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July Event(s)

• General Dinner Meeting – July –21. This event will be held at the Courtyard Marriott Midtown Sacramento, 4422 Y Street. You can register online through our website or contact Maimie Chyinski at reservations@slsa.org. See page 21.

Mission Statement

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

NON-MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

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President's Report

t's July and the Summer weather has finally arrived!

Our speaker this month is Luke Patterson of Capitol Legal Investigations, Inc. and he will be speaking on how to assist your private investigator in conducting a successful surveillance operation and how covertly obtained videodocumented evidence can be powerful case making or breaking testimony. This is useful information for those in the litigation, workers' compensation, employment law, and personal injury fields.

In this issue, you will find some flyers for events that our sister associations have planned for July and August. Alameda County LSA has planned a summer social at an A's game against the Minnesota Twins on July 31. The cost is only \$26 and the deadline to R.S.V.P. is July 14. Additionally, Santa Clara LPA is hosting a BBQ and fundraiser at Almaden Lake Park on August 6. They are asking for a donation of \$20 for adults and \$10 for

children. San Mateo County LSA is hosting a Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields on October 2, 2011. The cost for their event is \$35 per person, which includes valet parking, turf club seating, and a prime rib buffet lunch.

Finally, Lynne Gomes and Johnny Bateman have set a date for our Reno Bus Trip! Mark your calendars for September 10, 2011, and the destination is the new Grand Sierra Hotel Casino! The Grand Sierra has setup a great deal and this day trip should be quite affordable for everyone.

I hope everyone had a great Fourth of July holiday weekend and I will see you at the regular dinner meeting on July 21.





Chapter Achievement Points

- Did you know that SLSA can earn 50 points for each member who attends an LSI conference for the first time?
- Did you know that SLSA can earn 100 points per each member who belong to an LSI sponsored credit union?

If you have attended an LSI conference for the first time (beginning with the May annual conference) or if you are a member of an LSI sponsored credit union, please let our Governor know so we can capture points. E-mail Andrea Stoll and let her know that you earned SLSA points! Andrea's email is: andrea@haydulaw.com.



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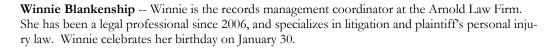


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Welcome, and congratulations to the following new SLSA members, who were inducted at the June 16, 2011, General Membership meeting.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP



Cindy Breninger -- Cindy is a legal secretary with the law office of Charles H. Wright. She has been a legal professional since 2008, and specializes in family law. Cindy celebrates her birthday on December 20. She enjoys skiing, horseback riding, and hiking.

Alisha Dalton -- Alisha is a legal secretary with Green & Hall. She has been a legal professional since 2003, and specializes in construction defect law. Alisha celebrates her birthday on December 14, and enjoys baking.

Tina Gravel -- Tina is a legal secretary with Downey Brand, LLP. She has been a legal professional since 1989, and specializes in litigation. Tina celebrates her birthday on October 22, and enjoys sports, kids, and singing.

Amy Kauba -- Amy is a legal secretary with Downey Brand, LLP. She has been a legal professional since 1989, and specializes in bankruptcy and litigation.

Joy Morgan - Joy is a paralegal/legal secretary at The United Law Center. She has been a legal professional since 2003, and specializes in family law, litigation, and real estate law. Joy celebrates her birthday on September 9, and enjoys singing and science fiction.

Reyna Santana -- Reyna is a legal secretary with Cal Trans. She has been a legal professional since 2003. Reyna celebrates her birthday on November 20.

Mary Taylor-Higgins -- Mary is a legal secretary with Downey Brand, LLP. She has been a legal professional since 1980, and specializes in appellate law and litigation. Mary celebrates her birthday on August 22.

Judith White -- Judith is a legal secretary with Green & Hall, APC. She has been a legal professional since 2006, and specializes in appellate law and litigation, including complex litigation. Judith celebrates her birthday on February 5, and enjoys sports, cooking, and event planning.

Angela Kolak -- Angela is a legal secretary with the City of Sacramento City Attorney's Office. She has been a legal professional since 2001, and specializes in litigation and criminal law. Angela celebrates her birthday on July 13th.

If you are interested in membership in SLSA, please contact Lynne Gomes at (916) 442-1111, or via e-mail at gomes@gtlaw.com.

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 gomesl@gtlaw.com.





First Annual Marilyn Ott BBQ and Fundraiser

August 6, 2011, 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Hosted by:

 Santa Clara Legal Professionals Association www.sccolpa.grg



Bring your family and friends for a day of food, fun, games, and prizes

See you there!!!

Donation \$20.00 adults, \$10.00 children 5 -15 (4 and under free)

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Please R.S.V.P. by July 23 to: Janeth Torrisi at janethtorrisi@gmail.com or (650) 440-0888 Location: Almaden Lake Park (Cinnabar I & II)

Almaden Expressway and Coleman, San Jose, California

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his free benefit 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 committee act as an employment agency.

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

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

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

• (6/21/11) Legal Executive Administrative Assistant The McClatchy Company is seeking an experienced Legal Executive Administrative Assistant to support its Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary. This position will assist with corporate Board activities, including preparation for Board meetings, maintaining minute books, coordination of annual proxy voting process, and drafting and distributing materials to Board members, senior executives and managers. The Executive Assistant will also assist with required state qualification and SEC filings, including stock trading reports, and will maintain details of share sales, purchases, and transfers for directors and executive officers. Qualified applicants will have a minimum five years corporate paralegal experience, with a strong background as an executive assistant, preferably in a legal and/or corporate environment. Applicants should also have previous exposure to public SEC reporting requirements and must be proficient in Microsoft Office Suite. Preferred candidates will be detail oriented and possess excellent communication, organizational and prioritization skills. CLA preferred.

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- (5/19/11) Part Time Litigation Legal Secretary with Experience Five attorney firm in South Natomas seeks a part time litigation legal secretary with a minimum 5 years experience. This is a 2:1 assignment for a partner and one associate. Duties also include filing, ordering supplies, and providing back up on phones. Software used: Word, Excel, Amicus, and Timeslips. We are looking for someone who has experience preparing and filing pleadings in state and federal courts, managing cases with multiple files, calendaring, excellent proof reading skills, can multi-task, is flexible, self-directed, with excellent attention to detail and excellent communication skills. Part time: five days per week, 9:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Salary: DOE. Benefits: Medical and dental insurance, parking. Email resume to Carolyn@cblattys.com. Cover letter not necessary. No phone calls please. Position available immediately.

Employment Report/Positions Available Cont....



- (5/12/11) Litigation Secretary Murphy Pearson Bradley Feeney (MPBF) currently has an opening for a Litigation Secretary in our Sacramento office. Ideal candidates should have a Bachelor's degree and at least five years experience as a litigation secretary, preferably supporting multiple attorneys at a time. This position requires experience in all phases of complex litigation from beginning phases of discovery through trial and appeals, including the ability to calculate and calendar legal deadlines in accordance with statutory local, state, federal, and administrative rules. Candidates should be proficient using legal technologies including Word, Outlook, and Excel, and be comfortable creating Table of Contents, Table of Authorities, and initial drafts of pleadings in a proactive manner. Experience with Pro Law a plus. Strong candidates will have excellent communication, organization, grammar, and proofing skills. Candidates should be dependable, have a positive attitude, a team player approach, and the ability to interact professionally with clients. MPBF is an equal opportunity employer and offers a professional work environment with a competitive salary and benefit package. Please email your resume and cover letter to recruiting@mpbf.com.
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- (4/27/11) Bilingual (Spanish) Legal Secretary Workers' Compensation, Employment, and Labor Law firm seeking a bilingual Legal Secretary to join their busy practice. Company located in Sacramento off of Highway 50. Position is full-time, and will require a minimum of 3-5 years experience as a Legal Secretary. Candidates should be used to working under tight deadlines juggling multiple tasks. Experience with Word and Excel. Please email resume to ihamilton@appleone.com Position available immediately.
- **(04/26/11) Paralegal** Paralegal needed ASAP for Sacramento law firm. Required background includes: Heavy Civil Litigation, Trial Preparation, and knowledge of: World Docs and Mac Pac. Short Term Contract position (approximately 2-4 weeks). Please email resume to Ihamilton@appleone.com.
- (4/14/11) Project Coordinator/Office Manager NewFields Agricultural & Environmental Resources is seeking a responsible and enthusiastic Project Coordinator/Office Manager for its Sacramento, California office. NewFields AER is a private consulting firm providing solutions to challenging agricultural and environmental problems throughout the world. The successful Project Coordinator/Office Manager candidate will be responsible for working with our technical team comprised of a range of agronomic, environmental, remote sensing, GIS and engineering disciplines in offices in Sacramento, Los Angeles, Chico, Atlanta, GA and Albany, OR. This candidate must be highly professional and have proficient knowledge of general office administration. This position is intended to be part time; 24-32 hours (5 days per week) and includes benefits. Primary Responsibilities include managing consulting business office; office operations, communications, and marketing. This includes maintaining office services and administrative records and providing project specific support and coordination including data management, expense reporting, budget management, contracting, and reporting. The successful candidate will need to interface with our head office (Atlanta) to receive and manage accounts payable and accounts receivable. The position requires a BA/BS in related field, 3-8 years of experience (legal industry a plus), proficiency in computers and software including, but not limed to Microsoft Excel, Work, PowerPoint and Outlook. Preferred qualifications include proficiency or desire to learn data management and technical editing/ formatting skills.

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1.	An estate cannot be distributed before the time expires for creditors' claims
	A. True □ B. False □
2.	The hearing on a petition for probate cannot be held less than 30 days after the date of filing the petition
	A. True □ B. False □
3	Once an estate is closed and the executor discharged, it cannot be opened again.
	A. True □ B. False □
4.	If the decedent received healthcare under the Medi- Cal Act, a notice of death and copy of the death cer- tificate must be mailed to the Director of Health Services.
	A. True □ B. False □
5.	The percentage of the first \$100,000 of the estate an acting administrator or executor receives as compensation for services rendered is 4 %.
	A. True □ B. False □
6.	The executor does not have authority to sell assets of the estate
	A. True □ B. False □
7.	A Will may specify that the requirement that an executor file a bond be waived.
	A. True □ B. False □
8	A decedent's safe deposit box may not be opened before letters testamentary have been issued.
	A. True □ B. False □
9.	By April 15 of the year following the date of death, final individual income tax returns for the decedent's last calendar year must be filed and an y taxes paid.
	A. True □ B. False □
10.	The executor may not utilize the decedent's accountant to prepare and file the estates' tax returns.

A. True \square

B. False □

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RENO BUS TRIP!!!! Saturday, September 10, 2011

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Look for more information in next month's bulletin!!!

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Questions?
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or
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Parliamentarian



















Parliamentarian's Corner By Astrid Watterson, Col. S

id you know that there are rules for debating a motion? According to Robert's Rules of Order, there are only a few motions which you can debate on.

They are:

Main motion
Motion to postpone indefinitely
Motion to amend
Motion to refer to a committee
Motion to postpone to a certain time
Motion to appeal from the decision of the chair
Motion to rescind
Motion to amend something previously adopted
Motion to reconsider
Motion for a recess
Motion to fix the time to which to adjourn

Should members wish to debate a motion, there are a few things to keep in mind. First, the member must obtain the floor and be recognized by the presiding officer before beginning to speak. You are not supposed to simply start talking. Stand and get the attention and be recognized.

The member who made the motion has the first right to speak to the motion and they do that by rising and obtaining the floor. A member can speak twice to the motion on the same day, but they can take their second turn only AFTER all others have spoken first. Each member can speak for ten minutes on each turn, unless previous time limits were included. The debate must be germane, meaning it has to be relevant to the motion. When debating a motion, the speakers must address their remarks to the chair, not to other members. Speakers should also be clear when debating whether they are speaking for or against the Finally, the big item, be courteous. Don't make it a personal attack. If you keep to the subject of the motion, you should be fine. If you get stuck and would like to find out more about parliamentary procedure, send me an e-mail and we can discuss it. In the meantime, I hope this information helps those who are interested.

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~Astrid Watterson, CCLS





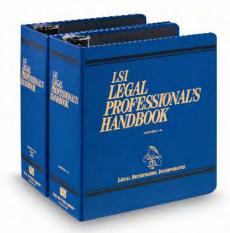


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ello again, fellow SLSA members! LSI's first quarterly conference is approaching fast. Stockton/San Joaquin County Legal Professionals Association invites you to "Celebrate the Seasons in Stockton" beginning August 19-21, 2011. The conference will be held at the Stockton Hilton Hotel in Stockton, California. The best part is there is still time to register! A scrip ticket can be purchased for \$100 if you register on or before July 19 and \$110 if you register on or after July 19. Contact Debbie Burgoine at (209) 472-9676 or e m a i l a t db_humming@yahoo.com (The Conference/Hotel Registration

rules (a sure fire way to impress your boss).

Reason No.2: Quarterly and Annual Conferences offer a host of continuing legal education for all members. Legal Specialization Workshops are a great way to expand your knowledge as a legal professional and most workshops offer MCLE and CCLS credit for attendance.

Reason No.3: And last, but not least...My personal favorite reason to attend a conference is SLSA receives Chapter Achievement Points for every member who attends a conference. SLSA will earn 50, yes 50, points for every member that

receive points. Help Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association win the award this year!

Finally, I hope everyone is having a great summer. SLSA is always in need of new volunteers. So if you have some free time this summer contact our amazing President, Dawn Forgeur, at: president@slsa.org and ask her what you can do for this association. Remember, you can only get out of SLSA as much as you put into it. We are an association run on volunteers and we cannot do it without your help. Until next time...

Attending a conference is the perfect opportunity to network with other legal professionals outside of your local chapter.

~Andrea Stoll

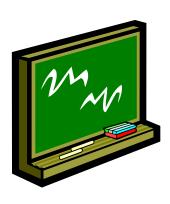
Forms are included in the bulletin).

There are plenty of great reasons to attend a LSI conference, but I'll keep this short and sweet and name only 3 of my top reasons to attend a conference:

Reason No.1: Attending a conference is the perfect opportunity to network with other legal professionals outside of your local chapter. Networking can be a huge life saver if you are ever caught in a jam and need a document filed ASAP but are unfamiliar with local

attends a LSI Quarterly or Annual Conference and an additional 50 points for every member that attends a Legal Specialization Section Seminar at Quarterly or Annual Conference. Why are Chapter Achievement Points so important? Keep in mind that LSI will award \$250 to the highest scoring association. As Governor, it is my duty to keep track of the Chapter Achievement Points accumulated throughout the year. So, please, don't forget to email me at: andrea@havdulaw.com when you accumulate points or if you want a complete list of ways to





CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT REPORTING FORM

Each association in LSI participates every year in the Chapter Achievement contest. An award of \$250 is presented by LSI to the highest scoring association in each membership category at the Annual Conference of LSI. Chapter Achievement Points (CAPs) are tracked during the year by SLSA's Governor. This covers activities from April 1, 2011, through March 31, 2012. This form's purpose is to track each member's activity during the course of the fiscal year. **Please complete this form each time you attend a function and mail it to SLSA's Governor.** 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 <i>The Legal Secretary</i> 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)
	I belong to an LSI-sponsored credit union. (100 points)
	I am insured through an LSI plan. (100 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 submitted questions to LSI for use on the CCLS Mock exam.
	How many? (25 points per question)
	I recertified as a CCLS during the 2011-2012 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 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, 2012. (100 points)
	I attended a Legal Specialization Section Seminar at Quarterly or Annual
	Conference. How many? (50 points per seminar)
	I attended a Legal Specialization Section Regional Seminar. (75 points)
	I submitted an article for use in a Legal Specialization Section newsletter. (50 points)
	I purchased the Legal Professional's Handbook (LPH) between April 1, 2011, and
	March 31, 2012. (200 points)
	I purchased the Law Office Procedures Manual (LOPM) between April 1, 2011,
	and March 31, 2012. (200 points)
	I purchased updates to the LPH between April 1, 2011, and March 31, 2012. (100 points)
	I purchased updates to the LOPM between April 1, 2011, and March 31, 2012. (100 points)
Name:	Email:

If you have any questions or would like to email this form, you can reach Andrea Stoll, Governor, at andrea@haydulaw.com, otherwise you can mail this form to:

Andrea Stoll SLSA Governor 2011-2012 Law Office of Eugene Haydu, Esq. 965 University Ave., Ste. 222 Sacramento, CA 95825 Page 18 The Legal Eagle Volume 7 Book 11

SAVE THE DATE!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ACLSA'S SUMMER SOCIAL

AND FUNDRAISER!





Oakland A's v. Minnesota Twins

Oakland Coliseum Sunday July 31, 2011

Ticket cost is \$26

Tailgate Party at 11:00 a.m.
(bring your own meat to grill and a side dish to share)

Game Time is 1:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to Bryana Schroder by 7/14 (see below)



See RSVP Form and Directions BelowTAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

RESERVATION FORM

(Please submit this completed form along with your check, made payable to Alameda County Legal Secretaries Association, by **July 14, 2011**)

Alameda County Legal Secretaries Association 2011 Summer Social Oakland A's Game and Tailgate Potluck

Please be sure to print very clearly, as your tickets will be mailed to you prior to the game, along with a group seating chart and sign-up sheet for the potluck dishes.

Name:
Address:
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E-mail – PRINT CLEARLY:
No. of Tickets x \$26 per ticket:
No. of Pre-paid Parking Passes x \$14 per vehicle:(Otherwise, parking is \$17 at the gate.)
Total Enclosed:(check made payable to <u>Alameda County Legal Secretaries Association or ACLSA</u>)

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT RESERVATION AND PAYMENT On or Before July 14, 2011

Send Completed Reservation Form and Payment to:

Bryana Schroder, CCLS President, ACLSA P. O. Box 27476 Oakland, CA 94602

Telephone: (415) 536-6312 E-mail: <u>bryana.schroder@juno.com</u>

Thank you and look forward to seeing you at the ball park!

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invites you to

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August 19-21, 2011 LSI Quarterly Conference Stockton Hilton Hotel Stockton, California

** CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM **

Name (to be used on badge) Mailing address:):		
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SCRIP (includes Registrati	on, Welcome Reception, Banquet & Br	unch):	
POSTMARKED o	n or before July 19, 2011	\$100.00	\$
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I	Registration PRIOR to July 19, 2011	\$15.00	\$
	Registration AFTER July 19, 2011	\$25.00	\$
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	Membership Luncheon (Saturday)	\$24.00	\$
	SUNDAY BRUNCH:	\$22.00	\$
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NO REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 5, 2011

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SSJCLPA CONFERENCE FUND
MAIL TO: Debbie Burgoine, Registration Co-Chair, 222 E. El Campo Ave, Stockton, CA 95207
Home: (209) 472-9676 Email: db humming@yahoo.com

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**HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM **

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GENERAL INFORMATION, CONTACT: Jan Kuykendall, CCLS, Conference Chair Cell: (209) 747-4781

Email: ks24fanatic@aol.com

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Vendor Spotlight June General Diffner: Veritext National Deposition & Litigation Services by Lynne Gomes



ur featured vendor for the June 16 General Membership Meeting was Veritext National Deposition and Litigation Services. Janet Pawlak, Regional Sales Manager for Veritext, gave us a presentation on Veritext's services, with special emphasis on its Mobile Deposition service, which allows you to depose witnesses remotely, in a cost-effective and convenient manner. Mobile Depo allows multi-party, two-way communication via laptops from anywhere at anytime. Video streaming on the Internet allows

you to participate with your colleagues at the proceedings from anywhere in the world. Using video streaming technology, Veritext offers a whole suite of services which place you in the room, no matter where you are.

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Thank you so much to Janet and the team at Veritext for their fantastic support of SLSA and being our featured vendor!

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Pictured from L to R: Deena Fawcett, Dawn Forgeur, CCLS, and Collette Bruggman





Pictured: New SLSA members



Pictured from L to R: Janet Pawlak and Dawn Forgeur, CCLS



Pictured from L to R: Sophia Albov, CCLS, Dawn Forgeur, CCLS, and Maimie Chyinski



Pictured from L to R: Dawn Forgeur, CCLS, Astrid Watterson, CCLS, and Maimie Chyinski



Pictured from L to R: Lynne Gomes and Janet Pawlak



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OBTAINING COURT RECORDS, ONE COUNTY AT A TIME

(PLACER, SACRAMENTO, SAN JOAQUIN & YOLO COUNTIES)

Placer County Superior Court:

LOCAL RULE 10.12 - COURT FILES

- A. No papers shall be removed from any Court file of actions or placed therein except by authorized Court personnel. The clerk shall not deliver any papers filed except for purposes of inspection in the office of the clerk, to the possession of any person other than an employee of the Court unless so ordered by the Court. [Effective date 7/1/01]
- B. Use of Picture Cell Phones: Picture cell phones are not to be used while in clerk's offices or courtrooms, or while viewing files or documents in Court. [Effective date 7/1/05]
- C. Release of Original Court Files by Clerk: Absent a court order, the clerk shall not release an original court file to any person not an employee of the court. The clerk may allow any person to view a non-confidential case file within the courthouse pursuant to public access rules. Assigned and temporary public judges, when taking matters under submission or for other good cause, may obtain copies of all or designated portions of the court file at no cost. Private judges, including private temporary judges, and counsel/parties in such privately adjudicated cases, may obtain copies of all or designated portions of the court file. Copy costs shall be borne by the requesting party or parties. [Effective date 1/1/11]

Source: Placer County Local Rule 10.12, http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/forms/Local%20Rules-Effective_7-1-11.pdf

Sacramento County Superior Court

VIEWING OR COPYING COURT FILES

To obtain copies or certified copies of a civil file or document, you may hire a private agency to assist you, go to the Civil Records Unit in the Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, or write a letter including appropriate fees to the Civil Correspondence Clerk. The Civil Records Unit retains case files on-site for approximately 3 years. All other files are kept at an off-site retention facility and take 3 to 5 business days to be delivered to the main courthouse. If you plan to retrieve a file yourself, it is strongly suggested that you call the Civil Records Unit at 916-874-7186 to find out if the file is in the building. Copy machines are available in the Records Unit and cost \$0.25 per copy. Copy cards cost \$1.00 and can be purchased at the dispensers located in Room 101. The dispensers accept only \$1.00 bills. The copy cards come pre-loaded with \$0.50, but customers can reload them for \$0.25 per copy at the copiers (not the dispensers), up to a limit of \$25.00. The money box at the copier accepts nickels, dimes, quarters, \$1.00 and \$5.00 bills. If customers have questions or wish to receive a refund on the balance of their copy card, they can contact Caltronics at 916-363-2611. Most civil court files are public records and may be viewed by anyone. To see a court file you must present a valid picture identification such as a current driver's license.

Source: http://www.saccourt.ca.gov/civil/file-status.aspx

San Joaquin County Superior Court:

If you are trying to obtain copies of records you may follow any of the instructions below:

- In Person
- By Mail
- Pro Per Clinic Records Request (Special Instructions)

In Person

Go to The Records Management Division located at 540 E Main Street, Stockton, CA 95202 and fill out an out card at the counter. If you do not have a case number a search fee of \$15.00 may be assessed to locate your case number. One of the staff will pull your file and make the copies that you need. Copies are .50 cents per page per side. Waiting time depends on the flow of traffic coming in, but it usually takes no more than 5-10 minutes to

Legal Procedures Cont....

obtain your copies. We house records for all court locations in the county; however, they are the older records not current records. Please call the appropriate court location for more information or review the <u>Records Management File Location Log</u> to see what records are currently stored at Records Management.

By Mail

Civil, Small Claims, Family Law, Family Support and Probate Records:

You may submit all requests for copies in Civil, Small Claims, Family Law, Family Support and Probate to the Civil Records Division at 222 E. Weber Avenue, Room 303, Stockton, CA 95202. If you do not have a case number there may be a search fee of \$15.00 assessed in order to locate your record. Copies are .50 cents per page per side and will not be made until payment is rendered first. For more information you may call (209) 468-8133.

Criminal and Traffic Records:

You may submit all requests for copies in Criminal or Traffic to Criminal Records at 222 E. Weber Avenue, Room 101, Stockton, CA 95202. If you do not have a case number a search fee of \$15.00 may be assessed to locate your case number. Copies are .50 cents per page per side and will not be made unless payment is rendered first. For more information you may contact 209-468-2935.

Pro Per Clinic Records Request (Special Instructions) effective March 15, 2010

In order to receive assistance at the Pro Per Clinic, you MUST COME PREPARED by bringing your most recent court documents or order your file in advance from the Records Management Department. If you do not have your court documents or did not request your file in advance of coming to the Pro Per Clinic, you will be required to request your file from Records Management. Upon receipt of your request, the Records Management Department will pull your file for the following business day, so the Pro Per Clinic can assist you.

To order your file in advance, please follow the instructions below:

- You may come to the Records Management Department located at 540 E. Main Street, Stockton, CA 95202 in person to complete the Pro Per Clinic Records Request Form. This form is also available at the Information Booth or Pro Per Clinic. <u>OR</u>
- 2. You may also <u>submit your request on-line</u> (http://www.stocktoncourt.org/courts/filerequest.htm) to avoid an extra visit to the courthouse. Your request will be automatically routed to Records Management Department.
- 3. Requests submitted during business hours will be ready for the Pro Per Clinic the following business day by 8:30 a.m. and held at the Pro Per Clinic until the end of the week. For example, if you submit a Pro Per Clinic Records Request Form on a Tuesday (during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.), your file will be available at the Clinic on Wednesday morning and will be held at the Clinic until close of business on Friday. You will be able to receive assistance at the Clinic Wednesday thru Friday of the same week you made your records request.

Source: http://www.saccourt.ca.gov/civil/file-status.aspx

Yolo County Superior Court

Most civil court files are public records and may be viewed and copied by anyone. To obtain a copy of a file or a document in a file, a person may:

- 1. Appear in person at the Civil Legal Process filing counter and make your request. Prior to appearing, it is suggested that the Civil Division be called to determine if the file is available. Not all files are retained onsite, and it may take up to two weeks to get the files delivered to the courthouse.
- 2. Hire a private agency to assist you.
- 3. Write a letter to the court including the required fees for copying and research, the case number if known, the names of the parties, the name of the document if copies of a specific document are being requested and as much other information as can be provided. Also, a self-addressed stamped envelope must be included for mailing the copies to the person requesting them. See the Uniform Fee Schedule for amount of fees. You may be able to determine the amount of the fees by checking the court's Uniform Fee Schedule.

Source: http://www.stocktoncourt.org/courts/recordsmanagement.htm

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Speaker Spotlight

June General Dinner Meeting: Deena Fawcett and Colette Bruggman—Third District Court of Appeals



he Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association was delighted to have Deena Fawcett and Colette Bruggman from The Third District Court of Appeals. It is such an honor for SLSA to get an inside perspective on how to make our filings painless and successful. Our speakers reminded us that everything one would need to know about the Third District is contained within the California Rules of Court and they follow the rules to the "T"!

Our speakers enlightened us with some of the most common rejections they see. For exam-

ple; an improper Proof of Service or a Stipulation that does not have "wet" (i.e. real signatures). However, Stipulation for Extension of Time is only required to have one wet

signature – the rest can be copies! On all other stipulations <u>all</u> signatures must be wet. Our speakers told us that if they unsure whether a signature is original, they will use the smear test. If it doesn't smear when moistened, then they cannot accept the filing.

They also provided us with a few useful tips and a quick reference for formatting documents that are going to be filed with any California Court of Appeal.

Document Cover Colors – A Quick Glance Guide

- appellant's opening brief green
- appellant's appendix green
- respondent's brief yellow
- respondent's appendix yellow
- appellant's reply brief -

red

- petitions for rehearing orange
- answers to petitions for rehearing blue
- petition for transfer of appellate div. case white
- answer to petition for transfer blue

Some additional and important formatting pointers.

Our speakers reminded us that everything .

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follow the rules to the "T"!

~Sophia Albov, CCLS

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- amicus curiae brief gray
- answer to amicus blue
- filings for original proceedings -

- The type font style must be in times new roman. Type size must be no smaller than 13 point, and both sides of the paper may be used.
- The brief covers must state the name, address, telephone number, and California State Bar number of each attorney filing or joining in the brief.
- Computer-generated briefs need not be signed.

A party filing a brief may attach copies of exhibits and other materials in the appellate record, not exceeding a total of 10 pages.



July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Independ- ence Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Board Meeting	12 Deadline to make hotel reservations for August Conference	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Deadline for discounted scrip ticket for Conference	20	21 Regular Dinner Meeting	22	23
24	25 Last Day to Submit Articles for Bulletin	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Dates to Remember

- July 11 SLSA Board Meeting (Location: Greenberg Traurig, LLP Time: 6:00 p.m.)
- July 12 Deadline to make hotel reservations for August Conference
- July 19 Deadline for discounted scrip ticket for conference
- July 21 Regular Dinner Meeting (Location: Courtyard Marriott, Midtown Sacramento, 4422 Y Street, Sacramento, CA, 5:30 p.m.)
- July 25 Last Day to Submit Articles for the July issue of The Legal Eagle
- August 16 Deadline to submit CCLS Exam Application
- August 19-21 LSI First Quarterly Conference



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Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association

Dinner Meeting - July 21, 2011

Vendor of the Month:

Capitol Legal Investigations, Inc.



"How to Facilitate a Successful Surveillance Operation to Gain the Winning Edge"

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

Courtyard Marriott
Midtown Sacramento

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

R.S.V.P. by July 18. Complete the reservation form, check should be made payable to SLSA, and mail to: Maimie Chyinski, Registration/Reception Chair 2011-2012, SLSA, c/o Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost, LLP, 520 Capitol Mall, Ste. 400, Sacramento, California 95814; or fax: 916-443-0030; or email to: reservations@slsa.org. *Please add \$3 for reservations made after July 18. NOTE: Cancellations must be received 48 hours in advance for a refund. No-Shows will be billed..

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		Entrée Selection:
NAME:		- 🗆 Lemon Chicken
Address:		Meyer lemon glazed chicken with basmati rice and sage polenta.
C ITY:	S tate: Z ip:	☐ Eggplant Parmesan Eggplant slices, lightly sautéed
EMAIL:		and baked with a rich tomato sauce, fresh basil, mozzarella a
TEL:	FAX:	parmesan with pasta
<u> </u>	Do you require an □MCLE or □CCLS certificate?	All dinners include a house salad and Tiramisu with praline crunch.
Are you	u an SLSA member?	

CCLS Quiz Answers by Jennifer Estabrook, CCLS

CCLS QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 10):

- 1. True [LOPM J(II)(D)(2)]
- 2. False [15 days LOPM J(II)(A)(6)]
- 3. False [LOPM J(II)(E)(6)]
- 4. True [LOPM J(II)(D)(8)]
- 5. True [LOPM J(II)(E)(1)(d)]

- 6. False [LOPM J(II)(E)(D)(5)]
- 7. True [LOPM J(II)(B)(6)]
- 8. False [LOPM J(II)(A)(3)]
- 9. True [LOPM J(II)(D)(3)(b)]
- 10. False [LOPM J(II)(D)(3)(b)]



Administrator The person appointed by the court to act as a probate estate's

representative when the decedent leaves no will.

Beneficiary One who receives property from an estate, whether an heir or

not.

Coidicil A supplement to a will which may explain, modify, add to, sub-

tract from, qualify, alter, restrain or revoke provisions of the

original will.

Devise A gift of real property by will.

Executor The person named in a will to carry out the directions in the

will and to act as the representative of the decedent's estate.

Intestate One who dies without a valid will.

Letters of Administration A document issued by the court empowering one to act as ad-

ministrator of a decedent's estate.

Letters Testamentary Document issued by a court empowering one designated in a

decedent's will to act as executor of the decedent's estate.

Pretermit In a will, to let pass without mention or notice; to omit.

Testator A person who makes a will.



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APPLICATION

Please complete and mail this form to the following address with your check to reserve your place at one of the examination venues:

CCLS Certifying Board 5726 Lorelei Avenue Lakewood, CA 90712

	Northern California				Saturday, Octo	ber 15, 2011
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hai food, or as I like to think of it, one of the final frontiers in culinary adventure. Yes, it's true...I held out from eating Thai food until I was well into my twenties. Why, you ask? Well, having not grown up eating it (or anything like it), I was not familiar with the flavor profiles, ingredients, or cooking methods. This made it scary and it took not wanting to look stupid in front of a group of friends to initiate me into the wonder and joy that Thai food has to offer. While I did not eat it until fairly recently, I have eaten enough of it in the last five years that I now consider myself an authority on several of Sacramento's fine Thai establishments. So please join me on this Thai jaunt and I will walk you through some of my favorite places and dishes.

Best Curry -Avocado Curry -Chada Thai Cuisine 1624 Broadway Sacramento, CA 95818 (916) 444-8909

Creamy and spicy, these two words come to mind when I think about Chada Thai's avocado curry. This is one of their house specials. It is a green curry that is interlaced with big chunks of cool and refreshing avocado. I do not know if this is a traditional

Thai dish, but it sure is delicious! When I order it I like to get all vegetables, but it can come with chicken, pork, seafood, or tofu. They are also very accommodating about special requests. For example, if you don't like something that comes in it then ask for it to be left out! They always do this with a smile. They have explained to me that since each curry dish is made fresh it is never a problem to take something away or add something in. They have a spacious dining room and offer take out. The portion at dinner is perfect to eat a serving at the restaurant and then take a serving home for later. The most surprising part for me is how well avocado curry lasts in the fridge. I always thought it would get gross very quickly because of the avocado, but it has always been great for heating up the next day.

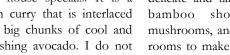
Soup Tom Kha Soup -**PGR** Noodle House 3672 J St Sacramento, CA 95816 (916) 739-0694

PGR is where I really fell in love with Thai food. The Tom Kha (coconut milk soup) is absolutely divine. It is delicate and tangy. They use bamboo shoots, button mushrooms, and straw mushrooms to make this awesome soup come alive. There is also

a generous float of chili oil which adds kick, but isn't too terribly spicy. It is also always piping hot and truly does soothe the soul. For those unfamiliar with this soup, it is very heavy on the lemongrass. I could see where this could turn some people off, but it made me just want more. PGR has a very humble interior, but the service tends to be fast and polite. I like to get takeout from this place.

Best Interior -Taste of Thai 1628 Broadway Sacramento, CA 95818 (916) 444-5598

Now for all you eagle eyes out there, I am sure you noticed that this address is very similar to the address for Chada Thai Cuisine. No, I did not make a mistake. They are on the same small block of Broadway. It would seem that a single block would be too close of quarters to host two fine Thai restaurants, but this is not true. Chada has better food and Taste of Thai has much better décor. The ambience in Taste of Thai is charming. There are dark woods and sequined, embroidered wall hangings. As mentioned, the actual food in the neighbor restaurant is better, but the food at Taste is not bad at all - just not as good as their interior decorating!



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Eating with Sophia Cont....

Best Rice Dish – Pineapple Fried Rice – Bangkok at 12

900 12th St Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 443-5588

Before this place was Bangkok it was Amarmin Thai. Now that it has a new name the food is even better! The pineapple rice here is one of the most scrumptious Thai dishes I have ever tasted. The ingredients when listed (rice, pineapple, yellow curry, raisins, onion, etc.) seem an unlikely combination. However, it works – it works so well!! Their other dishes have been very good as well. I have been here more for dinner than for lunch, but when I did come for lunch I was able to get in and out within my allotted hour. Service has always been

very friendly and on occasion the servers have even taken the time to educate my table about the different regions of Thai cuisine. This restaurant is also very vegetarian friendly.



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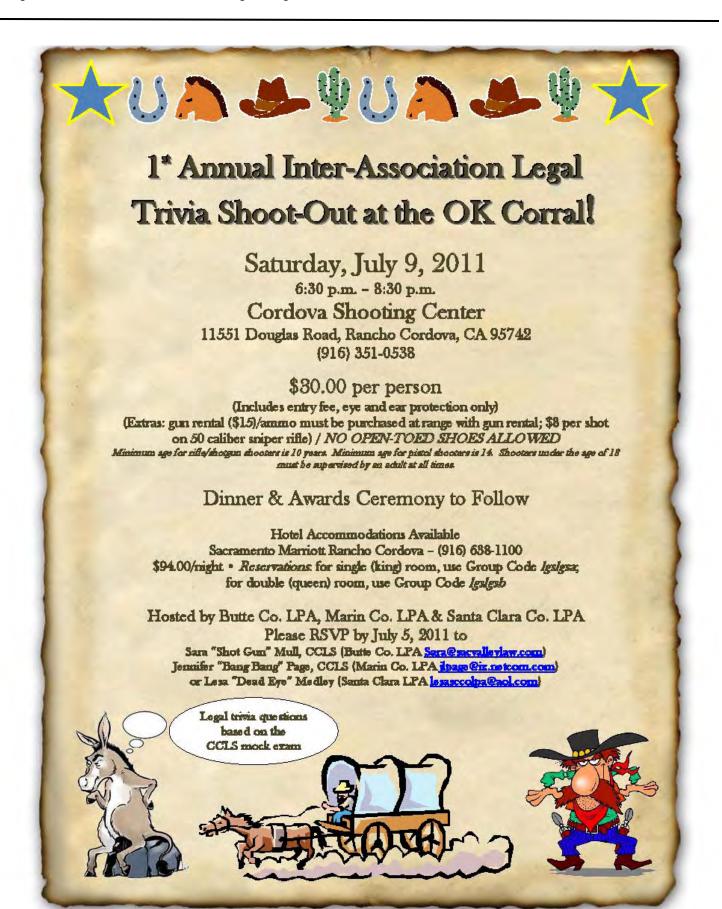
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