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# The Legal Eagle

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### **Current and Upcoming Events**



SLSA Dinner Meeting Register by September 16



Entries due for LPOTY and BOTY



Reno Bus Trip



SLSA Board Meeting



Columbus Day - Courts Closed



SLSA Dinner Meeting Register by October 14

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### **President's Message**

### By: Brenda Bracy, CCLS

Can you believe we are nearing the end of summer already? As our summer comes to a close I hope everyone enjoyed their vacations and forwarded your pictures to our Bulletin Editor, Dawn Forgeur, CCLS, to be included in our Bulletin. I didn't take a vacation this summer like I usually do, so I didn't personally submit any pictures. This summer seemed to just fly by, to me anyway. The kids are back in school and the traffic is back to being hectic and congested again.

I have spent a lot of time this summer with the various members of our Association and I just want to say how much I enjoy being a part of SLSA and being your president. I truly enjoy spending time with all of you and I have made some lifetime friends from being a part of this association. I can honestly say that over this summer I have had some personal issues and several of you have reached out to me and spent time with me. I can't tell you how much that has meant to me. I know I can count on any of you in my time of need and I want all of you to know that each of you can count on me and the rest of this organization if you ever need anything as well. We are a great organization and the members have the biggest hearts that I have ever known.

Since my last report, I attended the LSI 1st quarterly conference in Stockton, and it was a lot of fun and I attended some great classes. On Friday night, a few of us attended the "game night" with other associations. It is a great way to get to know members of the other associations. On Saturday, I attended the Board of Governors meeting and the President's Lunch, which is a roundtable discussion with LSI President Heather Edwards and other association presidents. The afternoon was spent attending two classes and then Saturday night was the banquet. Sunday morning was the brunch with everyone.

This last Saturday, SLSA hosted its first ever BUNCO event, which was also my first time ever playing. We had so much fun. We will definitely do this again. First of all, I want to thank my daughter, Sacramento Police Officer Pamela Zamarripa, for getting the SPOA building for us to use for the night for really cheap. Second, I want to thank the committee members, Crystal Rivera, Corene Rodder, Michelle Chavez, CCLS, Dawn Forgeur, CCLS, Anne French, Rebecca Lerma (who did all of the cooking for the tacos), Jan Ainsworth, Crystal's best friend Jane and her sister Jean, and everyone else who helped us and came out to play for making it a huge success. We had a ton of raffle prizes that Crystal worked hard to get. The food was good, the game was fun, the prizes were great and we had a wonderful time. We even had a few members from the Placer County Association attend, who are pros at the game (since they host BUNCO every year). I hope to see more members come out and join us next time. Everyone who came out said they would do it again.

Our next event is our Reno Bus Trip, which is scheduled for October 6, 2018. I encourage all of you to sign up early as it will sell out. This is such a blast and we always have a lot of fun. The flyer is on the website. We will have a lot of raffle prizes for this event as well. During the bus ride we play games, drink, eat, and give away raffle prizes. If you don't like to gamble, the Italian Festival is also going on that day so you can walk around and check that out instead.

We have many new members in our Association this year. Please reach out to our new members and make them feel welcome. Become more involved this year. If anyone is interested in being on a committee or being on the board, please reach out to me or a board member. We could use more help and it is always rewarding to be more involved.

I look forward to seeing everyone at SLSA events and meetings this year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, suggestions, or comments to president@slsa.org.



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### RSVP by Midnight on Sunday, Sept. 16\*

#### 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)

\$30 SLSA Members / \$35 Non-Members Add \$5 after deadline

#### Make checks payable to "SLSA" and mail to:

Corene Rodder Registration/Reception Chair 2018-2019 c/o Somach Simmons & Dunn 500 Capitol Mall, Suite 1000 Sacramento, CA 95814

### Dinner Menu - Choice of:

- Spaghetti with Clam Sauce
- Spinach & Cheese Ravioli
- Baked Lasagna

Entrees include bread, salad, dessert, and choice of iced tea, hot tea, coffee, milk, soda, or water.



Thank You to Our Valued Vendor Partners!

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



Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association's

### *LEGAL PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR* 2018 – 2019

Nominations for SLSA's 2018-2019 *LEGAL PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR* are now being accepted.



Please submit an essay of 500 words or less explaining why your nominee (who must be a member of SLSA) should be the Legal Professional of the Year, and describe the nominee in three words.

Please email your essay by 5:00 p.m., September 24, 2017, to the following judges:

> Elizabeth Madden, CCLS – elizflower@comcast.net Michelle Chavez, CCLS – michellechavez@yahoo.com

All essays submitted by the deadline will be considered.

The *LEGAL PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR* winner will be announced at the October 18, 2018, dinner meeting. In recognition of his/her accomplishment, the winner will receive a plaque, certificate of recognition, and a \$75 gift card. Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association's

### *BOSS OF THE YEAR* 2018 – 2019



Nominations for SLSA's 2018-2019 *BOSS OF THE YEAR* are now being

accepted.

The nomination must be made by a member of SLSA.

Please submit an essay of 500 words or less. Your submission must also describe your boss in three words. The winning **BOSS** will receive a beautiful plaque and the nominating assistant will receive a \$50 gift card.

Please email your essay by 5:00 p.m., September 24, 2017, to the following judges:

> Elizabeth Madden, CCLS – elizflower@comcast.net Michelle Chavez, CCLS – michellechavez@yahoo.com

All essays submitted by the deadline will be considered.

The **BOSS OF THE YEAR** and the **nominating assistant** will be announced at the October 18, 2018, dinner meeting and will receive well-deserved recognition.

### **Governor's Report**

### By: Jan Ainsworth

LSI's First Quarterly Conference was held August 16-19, 2018, at the Stockton Hilton in Stockton, California. Eight SLSA members were in attendance; eight LSS seminars were attended; and we earned 1,100 Chapter Achievement Points.

Our Chapter Achievement Program for fiscal year 2018-2019 began April 1, 2018.

### CAPs TO DATE: 10,825 points.

The Board of Governors ("BOG") meeting convened at 9:05 a.m. on August 18, 2018; 26 Governors were present constituting a quorum. The Minutes of the 2018 Pre-Annual Conference BOG Meeting were timely mailed and approved. The Minutes of the 2018 Post-Annual Conference BOG Meeting were timely mailed and approved.

Review of membership numbers: total members – 1,017, including MALs, 21 Student Members, and 3 Associate Members.

New marketing promotional item: LSI insignia blue writing pens @ \$2.50/each.

New launch campaign: "Meet LSI" – I will let our scrip winner describe this exciting promotion to you in her report.

Per capita received as of July 31, 2018: \$18,300 from 32 associations (out of 34).

Second revision of the LOPM is currently being reviewed.

Monterey County LSA dissolved and donated its proceeds in the amount of \$692.98 to LSI's General Account to use at its discretion.

There was a Recommendation by the CCLS Certifying Board to amend LSI SR 12.9 to increase the deferral fee and the late fee each by \$15. The recommendation is to strike \$30 and insert \$45. If adopted, the deferral fee and the late fee would each be \$45. Votes were cast, the Ayes had it, the Recommendation was adopted and effective immediately.

There was a Recommendation by the Editor of The Legal Secretary to amend LSI SR 1.1 to increase the monetary prizes awarded for 1st and 2nd places. The recommendation is to strike \$50 after 1st Place and insert \$75, and strike \$35 after 2nd Place and insert \$50. Votes were cast, the Ayes had it, the Recommendation was adopted and effective immediately.

**Unfinished Business:** LSI's contract with NextGen (our webinar provider) will be renewed. The profits are split 60/40 Next Gen/LSI.

**New Business:** Proposed Bylaw Amendment No. 1: This amendment is proposed by LSI member Betty Thomas of San Gabriel Valley LSA for the purpose of increasing LSI per capita tax by \$10 per year, effective May 1, 2019. As you members know, we discussed this at length at both the July and August dinner meetings and we were all puzzled by the "per year" wording in the Amendment. At the Governors' Lunch, I questioned the maker (Betty Thomas) about the "per year" asking if it was her intention to raise per capita tax \$10 per year each year. She deferred to the LSI Parliamentarian, Kristi Edwards, CCLS, who was present at our lunch who stated that she simply wrote down what the member said. At that point, I said that it was poorly worded and needed explanation or the Bylaw Amendment would fail. Once confirmation was had that it is not per year each and every year, the LSI Secretary, Rod Cardinale, Jr., asked for a vote consensus to make it easier at the BOG meeting once it reconvened in the afternoon and the majority of governors were in favor.

### Governor's Report, cont.

### By: Jan Ainsworth

Long story short – the Bylaw Amendment was proposed, there was a motion to amend to strike \$20 and insert \$30, it was seconded but failed. San Diego LPA made a motion to postpone to LSI's November 2018 Quarterly Conference; it was seconded by Conejo Valley LPA; however, it was defeated with a standing vote (18 against and 8 in favor) and so that motion failed. Thereafter there was a standing vote on the actual per capita bylaw amendment (18 in favor and 8 against). The motion passed. Effective May 1, 2019, Per Capita tax will increase by \$10.

New Business Continued: Napa County LPA and Santa Barbara LPA are dissolving their Associations effective immediately.

We adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

We reconvened at Sunday Brunch at 9:00 a.m. with roll call dispensed.

President's Announcement: The winners of the four scrip tickets to the November 2018 Quarterly Conference to be held at The Silver Legacy Hotel, Reno, Nevada, Host Association Santa Clara County LPA are:

- 1. Santa Clara County LPA;
- 2. Stockton/San Joaquin County LPA;
- 3. San Francisco County LPA; and
- 4. Fresno County LSA.

We adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Jan Ainsworth, Governor, Sacramento LSA





Jan Ainsworth and Debra Clark

Editor's N

The Legal Eagle welcomes letters to the editor, questions, and articles from readers. Please send them to dawn.forgeur@stoel.com. SLSA reserves the right to edit articles and letters sent in for publication. The deadline for all submissions is the Monday after the dinner meeting.

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### LSI's 1st Quarterly Conference

### By: Maryanna Rickner

I was randomly selected by the SLSA Executive Board as one of its members to attend the LSI First Quarterly Conference in Stockton, California, on August 17-19, 2018. The conference was hosted by the Stockton-San Joaquin County LPA with the theme "All Roads Lead to Stockton." The following is a summary of my conference experience.

I arrived at the Stockton Hilton on the evening of Friday, August 17. After checking into the hotel, I attended the outdoor reception held in the courtyard. The menu included meatballs and a potato bar with all of the fixings. During the event, I connected with LSI and SLSA members, including LSI Vice President Lynne Prescott, CCLS and SLSA Governor Jan Ainsworth. I was unable to make the Grand Juries workshop that took place earlier that evening but I heard from attendees that San Joaquin County Deputy District Attorney Caitlin M. Casey did a wonderful job presenting it for the Continuing Education Council.





On Saturday, August 18, I checked in at the conference registration table and received a boodle bag filled with supplies for the conference (e.g., paper pads, pens, snacks) and local information about Stockton.

I attended the morning session of the Board of Governors led by LSI President Heather Edwards. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and Code of Ethics, President Shannon Quigley, Santa Clara County LPA gave an inspirational message regarding her journey to becoming president of her association. The reports of elected and appointed officers followed. Vice President Lynne Prescott, CCLS, announced during her report of the Membership and Marketing Committee Coordinator that the Marketing Team is starting an aggressive campaign to market LSI to the world, which will include Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, articles, mobile learning, and an on-demand library. Members are encouraged to become

e-subscribers (no cost) by clicking on "Become an E-Subscriber" at www.lsi.org. Ms. Prescott concluded her report with a tribute to legendary singer Aretha Franklin, noting that LSI's marketing focus should be "What You Need, Baby We Got It!"

A coffee break was provided at the conclusion of the Board of Governors morning session. The remainder of the morning workshops were provided on estate planning and government claims. I proceeded to visit the vendors area that included One Legal and Behmke Reporting and Video Services. Afterwards, I had a chance to catch up with SLSA members Corene Rodder, Elizabeth Madden, CCLS, and Michelle Chavez, CCLS.

During the afternoon session of the Board of Governors, the committee chairmen and special committees reports were presented. Erika Garduno, Desert Palm LPA, provided information on the #MeetLSI and E-Subscriber components of LSI's social media. Mary Rocca, CCLS, Outgoing Liaison to the Law Practice Management & Technology Section of the California Lawyers Association (CLA) explained during her report the importance of CLA as an educational body since the California State Bar Association no longer provides an education element.

# LSI's 1st Quarterly Conference, cont.

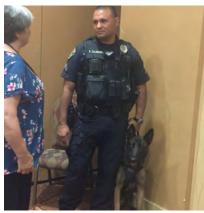
### By: Maryanna Rickner

At the conclusion of the Board of Governors afternoon session, workshops on recent criminal law developments; cannabis (state laws v. federal laws); subrogation; and corporate entities in California were provided.

During the evening reception, vendor prizes were announced resulting in many happy winners! The evening banquet followed and provided a delicious dinner menu. There was a great deal of fun going on around the SLSA table with President Brenda Bracy, CCLS; Governor Jan Ainsworth; Executive Advisor Crystal Rivera; Dawn Forgeur, CCLS; Tammy Hunt, CCLS; and Debra Clark. The guest speaker, San Joaquin County Superior Court Judge Barbara A. Kronlund provided a very informative presentation on Judicial Independence and its importance to our democracy. I found the information to be quite eye-opening.

Brunch on Sunday, August 19, was scrumptious and consisted of breakfast items appealing to every palate. Afterwards, the Stockton Police Department provided information on the Stockton Police K-9 Connection (a non-profit organization) as part of its community outreach. Guest speaker Lieutenant Bradley Burrell introduced Officer Ronald Zalunardo and his partner, K-9 Roscoe, a seven-year-old Belgian Malinois. Roscoe was certainly the hit of the presentation. The results for the opportunity raffle prizes were then announced by the associations and commemorative gifts were presented to LSI President Heather Edwards by the Stockton-San Joaquin County LPA. It was a good time to visit with other association members, close the festivities, and bid farewell.

Overall, I truly enjoyed the time I spent at this conference. Thank you SLSA for this opportunity! I am looking forward to attending another conference in the near future. Hopefully I will see you there.



Officer Ronald Zalundardo and K-9 Roscoe

### Answers to CCLS Quiz

- 1. T 2. F (18 years old)
- 3. T
- 4. F (EXCEPT an entity or organization that cultivates or distributes cannabis)
- 5. T



Brenda Bracy, CCLS, Tammy Hunt, CCLS, and Dawn Forgeur, CCLS



Brenda Bracy, CCLS and Debra Clark

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- 6. T 7. T 8. F (30 days)
- 9. F (one year)

10. F (MAY verify any other information that has not changed)

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### **Conference Pictures**



Jan Ainsworth, Debra Clark, Crystal Rivera, Dawn Forgeur, CCLS, Maryanna Rickner, Tammy Hunt, CCLS, Brenda Bracy, CCLS, and Lynne Prescott, CCLS



Dawn Forgeur, CCLS and Tammy Hunt CCLS



Elizabeth Madden, CCLS and Crystal Rivera



Jan Ainsworth and Debra Clark



Brenda Bracy, CCLS



Dawn Forgeur, CCLS and Crystal Rivera

# **Chapter Achievement Reporting Form**

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, 2018, through March 31, 2019.

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 Event

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 workshops? (25 points)
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 2018-2019 fiscal year. (50 points)
I 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)
I attended an educational workshop or seminar sponsored by a Forum, CEB, or
the Rutter Group. (25 points)
I attended an educational workshop or seminar via webinar. (50 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, 2019. (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)
I purchased updates to the LPH. (100 points)
I purchased updates to the LOPM. (100 points)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sacramento LSA Attn: Jan Ainsworth, Governor Murphy Austin, 555 Capitol Mall, Ste. 850, Sacramento, CA 95814 (jainsworth@murphyaustin.com OR governor@slsa.org)

### **Upcoming Conferences**



November 2018 Quarterly Conference Silver Legacy Hotel & Casino, Reno, NV. Dates: November 9-11, 2018 Scrip - \$120 / Room - \$110 Host Assn: Santa Clara County LPA

February 2019 Quarterly Conference Viejas Casino & Resort Hotel, Alpine, CA [Opposite the Viejas Factory Outlet Mall] Dates: February 15-17, 2019 Scrip - \$150 / Room - \$167.63 Host Assn: San Diego County LSA

May 2019 Annual Conference DoubleTree by Hilton Fremont/Newark Newark, CA Dates: May 15-19, 2019 Scrip - \$135 / Room - \$159 Host Assn: Alameda County LSA

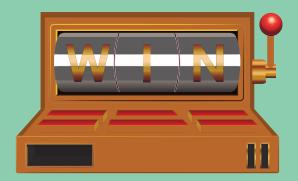
August 2019 Quarterly Conference Hilton Los Angeles North/Glendale, Glendale, CA [Nearest Airport: Bob Hope/Burbank] Dates: August 15-18, 2019 Scrip - \$182 / Room - \$175 Host Assn: San Gabriel Valley LSA November 2019 Quarterly Conference Hilton SF Financial District, San Francisco, CA [Located across the street from Chinatown] Dates: November 21-24, 2019 Scrip - \$165 / Room - \$185 Host Assn: Alameda County LSA

> February 2020 Quarterly Conference DoubleTree Hotel, Modesto, CA Dates: February 21-23, 2020 Scrip – TBA / Room - TBA Host Assn: Stanislaus County LPA

May 2020 Annual Conference Hilton Arden-West, Sacramento, CA Dates: May 7-10, 2020 Scrip - \$138 / Room - \$149 Host Assn: Sacramento LSA

August 2020 Quarterly Conference Stockton Hilton, Stockton, CA Dates: August 21-23, 2020 Scrip - \$135 / Room - \$149 Host Assn: Stockton/San Joaquin County LSA

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# **Legal Procedures & Court Updates**

### Sacramento County Superior Court

Proposed Amendments to the Local Rules Effective 01/01/2019

The proposed amendments to the 2019 Local Rules for the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento are now available for public comment. The comment period closes Tuesday, October 9, 2018. Please send any comments to LocalRules@saccourt.ca.gov.

Click this link for the Proposed Amendments to the 2019 Local Rules.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO



### NOTICE OF REDUCED HOURS IN SAN FRANCISCO CLERKS' OFFICES

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, hereby provides public notice, pursuant to Government Code Section 68106, of a reduction of hours for clerks' offices. This reduction in hours is necessary to meet a budget-driven decrease in staffing. Court staffing levels have decreased by 30 percent over the past 10 years.

### **REDUCED HOURS**

Effective October 22, 2018, all Clerks' Offices will close to the public at 2 p.m. everyday. This is a reduction of two hours per day.

All of the clerks' offices are affected. These clerks' offices are located at:

- Civil Clerk's Office, 400 McAllister Street, Civic Center Courthouse (CCC), Room
   103
- Unified Family Court Clerk's Office, 400 McAllister Street, CCC, Room 402
- Criminal Clerk's Office, 850 Bryant Street, Hall of Justice (HOJ), Room 101
- Traffic Court Clerk's Office, 850 Bryant Street, HOJ, Room 145
- Juvenile Delinquency Clerk's Office, 375 Woodside Avenue, Juvenile Justice Center, Room 101.

All clerks' offices will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drop boxes will be available outside each main entrance of all clerk's offices between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Documents received in the drop box by 4 p.m. will be processed with a same-day filing date.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Any person wishing to comment on the Court's plan for these limited service days may provide written comment by emailing <u>sfcourtbudget@sftc.org</u>. The public comment period will close on October 19, 2018.



Welcome, and congratulations to the following new members of SLSA.

#### **ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP**

**Brianna Behnoud** – Brianna is an Associate Governmental Program Analyst-Legal Support Specialist at the office of the California State Auditor, and has been employed as a legal professional since 2016. She specializes in government. She celebrates her birthday on May 12 and enjoys crafts, kickboxing, pilates, and cooking.

**Maria Cantrell** – Maria is a paralegal at Diepenbrock Elkin Gleason LLP, and has been employed as a legal professional since 1990. She specializes in litigation. She celebrates her birthday on December 17. She was a member of San Francisco Legal Professionals Association.

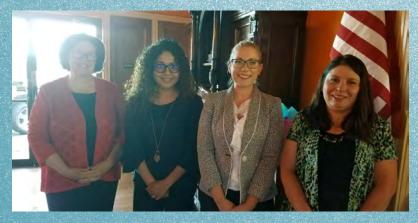
**Tommi Colwell** – Tommi is a legal secretary at Hardy Erich Brown & Wilson, and has been employed as a legal professional since 1979. She specializes in litigation. She celebrates her birthday on May 7 and enjoys traveling, sports (spectator only), reading, and her grandchildren. She was a previous member of SLSA and Contra Costa Legal Professionals Association.

**Jeanette DeLap** – Jeanette is a legal secretary at Jeppson & Griffin, LLP, and has been employed as a legal professional since 1986. She specializes in litigation. She celebrates her birthday on March 21 and enjoys piano playing, reading, and baseball.

**Wendy Jones** – Wendy is a legal secretary at Abbott & Kindermann, Inc., and has been employed as a legal professional since 1996. She celebrates her birthday on July 26 and enjoys wine tasting, traveling, hanging out with family and friends.

**Reyna Martinez** – Reyna is a case assistant at Stoel Rives LLP, and has been employed as a legal professional since 2016. She specializes in business/corporate law, criminal law, and litigation. She celebrates her birthday on January 22.

**Sharla Maxey** – Sharla is a legal secretary at California Massage Therapy Council, and has been employed as a legal professional since 1990. She specializes in arbitration, business/corporate law, law office management, and litigation. She celebrates her birthday on January 24 and enjoys fitness, volleyball, taking pictures and creating beautiful things/gifts with the pictures and spending time with friends and family. She was a previous member of SLSA.



Tommi Colwell, Reyna Martinez, Brianna Behnoud, Wendy Jones



# Member News, cont. Happy September Birthdays!



Dawn Willis - September 11
Tiffany Meier - September 13
Alicia Malerbi - September 15
Dawn Forgeur, CCLS - September 17
Kobi Wear - September 22
Lynne Prescott, CCLS - September 24
Lacy Monserrat, CCLS - September 25
Corene Rodder - September 28

### Condolences

Our condolences to Luke Patterson on the passing of his father, James Patterson. You may read his obituary at: www.legacy.com

### From the LSI President

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that after a difficult battle with inoperable cancer, Ray C. Estabrook, Attorney at Law, husband of Diana E. Estabrook, PLS, LSI Past President 1984-1986, departed this life on August 9, 2018 peacefully. September 2 would have been Diana and Ray's 55th wedding anniversary and their son Pete's 53rd birthday. Cards of condolence may be sent to Diana's home at the following address:

Diana E. Estabrook, PLS 340 Lacrosse Avenue Santa Rosa, California 95409

Email condolences are just fine as well to: diana.estabrook@att.net

It is with much sadness that I inform you of the passing of Maria Mecca, Daughter-In-Law to our LSI Treasurer, Diane Mecca, CP, CBA on Thursday, August 30, 2018. Maria is survived by her husband, Diane's son, Shawn Mecca and their children: Michelle, Michael, Jacob, Hannah, Veronica, and Shawnee. Cards of condolence may be sent to Diane as follows:

Diane M. Mecca, CP, CBA LSI Treasurer P.O. Box 580624 Modesto, CA 95358

You may also email her at dianemecca@hotmail.com

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By: Astrid Furstner, CCLS, OCP, CORE Registered Parliamentarian

### **Oops!** I've made a mistake. Now what?

As the Secretary or Treasurer you usually submit monthly reports. Is perfection required? Absolutely not! It is certainly something that we strive for, but mistakes happen, which is why we, as members, are supposed to review the reports. What happens if we see a mistake? According to Robert's Rules of Order, "it is important to recognize that the minutes you draft [or report] are only proposed minutes, which do not become the official record of proceedings until approved, perhaps with corrections, by the organization."

For example, the minutes are handed out to all members to review. After the Secretary makes the motion to approve the minutes as presented, you see that Susan's name is misspelled and it really should be Suzanne. Yikes! Raise your hand and wait to be recognized. After the chair calls on you, you can then state your correction.

"Madame President, on page 2 after the third paragraph, the name Susan should be corrected to state Suzanne." (The Secretary will make the correction.)

"Are there any further corrections?"

If none, then the chair will ask if the members approve the minutes as corrected. If yes, then the motion passes, and what becomes the official record is the corrected minutes.

See, easy! Mistakes happen to all of us. A spelling error, a transposition of numbers, a simple misunderstanding. However, together as a team, we review the reports and approve or correct items as needed. The fact is that while we want to be perfect, we are not. Sadly, we are just humans. Some of us may have a little extra magic or glitter, but we are humans nonetheless. The important part is that we are volunteers and we are here to network, learn something new, and help lift each other so that we can be the best legal professionals we can be.

Until the next time ...



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### **August Dinner Meeting**



Dawn Willis and SCBA President Sil Reggiardo

### By: Dawn Willis

SCBA President Sil Reggiardo was our guest speaker at the August 16th dinner meeting. Sil provided an overview of the Sacramento County Bar Association (SCBA) along with the composition of the Board of Directors; which includes the Executive Committee and Members At-Large, as well as recognizing SLSA as an Affiliate Association. I have been the SLSA Professional Liaison since 2016 and have enjoyed the inclusion of our noble profession with the local Bar Association. SLSA members are welcome to join the SCBA at the \$40 Associate Affiliate Membership level, which provides numerous member benefits.

Sil discussed in depth his area of expertise – Estate Planning and Administration. The two are definitely related and Sil reminded us that it is best to plan for efficient administration from the beginning. He also stated that, believe it or not, we all have an estate plan. Right now, without doing anything. The drawback is that we do not have any say in it. He warned that it is better to have an estate plan you create. Without an estate plan you create, California Law writes your will (intestate succession), beneficiary designations of various policies will distribute some of your assets, along with any joint accounts or pay-on-death accounts.

Having a plan you create takes into consideration who will receive your property, and under what terms; who will identify and distribute your assets after debts and taxes are paid; who will manage any trusts you might create to provide for others over time; who will make your financial decisions if you are alive but cannot make them; and, likewise, who will make your health care decisions if you are unable to make them yourself. These are all part of a complete Estate Plan.

Creating a trust is not a complicated process. Being a fiduciary relationship, a trust is not an entity that will control your life. It can be created before or after death. Trusts can be revocable or irrevocable. And almost always involve a trust document. A trust's main concern is principal and income.

The trust document will operate on two things: Assets held by the trustee(s) and assets transferred to the trustee(s) (e.g., through a beneficiary designation). A will does not operate on trust assets nor assets that pass by beneficiary designation. But the will can "pour over" anything left outside the trust into the trust to be handled as the trust outlines.

Sil shared some of the various client attitudes towards estate planning he has come across, including: "When I am gone, I won't care." And, "I want to control my property even after I am gone." The reverse side of that coin are the attitudes of beneficiaries. Sil quoted Downey Brand Seymour and Rohwer founding partner, Otto Rohwer: "Blood is thicker than water, but nothing thins blood faster than money." Money and tangible personal property can be a major source of friction once someone has passed on.

When you are ready to create an estate plan, Sil gave some final advice: Run the mental movie through your head regarding how your planning might play out! And when you do have a plan in place, think about whether it is the plan you want. Is it complete? Will it do the job?

There are, however, other ways to avoid probate besides establishing a trust, keeping in mind that a court-supervised Probate Administration can be expensive and complicated. Those other ways include joint tenancy, community property with right of survivorship, transfer-on-death deed, pay-on-death account, joint account, spousal property petitions; and small estate affidavit and petition.

# **August Dinner Meeting - Photos**



Elizabeth Madden, CCLS and Luke Patterson



Jan Ainsworth, Jaime Gooch, Launa Atkinson, CCLS



Drew Davis, Heidi Cornell, and Tommi Colwell



Mary Taylor, Christie Kaelber, and Lori Gilmette



Jennifer Estabrook, CCLS and Crystal Rivera

# **August Vendor of the Month**

By: Jennifer Estabrook, CCLS

Our August Vendor of the Month was Luke Patterson of Capitol Legal Investigations, Inc. Capitol Legal Investigations is a private investigation firm assisting with civil trial preparation, workers' compensation cases, and liability matters, as well as custom investigations. Services include identifying and locating witnesses, legal clients, insureds gone missing, evidence, and financial assets. Located in Roseville, Capitol Legal Investigations' investigative field is both regional and national in scope, depending on the needs of the clients, which include insurance defense firms, plaintiff law firms, insurance carriers, claims administrators, selfinsured governmental agencies, and employers in a multitude of industries. Capitol Legal Investigations' mission is to respond to client needs professionally, discreetly, and expertly, and to deliver well-written reports and current, pertinent information guickly, confidentially, and at a reasonable cost. For more information, please contact Capitol Legal Investigations at 916-784-3920, or visit its website at www.capitollegalinvestigations.com.





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### September 2018

# **SLSA Bunco Night!**





























The Legal Eagle

Thank You

We want to thank our donors! SLSA hosted its first Bunco event on Saturday, August 25. It was a great success! Attendees enjoyed a delicious taco bar, chips/salsa, dessert, and cold beverages. This event could not have been such a success without the generous donations from the following individuals and companies:

Ashley Syvertsen of First Legal - \$50 Amex gift card Astrid Furstner, CCLS of Atrum Arte - Four pairs of earrings Brenda Bracy, CCLS - Doggie gift basket; large gift box with items from San Joaquin County; clutch handbag; garden statuary Chris Nestor of House Kitchen & Bar - Four \$25 gift cards Crystal Rivera - Two bottle wine basket; table top barbecue and ice chest; large pineapple-shaped cold beverage dispenser; 2-tier serving tray with candy; 4 cup garden planter with candy; 2 piece cutting board with strawberry huller; garden step stone; necklace/earring set Debbie Jordan of Sacramento Placement Services - \$100 Macy's gift card Elizabeth Madden, CCLS - Bracelets; candle; Party Lite table decoration; \$25 Jewelry gift certificate; Topsy Turvy strawberry planter; bamboo placemats Geri Ximenez-Fujitani of Fujitani Consulting - \$40 Nordstrom gift card Heidi Cornell and Drew Davis of Macro-Pro, Inc. - Ninja; Party Basket Ignacio Solorio of 95814 Digital - \$50 dinner/movie gift card; bottle of wine Jaime Gooch of Aptus Court Reporting - \$200 Arden Hills Spa gift card Jenoa Derdowski of U.S. Legal Support - Kindle Fire HD; HP Sprocket Kelly Munson and Jessica Taft-Williams of Compex Legal Services - Two \$50 Target gift cards Lauri Greenberg of Moe's Process Serving Inc. - \$50 deVere's Irish Pub gift card; \$50 Paesanos gift card Lynne Prescott, CCLS - Two bottles of wine; two bottles of sangria; oversized desktop calculator; Light Bright; smores kit gift basket; bath set gift basket Marj Walker and Morgan Albanese of Veritext - Three bottle wine box set Michelle Chavez, CCLS - Rodan & Fields basket Patrick Diegelman of Il Fornaio - Three bottle wine box set Rachel Malerbi - Italian pasta/spice box Tristan Hopkins of Capitol Digital - Three bottles of wine, each with a free VIP wine tasting We also want to thank the following committee members and other volunteers, without your help, this event would not have been as great as it was! Dawn Forgeur, CCLS

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PLACER COUNTY LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION PRESENT

# FALL LUNCHEON AND BUNCO

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018

12:00 - 4:00 P.M.

### SALAD AND BAKED POTATO BAR

AUBURN SENIOR CENTER 550 High Street, Auburn, CA

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### California Certified Legal Secretary By: Elizabeth Madden, CCLS

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Pursuant to the Medical Marijuana Program, a serious medical condition includes, but is not limited to, the following medical conditions: AIDS, Arthritis, Cancer, Glaucoma, Migraine, and any other chronic or persistent medical symptom that if not alleviated, may cause serious harm to the patient's safety or physical or mental health.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ A primary caregiver shall be at least 21 years of age.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Every county health department shall do all of the following:

a. Provide applications upon request to individuals seeking to join the identification card program.

b. Receive and process completed applications.

c. Maintain records of identification card programs.

d. Utilize protocols developed by the department.

e. Issue identification cards developed by the department to approved applicants and designated primary caregivers.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ The county board of supervisors may designate another health-related governmental or nongovernmental entity or an entity or organization that cultivates or distributes cannabis to perform the functions described in question three.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ No person or designated primary caregiver in possession of a valid identification card shall be subject to arrest for possession, transportation, delivery, or cultivation of medicinal cannabis in an amount established, unless there is probable cause to believe that the information contained in the card is false or falsified, the card has been obtained by means of fraud.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ The department shall develop protocols that shall be used by a county health department or the county's designee to implement the responsibilities described in question three, including, but not limited to, protocols to confirm the accuracy of information contained in an application and to protect the confidentiality of program records.

7. \_\_\_\_\_ There are two easily distinguishable identification cards: an identification card that identifies a person authorized to engage in the medical use of cannabis and an identification card that identifies the person's designated primary caregiver, if any.

8. \_\_\_\_\_ The county health department or the county's designee may deny an application only for any of the following reasons:

- a. The applicant did not provide the required information required and upon notice of the deficiency did not provide the information within 45 days.
- b. The county health department or the county's designee determines that the information provided was false.
- c. The applicant does not meet the necessary criteria.

9. \_\_\_\_\_ An identification card shall be valid for a period of two years.

10. \_\_\_\_\_ Upon annual renewal of an identification card, the county health department or its designee shall verify all new information and any other information that has not changed.

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- Chicken Parmigiana (with Pasta)
- Spaghetti with Meatballs
- Vegetarian Pasta Plate

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

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### Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association Charitable Project for Loaves & Fishes Winter/Christmas 2018

The tradition stays alive! SLSA is participating in the Loaves & Fishes Stocking drive for 2018. Last year our membership donated *60 full stockings*. Let's try to fill 65 this year! You can help by donating items from the lists below. Cash donations also accepted to purchase missing items to fill the stockings at the December meeting. You can also volunteer to help fill the stockings at the December meeting. (No sign-up needed, just stayafter the meeting and have fun with us!)

General

- Christmas Stockings new or gently used
- Gift Cards McDonalds/Target/Walmart
- · Playing cards, gum, hand warmers
- · Kids' toys inexpensive, small and simple are best

Clothing

- Socks new, one size fits all (men, women, children)
- · Knit/stretch hats/beanies new, one size fits all
- Knit/stretch gloves new, one size fits all
- Knit scarves new, one size fits all
- Shoelaces new, adult or children

#### Travel-sized Toiletries

- Toothbrushes/toothpaste, combs/hair brushes, deodorant, feminine products, Chapstick
- Hand lotion, Vaseline, soap, hand sanitizer, tissue packs, Q-tips, shampoo, conditioner, shaving razors, shaving gel or shaving cream
- NOTE! Donations can be brought to the November and December dinner meetings.
- NOTE! Deadline for donations will be the December dinner meeting.

Thank you for your generosity towards our community and for your support of SLSA's charitable projects!





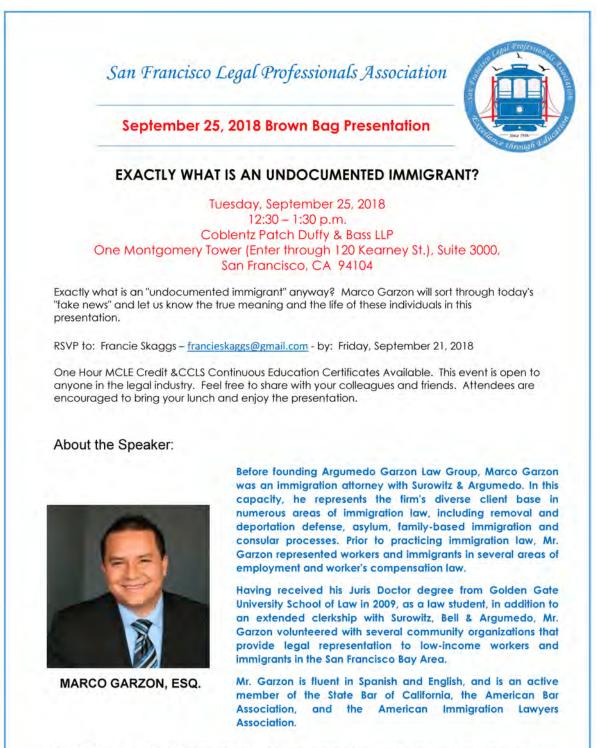
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### Presented By: David C. Carr, Esq.

### October 11, 2018, 12-1 pm

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Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division - simple math, right? If you're like me, sometimes 1 + 1 adds up to 3. Come to this workshop to find out how to do the basic math that is required for the Legal Computations section of the CCLS Exam. (Don't forget your calculator for the mini quiz at the beginning of class!)

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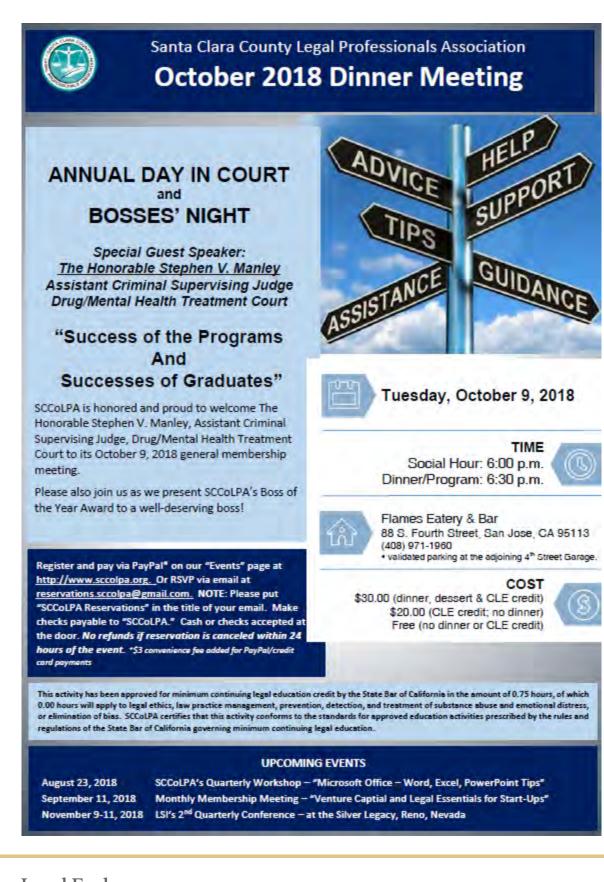
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### **Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association**

### Dinner Meeting - November 15, 2018



The Old Spaghetti Factory 1910 J Street, Sacramento 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Meet & Greet 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. Dinner Meeting



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Guest Speaker: Heidi Cornell Macro-Pro, Inc.

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### RSVP by Midnight on Sunday, Nov. 11\*

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### Dinner Menu - Choice of:

- Stuffed Pasta (Ravioli/Tortellini)
- Chicken Marsala
- · Spaghetti with Mushroom Sauce

Entrees include bread, salad, dessert, and choice of iced tea, hot tea, coffee, milk, soda, or water.

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\$25/\$45

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Calendaring Basics: State and Federal Court Litigation - This webinar will provide you with the foundation of both state and federal court litigation deadlines. We will go over topics such as counting backwards v. counting forwards, motions, discovery deadlines, method of service and time extended, and more.

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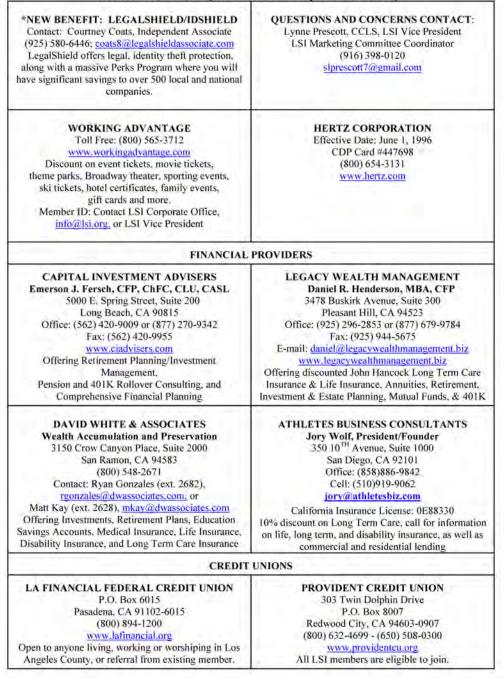
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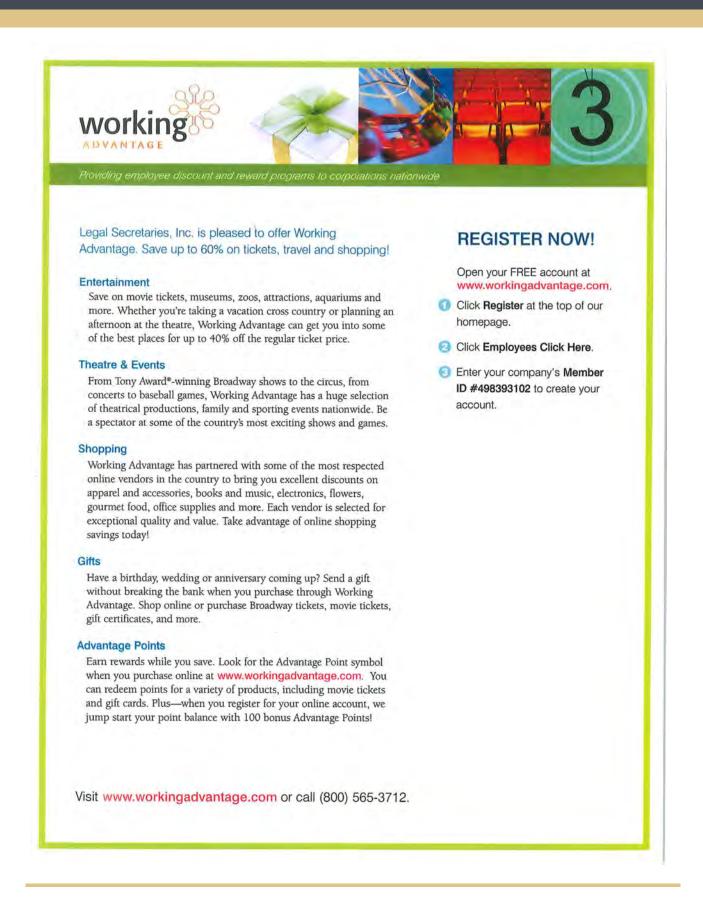
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