each given a beautiful corsage. The new CCLSes who were able to attend each gave a short speech about their trials and tribulations of studying for and passing the CCLS exam. Many encouraged others to take the CCLS exam. After lunch, it was back to business with General Assembly. I then attended the Law Office Administration Seminar "Adobe Training 1&2." I have to admit, much of it was over my head – but I brought back handouts so maybe one day I'll try some of the tricks.

Saturday ended with Banquet. The guest speaker was the Honorable Kenneth J. Medel of the San Diego County Superior Court. Judge Medel spoke of his days as a practicing attorney and stories about a few of his secretaries. A couple of his secretaries were young and he learned they used a different vocabulary – such as, "whatever." He did have a

lot respect for his secretaries, but seemed especially fond of Priscilla. Priscilla was a more mature woman, who was like a guard when it came to protecting her attorney and his files. When he was appointed as superior court judge, he thought of those whom he wanted to be at the official ceremony and Priscilla was the first to come to mind. He was able to contact one of Priscilla's children and was told that she was dying from cancer and not long for this world, but he was able to visit Priscilla before she passed away. The memory brought tears to Judge Medel, and to others in the audience.

Sunday was our last day, which started with brunch at 9:00 a.m. and included the installation of 2015-2016 Officers. SLSA had five members on the platform: Lynne Prescott, CCLS, LSI Treasurer; Astrid Watterson, CCLS; LSI Parliamentarian; Dawn Forgeur, CCLS, Legal Specialization Sections Coordinator; Tammy Hunt, CCLS, Law Office Administration Section Leader; and, Michelle Chavez, CCLS, Publications Revision Committee Assistant Editor. After brunch, I attended the Post-Board of Governors meeting with Jan Ainsworth, where the last recommendation was adopted.

It was a wrap, and time to say goodbye to sunny (finally) San Diego.



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LSI's 81st Annual Conference, May 14-17, San Diego (continued) Submitted by Crystal Rivera

The new 2014-2015 CCLSes were honored at the CCLS Luncheon at annual conference. Congrats to SLSA's very own new CCLSes: Diana Crow, CCLS and Lacy Monserrat, CCLS! The following are the CCLSes who were acknowledged at conference:

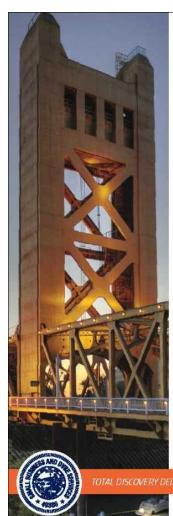
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Delegate Report LSI's 81st Annual Conference, May 14-17, San Diego Submitted by Paula Lockard, CCLS



Thank you for electing me to be one of the delegates representing SLSA at LSI's 81st Annual Conference held at the Bahia Resort in San Diego, CA. This is my third time attending an annual conference. What a venue—beautiful hotel and my room was right on the beach. Every morning Mr. and Mrs. Mallard greeted me on my patio.

I attended four classes on Friday. First, was a fun Scrapbook/ History workshop presented by Cynthia McQueen, a demonstra-

tor from Stampin' Up. She touched on the traditional, Project Life and Digital types of scrapbooking. The hour was jammed with information and fun projects to do at home. The digital type of scrapbook was interesting if you are not a tactile person, (i.e., cut outs, embellishments and raised lettering). Although you could combine that style with digital very easily. Several online companies make scrapping easy and affordable, such as Shutterfly, Smilebox and Prestophoto. Denise Lopes, CCLS, Humboldt County LPA, and LSI Historian gave extremely handy tips she's used to create her award winning History Books.

My second class was Advertising/Social Media presented by Rod Cardinale, Jr., Social Media Chair of Santa Clara County LPA and Larry McGrew, Advertising Chair from San Francisco LPA. LSI is advancing to meet the challenges of a modern social application world. With Facebook, Twitter and other online social networks, there is no reason people cannot hear about our organization. Even a chapter with only two members can share their ideas and events. And apps are mostly free. They gave very detailed information and offered to help any one of us develop a strategy to move forward. We should always look forward and think of the next big thing. What's next? Change does not stop.

After a delightful lunch, I headed to Criminal Law presented by the Honorable Richard S. Whitney from San Diego Superior Court. He went through pre-trial motions, voir dire and jury selection (which he thinks is the most important part of the trial, and one he likes the most), the deliberation process, evidence, and very interesting trial examples. He said the hardest part was the sentencing. The lawyers put forth the case, the jury gives the verdict, but the judge and only the judge, hands out the sentence. You are

telling one person how he might live for the rest of his life. Judge Whitney was intelligent and extremely engaging.

My last class was the crossover between Family Law and Estate Planning. This had everyone asking questions. It was filled with information that we can all use. Ms. Franks gave us so much information with humor that we could have stayed another hour or two!

If you would like any of the handouts from these classes, please let me know. I hope each of you plan to attend a conference. You'll come away with valuable information and meet fun and astonishing people.





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Delegate Report LSI's 81st Annual Conference, May 14-17, San Diego Submitted by Corene Rodder



Thank you for electing me to be one of the delegates representing SLSA at LSI's 81st Annual Conference held at the Bahia Resort in San Diego, CA. This is my second time attending an annual conference. I am glad to say that some faces were familiar. It is always nice to see other legal professionals from all over the state and attend the different meetings and workshops.

On Saturday, I was privileged to attend the Transactional Workshop entitled: "The Business of Craft Brewing." I was very interested to learn about some of the rules and laws surrounding the craft beer industry. Candace L. Moon, Esq., gave a very informative presentation that ended with the class being able to taste some different varieties of the product.

I am always amazed at the wonderful examples of bulletins submitted by different LSA/LPAs for the annual bulletin contest. In our category (F – over 150 members) there were only two entries, San Diego and Sacramento. We received second place in a close race. One of the judges awarded Sacramento a perfect score!

Sunday was a wonderful day beginning with the delegates registering in the ballroom. The sun was streaming through the windows as first the executive board was installed and then the chairmen were appointed. The installing officer, Christa Davis, LSI Past President 2008-2010 and member of the San Francisco LPA, introduced each of the executive board members with a tidbit of history from the category "Did you know?" Some were very interesting and comical. I did not know that you could not walk an elephant down the street nor did I know that the fortune cookie was invented in San Francisco. I was proud to see our very own Lynne Prescott, CCLS, installed as Treasurer and Astrid Watterson, CCLS, appointed as Parliamentarian.

Sandra Jimenez, CCLS, presented a monetary gift to President Mary Beaudrow, CCLS. After President Beaudrow gave her thank you speech, she then announced her appointed chairmen. So many members from our association have stepped up as chairmen: Dawn Forgeur, CCLS, LSS Coordinator; Tammy Hunt, CCLS, LSS Leader, Law Office Administration; Michelle Chavez, CCLS, PRC Assistant Editor.

Next came the announcements of the "People's Award" for the History Book and the Scrap Book. San Diego won with their beautiful History Book and San Francisco won with their beautiful Scrap Book. Denise Lopes, CCLS, Humboldt County LPA, presented President Beaudrow with volume 1 of the history of her first year as president of LSI. Leanna Pierce of San Diego LSA presented President Beaudrow with a tray containing tiles of the different landmarks of San Diego.

There was no new business. Among the announcements from the host association was the next quarterly conference to be held August 21-23, 2015, in Stockton, CA. The theme will be "A Visit to the Emerald Isle." Since Stockton is so close, I hope to see you there!

We ended with the closing song "Till We Meet Again." I encourage each of our members to attend a conference. You have the opportunity to learn so much from our membership.



Incoming Governor and Delegate Report LSI's 81st Annual Conference, May 14-17, San Diego Submitted by Jan Ainsworth



Hello members. This is your Governor and Delegate speaking. I decided to kill two birds with one stone (so to speak) and write a combo report on LSI's 81st Annual Conference held in sunny (not so much) San Diego at the Bahia Resort in the Mission Bay District. First, let me thank you for voting for me as your Governor. Second, let me also thank you for voting for me as one of your delegates. Now let me tell you a little bit about con-

ference. Sacramento LSA was well represented – we had ten attendees from SLSA at conference this year.

I arrived on Thursday night along with several others from our Association. Arose early on Friday - met a Mama Mallard and her nine ducklings quacking and pecking at my sliding glass door when I opened my curtains onto my patio - had breakfast in bed – and then headed out to workshops. It was pouring outside so a plastic garment bag subbed as my rain hat. I made it to the antique paddle boats and was able to catch a portion of the Parliamentary Procedure Officer/Chairmen Workshop moderated by our own Astrid B. Watterson, CCLS. I then headed over to the Governor's Workshop moderated by Heather Edwards, LSI's Executive Secretary. There I saw a few familiar faces. Welcome and introductions then followed. Many associations had the same person as incoming and outgoing Governor. It seems that it is becoming more and more difficult to find willing volunteers these days. The Executive Committee ("EC") Resume was handed out along with LSI's Proposed Budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Once the workshop was concluded we all headed to the Governor's Luncheon where Committee Recommendations and Bylaw Amendments were discussed (and which were later passed). Once workshops had concluded, vendors visited, checked out bulletins/scrapbook/history book display room, it was time for the Friday night reception. Afterwards, a group of us headed out on Uber to Fred's Mexican Restaurant in Old Town San Diego for dinner. Then back to the hotel for some shuteye and ready ourselves for conference to begin the next day.

On Saturday we were called to order at 9:30 a.m. – Session 1 began with the Report of the Registrar. The Registrar noted 75 delegates were registered, 68 delegates were present, 7 delegates were absent, and we had a quorum. Presentation of the Colors was performed by a local high

school ROTC unit. They were most polite. I asked a young man a question which I cannot recall at this moment and was answered with a Yes Ma'am. Followed by the rousing Pledge of Allegiance led by LSI Past President, Caroline E. Van De Pol, PLS, CLA/CAS, CCLS. If you do not know what all those accolades denote – look it up – it's impressive.

Our keynote speaker for Saturday was Michael Roddy, Executive Officer of the Superior Court of San Diego. You might recognize Mike's name as he was Executive Officer of the Superior Court of Sacramento from 1989-1994. Mike had a lot to say but what I remember most is that he knows that the court system is not up to par (not his words – mine), that millions of dollars were lost, but, and this is what I remember most, that the system should be back to normal by 2022. That's not that far off folks so keep the faith

After a short break, we reported back with the same Registrar notation as above.

Conference Standing Rules and Conference Election Rules were adopted. The 2015 Official Program was adopted as amended. Conference 2014 Annual Minutes were approved. Correspondence was read. Then came the reports of LSI's elected officers. Of note, the actions of the Treasurer, once again our very own Lynne Prescott, CCLS, brought a motion to ratify paying the routine bills during the Fourth Quarter of the fiscal year 2014-2015. The motion carried.

Thereafter, we recessed for lunch and attended the heralded CCLS Luncheon where all the new CCLSes were honored. Our very own Lacy Monserrat, CCLS and Diana Crow, CCLS, were among the celebrated. At this event, the new California Certified Legal Secretaries received wrist corsages, and then we heard their stories – wonderful, heartwarming stories of conquering the test and their struggles getting there – but getting there they did. Forty-six individuals sat for the CCLS Examination. Seventeen passed. Congratulations to Lacy Monserrat, CCLS and Diana Crow, CCLS.

We then reported for Session 2 with the same number of delegates registered, but this time 69 delegates were present and 6 delegates were absent.

LSI graciously accepted the 2017 bid for annual conference by Stanislaus County LSA. Marin and San Francisco LPA will co-host 2016 annual conference and the theme will be "A Tribute to Hollywood." There was no unfinished business nor was there any new business to be discussed and we adjourned so we could all gussy up for banquet.

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Once general session was adjourned for Saturday, we all hurried off to our various workshops. I attended the Civil Litigation Workshop - "Demystifying Evidence" by Mary V.J. Cataldo, Esquire. Mary discussed evidence, its relevance, foundation requirements for documents (authentication/best evidence/real versus demonstrative evidence), hearsay, exclusions and limitations, and much, much more. I have her handout if anyone would like a copy.

Saturday night banquet was lovely. Our Master of Ceremonies was The Honorable Kenneth J. Medel. Judge Medel was appointed to the San Diego Superior Court in October 2010. He discussed at length and with great admiration his time as an attorney with legal secretaries. He applauded us. He received a standing ovation from the banquet attendees.

At banquet, all the new CCLSes were again acknowledged and given their Certificates.

Now let's get to Sunday Brunch and Installation of 2015-2016 LSI Officers and Chairmen.

Installing Officer, Christa Davis of San Francisco LPA announced the newly elected officers with a place to be associated with them. They are as follows:

- Treasurer Lynne Prescott, CCLS Sacramento LSA – Cayman Islands
- Executive Secretary Heather Edwards San Fernando Valley LSA Jamaica
- Vice-President Jennifer L. Page, CCLS Marin County LPA Panama
- Mary J. Beaudrow, CCLS Mt. Diablo LPA New Orleans.

Newly appointed chairmen are as follows:

- Executive Advisor and Nominations and Elections Chair – Sandra T. Jimenez, CCLS – Imperial County LPA
- Parliamentarian Astrid B. Watterson, CCLS Sacramento LSA
- Editor-In-Chief: Publications Revisions Committee (Continuing Education Council) – Maria Bishop, CCLS – Mt. Diablo LPA
- Editor, *The Legal Secretary* Deborah Schmidt, CCLS Orange County LSA
- Educational Program Coordinator: (Continuing Education Council & Marketing Committee) – J. Cori Mandy, CCLS – San Diego LSA

- Historian Denise Lopes, CCLS Humboldt County LPA
- Legal Specialization Sections Coordinator: (Continuing Education Council/Marketing Committee) – Dawn R. Forgeur, CCLS – Sacramento LSA

And now for the LSI Annual Conference 2015 winners.

Regarding the 2014-2015 Bulletin Contest:

The associations are placed into six different categories, based on number of members. The categories and winners are:

- Class A (0-15 members) First Place Conejo Valley LPA
- Class B (16-30 members No entries
- Class C (31-45 members) First Place San Gabriel Valley LSA Second Place Beverly Hills/ Century City LSA
- Class D (46-65 members) First Place Merced County LSA
- Class E (66-150 members) First Place Orange County LPA– Second Place – San Francisco LPA– Third Place – Los Angeles LSA
- Class F (Over 150 members) First Place San Diego LSA – Second Place – Sacramento LSA

Let me say this about that – we did, however, take the win in the Membership Gain Contest – 51%!

Our President Crystal Rivera accepted the first place ribbon and \$25 check for that. And Corene Rodder, our 2014-2015 Bulletin Editor accepted the ribbon and \$20 check for second place in the Bulletin Contest. Let me just say that we were robbed. San Diego took home the honors in the Bulletin Contest and the history book contest.

With regard to Chapter Achievement Points ("CAPS"), in Category F, San Diego LSA won with over 51,000 points; SLSA had over 43,000 points. Rest assured, I will be bugging everyone about CAPS and keeping on top of capturing CAPS – SLSA wants to beat San Diego next year!



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LSI President Mary Beaudrow, CCLS, gave her President's Award to Maria Bishop, CCLS, Editor-in-Chief of the Publications Revision Committee, of Mt. Diablo LPA.

We adjourned at 10:40 a.m. with our closing song "Til We Meet Again."

Immediately following conference adjournment I attended the Post-Annual Board of Governors' Meeting. The LSI Proposed Budget 2015-2016 was read by LSI Treasurer. AND our very own, Lynne Prescott, CCLS. Deborah Schmidt, CCLS, Editor of The Legal Secretary announced the names of the associations scheduled to submit articles from guest writers, Governors, or members for publication in the August issue. Sacramento LSA was not among them.

Of interest, LSI Vice-President Jennifer L. Page, CCLS, announced total LSI membership is 1,555 including 24 Members At Large. LSI Treasurer (and did I mention our very own?) Lynne Prescott, CCLS, announced Per Capita received as of April 30, 2015 was \$31,105.00 and reviewed the Proposed Budget.

LSI Parliamentarian, and our very own, Astrid B. Watterson, CCLS, reviewed local association inquiries and status of bylaw revisions. Legal Specialization Section ("LSS") Coordinator, and our very own, Dawn R. Forgeur, CCLS, reviewed attendance at LSS seminars at this conference, reviewed topics/speakers for August 2015 Quarterly Conference, reviewed LSS June Crimmigration Class webinar: "Immigration Consequences of a Criminal Conviction: A Review of Lawful Permanent Residency v Executive Action" to be held on June 10, 2015, and also discussed LSS dues via PayPal. LSI Administrator Catherine Culver, CCLS, discussed the status of LSI hosting LSI August 2016 Quarterly Conference.

Once that was concluded, came the business of the Executive Committee ("EC") hiring a management service since our current LSI Administrator Catherine Culver, CCLS, will be retiring the middle of next month. This is where the fireworks began. The LSI Executive Committee recommended hiring California Advocates Management Services ("CAMS") as the LSI Administrator and further recommended executing their contract for services. CAMS submitted their Association Management Services Proposal to LSI on April 14, 2015. The motion was made and heavy discussion ensued. Some Governors in attendance were for it. Some were against. Some wanted to know if LSI could handle its own administration. Some wanted to know why we were not told sooner. Some wanted to postpone the vote. Some wanted to know if anyone else was considered. In the end a vote was taken and the ayes had it with a vote of 20. There were 4 nays. I know this because a Governor called for a standing hand count.

Once that was settled, we adjourned until August 2015 First Ouarterly Conference at the Stockton Hilton. Thereafter SLSA regrouped, checked out of our rooms, waited for our shuttle to the airport, and came home safe and sound.



Lacy Monserrat, CCLS and Lynne Prescott, CCLS



Paula Lockard, CCLS, Jan Ainsworth, and Corene Rodder

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The 2015-2016 LSI Officers and Chairman. See some familiar faces from SLSA?



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Outgoing Governor Report Submitted by Lacy Monserrat, CCLS



LSI's 81st Annual Conference in San Diego on May 15-17, 2015, marked the last conference I had the pleasure of attending in my capacity as Governor of the SLSA. was a fantastic weekend filled with great educational workshops, good friends, and a long-awaited show of sunshine prior to departing. Please note that with the exception of EC Recommendation No. 3, which was postponed to the Post Board of Governor's meeting, the fol-

lowing amendment and recommendations were passed:

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Bylaw Amendment Number 1:

A Proposed Bylaw Amendment to Article XIV, Section 6, was timely noticed and sent to all Governors. The purpose of the notice to amend the bylaw is to indicate that no proxy may be given by any governor. The amendment is to insert: "No proxy may be given by any Governor" at the end of the section.

If the motion passes it will read:

LSI Bylaw Article XIV, Section 6.

Section 6. Voting Rights. Only Governors shall have the right to vote at meetings of the Board; provided however, that a Governor shall not be entitled to vote unless the required per capita taxes on all members of the Local Association, which elected such Governor have been paid. Local associations who have not complied with the annual reporting requirements of the Internal Revenue Service and Franchise Tax Board and have not provided proof of said filing to the LSI Treasurer shall not be entitled to vote unless the required proof has been submitted. No proxy may be given by any Governor.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

EC Recommendation No. 1:

A notice of a proposed Executive Committee recommendation was timely noticed and sent to all Governors. The Executive Committee of LSI recommends that under LSI Bylaw Article XIII, Section 2, subsection (e), the charter membership of Monterey County Legal Secretaries Asso-

ciation be revoked. The reasons for the EC recommendation are due to Monterey County LSA's violation of LSI's Bylaw Article XIII, Section 2, subsection (b) "Membership Under Five" and subsection (c) "Failure to Pay Per Capita Taxes".

Pursuant to Article XIII, Section 2, subsection (e), of the LSI Bylaws a local association's charter may be revoked upon a 2/3 vote of the governors voting. If the recommendation passes, Monterey County LSA's charter will revoked. If it does not, Monterey County LSA's charter will remain active, but will continue to be in violation of LSI's Bylaw Article XIII, Section 2, subsections (b) and (c).

EC Recommendation No. 2:

The Executive Committee recommends inserting a new Standing Rule 27.2 to read as follows:

Debate is limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes, per speaker, per motion, per day. Each speaker may speak twice on the same motion. A person cannot speak a second time, if others who have not spoken at least once have not yet been given an opportunity to do so.

EC Recommendation No. 3:

The EC recommends hiring California Advocates Management Services (CAMS) as the LSI Administrator and further recommends executing their contract for services.

MARKETING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Marketing Committee Recommendation No. 1:

The LSI Marketing Committee recommends selling the new LSI tote bag for \$10.00 effective immediately.



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