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Current and Upcoming Events



SLSA Board Meeting



SLSA Dinner Meeting Register by October 14



LSI Quarterly Conference Starts



LSS Seminars at Quarterly Conference Reno, NV



SLSA Board Meeting



SLSA Dinner Meeting Register by November 11



President's Message

By: Brenda Bracy, CCLS

As we approach the beautiful fall in Sacramento, I hope everyone had a great summer. The fall is my favorite season. I love the colors and the cooler weather.

Our Reno Bus Trip is scheduled for October 6, 2018. 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. 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. You can sign up on the SLSA website. This is a fundraiser for SLSA and we hope to get all of the seats filled.

The Fairytale Town Safe & Super Halloween is another big event for SLSA. We volunteer and give out candy and do crafts with the kids during the whole event. This year the event has added an additional day. It runs October 19, 20, 21, and 28. We are located in King Arthur's castle. We need volunteers and candy donations! The theme is "Dinosaurs" and you can dress up in costume or not. It is a lot of fun working with the kids on the crafts and seeing all of the costumes that come through. Please sign up to work at one or more nights of the event, or get your office involved with candy donations.

We currently have two board positions available, Secretary and Vice-President. This is the second year that we have not had a Vice-President. It is very rewarding to serve on the Board of this association. I have enjoyed my time on the Board since the beginning. If you are interested in one of the positions on the Board, please let me know.

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, please reach out to me or any Board member. We could use more help and it is always rewarding to be involved. We do a lot of volunteer work in the community and we can't commit to these events without members signing up to assist us.

Our parent corporation, LSI, has online webinars that you, as members, can sign up for and attend as many of these courses as you wish. A few members from my firm attend these classes to gain knowledge, as well as get their required CCLS credits. Non-SLSA members can sign up for the classes as well, but they have to pay a higher price. You can check out these classes on the LSI website at www.LSI.org. If you attend any seminar, please send our Governor, Jan Ainsworth, an email that you attended, or go to our website, www.SLSA.org and fill out the CAPs form. We get points for members attending any LSI classes, whether it be in person or online. I have attended LSI classes in person, and one via a webinar. They offer great courses and I find them very helpful.

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.





RSVP by Midnight on Sunday, Oct. 14*

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:

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

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

Thank You to Our Valued Vendor Partners!



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

Volunteers and Candy Needed!

Every year, SLSA volunteers at *Fairytale Town's Safe & Super Halloween* event and SLSA gets to be in King Arthur's Castle. The volunteers love handing out candy and seeing all the cute costumes on the children that come through our little part of the event. We only need four hours of your time on 10/19, 10/20, or 10/28, will you help? Please contact Deseree Aguillen at daguillen@stonegraves.com if you can volunteer your time or candy!



Governor's Report

By: Jan Ainsworth

This report (unlike the others - wink) will be short and sweet.

LSI's Second Quarterly Conference will be held at The Silver Legacy Hotel, Reno, Nevada, November 9-11, 2018. Host Association Santa Clara County LPA. I will be in attendance. Will you? We would love to see you there and only 2.5 hours away - perfect for a day trip.

CAPs to date: 12,475 points.



Editor's Note

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

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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

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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

Updated 8/23/18

Member News

By: Crystal Rivera

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

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Susan Finch – Susan is a Legal Secretary at Kennaday Leavitt Owensby PC, and has been employed as a legal professional since 2008. She specializes in litigation, employment and personal injury. She celebrates her birthday on July 10 and enjoys running, yoga, hiking, kayaking, reading, and wine tasting.

Josefina Garcia – Josefina is a Legal Secretary at Boutin Jones, and has been employed as a legal professional since 2003. She specializes in bankruptcy, business/corporate law, family law, litigation, and real estate law. She celebrates her birthday on August 8. She is bilingual (Spanish), and enjoys writing and painting.



Crystal Rivera, Josefina Garcia, Brenda Bracy, CCLS

CONDOLENCES

Long-time LSI member and former Legal Specialization Sections Coordinator, Dee Woline-Johnson of Orange County LPA, recently suffered a stroke. She is recuperating and would be cheered by messages from all of her LSI friends. Cards may be sent to Dee at:

Dee Woline-Johnson 105 Via Estrada, #B Laguna Woods, CA 92637-8322

ON THE MOVE

Lynne Prescott, CCLS, is now at Somach Simmons & Dunn.





Astrid Furstner, CCLS - October 9 Lisa Haddix - October 13 Erica Dillard - October 28 Jennifer Estabrook, CCLS - October 30 Maria Reyes - October 30

Law Office Products & Management

By: Gisele Mitsuk

"It's truly fascinating how smart, successful people approach problems. Where others see impenetrable barriers, they see challenges to embrace and obstacles to overcome." -Dr. Travis Bradberry

Hello SLSA members! The past few newsletters I've submitted articles on tips & tricks. I enjoy sharing time-saving keystroke tips and neat tricks to do with software. This month, I want to share with you about law office [interpersonal] management. While we may be legal secretaries, paralegals, administrative assistants, attorneys, clerks, or any other non-management employee, law office management applies to each individual in a law firm. To be successful, we must calibrate our mindset for success. Perhaps you're already doing great in your employment, or perhaps you are looking to make a switch. Allow me to share with you an article I read. This article inspires me. Perhaps it can inspire you, too.

Dr. Travis Bradberry, Coauthor of Emotional Intelligence 2.0, wrote "**Seven Challenges Smart People Overcome**" (10 July 2018). I'll paraphrase his article and highlight his insights. A link to the full article is included below.

The 7 challenges that smart people overcome are: AGE, TOXIC PEOPLE, WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK, FEAR, THE PAST OR THE FUTURE, and THE STATE OF THE WORLD.

AGE Age is just a number. Anyone at any age, young or old, is capable of great things. Don't let anyone tell you that you can't learn or can't do something because you are too old or too young. Follow your heart and your passion. [I'll interject here with a parallel as proof that you aren't too old to do something. Google the names "Ida Keeling" and "Man Kaur". Inspirational people, aren't they?]

NEGATIVITY It's easy to get caught up in a pity party. If you find yourself disappointed or upset, give yourself a couple of minutes to process it and move on. Write it down in a dozen words or so, if it's particularly difficult to shake. Then recognize what you do have to be grateful. Don't waste time and energy being negative. Find the best solution available, resolve the problem, and move on.

TOXIC PEOPLE Negativity breeds negativity. And positivity breeds positivity. If you keep positive company, you will be positive. If you allow the negative nellies of the world to keep space in your circle, they'll drag you down. If you aren't happy with life, take inventory of those with whom you keep company. Chances are that the ones you surround yourself with are the "root of your problems."

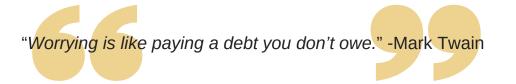
WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK You know the phrase, "keeping up with the Joneses"? When you compare yourself to others, you are depriving yourself of control of your destiny. It's not possible to tune out all thoughts of what others think of you, but you need to take others *opinions* of you with a grain of salt. Also, keep your accomplishments on a separate playing field than others around you.

Law Office Products & Management, cont.

"When smart people feel good about something that they've done, they don't let anyone's opinions take that away from them." -Dr. Travis Bradberry

FEAR Fear is instilled by the imagination while danger is real. Fear is not required. When you cognitively choose to tackle your fears, you own your destiny. When you conquer your fears, you can feel a sense of euphoria that can fuel further successes.

THE PAST OR THE FUTURE Similar to fear, the past and the future are concepts in our minds. To reach your full potential, live in the present. To live in the moment you need to: make peace with your past, and accept the uncertainty of the future. Don't impose unnecessary expectations upon yourself. [I'll draw another parallel. Have you noticed that cats, dogs, horses, animals in general, they all live in the moment? Their lives are simpler and more enjoyable not being concerned about what happened in the past or worrying about what might happen in the future. We can mimic that mindset and embrace what we have now. We can then thrive in the moment.]



THE STATE OF THE WORLD There is plenty of negativity shown throughout the news (fake, not fake, local, and global). It's easy to think the world is "headed downhill fast." Maybe it is, maybe it isn't. Since it isn't something that you can control, don't let it consume you. Concentrate your energy on that which is within your power – your attention and your efforts. Look for the good. Focus your energy on the positive impacts you can make – small or large.

In sum, your success is driven by your mindset. Through discipline and focus, the 7 obstacles shared above may never hold you back from achieving your full potential.

If you'd like to read the full article, you can visit this link: https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/seven-challenges-smart-people-overcome-dr-travis-bradberry/

Looking ahead... I'm open to your input as to what should be included in Law Office Products & Management in the next edition of The Legal Eagle. Let me know what you want to see!

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September Vendor of the Month

By: Jennifer Estabrook, CCLS

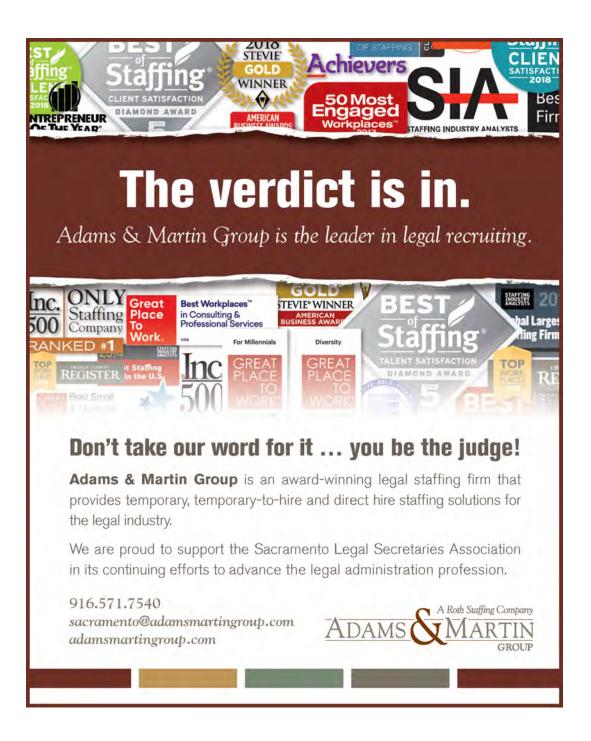
Our vendor of the month was Daphne Bettencourt-Boyd of Adams & Martin Group. Founded in 1994, Adams & Martin is an award-willing staffing company specializing in recruiting and placing legal secretaries, paralegals, attorneys and support positions in all practice areas, helping talented candidates get connected with full-time positions or hiring them to represent Adams & Martin on projects at some of the most prominent law firms and corporate legal departments in the nation.

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If your company is interested in being a Vendor of the Month for SLSA, please contact Jennifer Estabrook, CCLS at jestabrook@somachlaw.com









Please Join Us For A Legal Specialization Section Webinar on

Ethics

Rules of Professional Conduct, Part Two

November 1, 2018, 12-1 pm

Our Speaker David C. Carr, Esq. is an active member of the San Diego County Bar Legal Ethics Committee.

There are over 70 new rules this year, and Mr. Carr will continue to discuss the most important ones in this in this two part series. One (1) hour of participatory Ethics credit will be given for this webinar.

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT AVAILABLE AT WWW.LSI.ORG

All Legal Specialization Section Members Free with Reservation

Member

\$10 with Reservation **Registration is \$5 after Registration is \$15 after** October 22, 2018. October 22, 2018.

LSI / Local Association Non-LSI Member or Attorney

> \$15 with Reservation **Registration is \$20 after** October 22, 2018.

> > (No abbreviations.)

REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ON OCTOBER 26, 2018. No refunds after October 22, 2018.

Name:

E-mail:

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Local LSI Association:

Questions for the Speaker:

CLE Certificate Requested: CCLS -- Paralegal -- Attorney [Bar No. Payment: Check (made payable to LSI) Credit Card or PayPal Available at www.lsi.org

Send completed form and payment (check made out to LSI) to: Renee M. Evans, CCLS, Webinar Section Leader c/o Dentons US LLP, 4655 Executive Dr., Suite 700, San Diego, CA 92121; Email: lsiwebinar@lsi.org



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018

12:00 - 4:00 P.M.

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California Certified Legal Secretary

By: Elizabeth Madden, CCLS

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- 5. ATTORNEY GENERAL A. attorneys general B. attorney generals
- 6. STANDBY A. standbies B. standbys
- 7. ZERO A. zeros B. zeroes
- 8. HANDFUL A. handfuls B. handsful



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- 10. HERO A. hero's B. heroes'
- 11. HE A. he's B. his
- 12. SHE A. she's B. her
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- 14. TWENTY A. twenties B. twentys
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ABSCOND - HIDE OR SNEAK AWAY TO AVOID ARREST, A LAWSUIT, OR CREDITORS

ACQUIESCENCE - SILENT AGREEMENT KNOWING ABOUT AN ACTION OR OCCURRENCE AND REMAINING QUIETLY SATISFIED ABOUT IT, OR APPEARING TO BE SATISFIED

AFORESAID - ARCHAIC TERM MEANING SOMETHING PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED IN THE SAME DOCUMENT

BONA FIDE - IN GOOD FAITH MEETING ALL THE REQUIREMENTS

CAPRICIOUS - NOT BASED ON FACT, LAW, OR REASON

CONCILIATION - THE PROCESS OF BRINGING TOGETHER TWO SIDES TO AGREE TO A VOLUNTARY COMPROMISE

DEVIATION - A DEPARTURE FROM USUAL CONDUCT, SUCH AS AN EMPLOYEE'S USE OF WORK TIME FOR PERSONAL BUSINESS DIGEST - A SUMMARY OF LAW OR LEGAL PRINCIPLES WHICH CONDENSES OR EXPLAINS THE INFORMATION

ERGO - THEREFORE CONSEQUENTLY HENCE

ONEROUS - UNREASONABLY BURDENSOME OR ONE-SIDED

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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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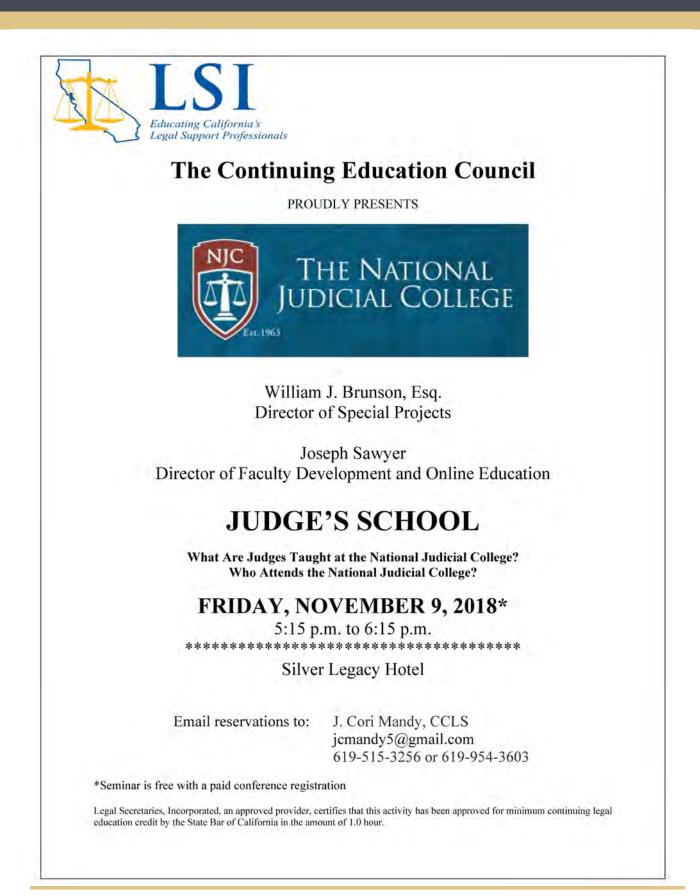






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Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division – simple math, right? If you're like me, sometimes 1 + 1 adds up to 3. Come to this workshop to find out how to do the basic math that is required for the Legal Computations section of the CCLS Exam.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

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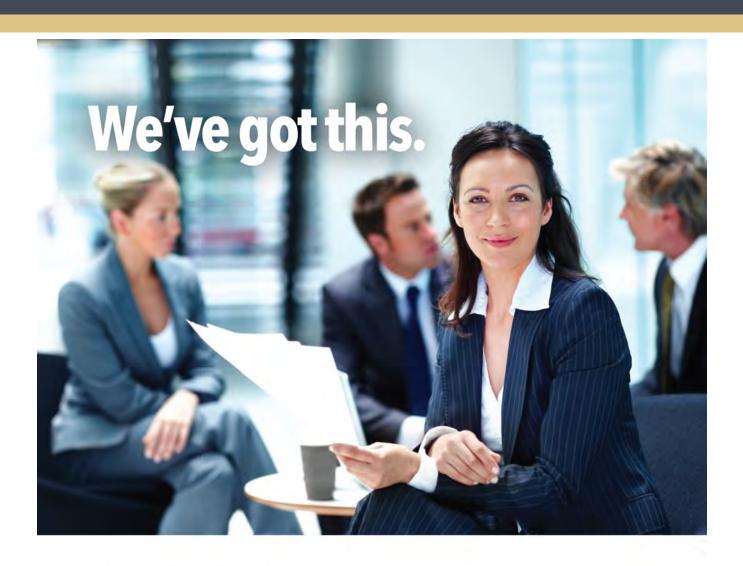
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