

# Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association

# The Legal Eagle

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October 2013

"CIVIL RIGHTS: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE"



Gene Livingston, Esq. and Lynne Koroush - See the cover story on page 6 to read more about our September Speaker.

#### **October Meeting Information**

Come and join us to hear motivational speaker Dennis Wade of People Development Systems on October 17, 2013, at the Downtown Courtyard Marriott, 4422 Y Street, Sacramento, CA. 5:30 p.m. Meet and Greet, 6:15 p.m. dinner meeting. Mr. Wade specializes in human resources and employee development.

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Lynne Koroush, President

# President's Message: "It's Fall, Y'all"

Fall is finally here – my favorite season! This time of year reminds me that even though the gardening period is coming to a close, there's still a lot I can do to squeeze a little more out of this growing season, but more importantly, to prepare for next season. October is a

good time to prepare the flower bed for bulbs to be planted in November. It's also a great time to take advantage of end-of-season discounts and sales by purchasing seed packets, plants, tools, and equipment at bargain prices! Fall is a perfect time to do some cleaning and re-potting of overgrown plants, as well as trimming, weeding, and fertilizing your garden.

This might also be a good time of year for each of us to see what we can squeeze out of the remainder of 2013's growing season, professionally speaking, and to think about what we want to achieve for the future.

Some of you are preparing to take the CCLS examination this month, which means you are trying to cram in that last-minute studying after all the weeks and months of preparing. You are to be commended for your personal and professional commitment to excellence! Others will be attending Legal Specialization Section seminars in Long Beach next month, harvesting additional information and education.

Fall and winter are also typically our busiest times for charitable projects and giving back. We just completed Operation Backpack, and we will be hosting the Project Birthday later this month. Fairytale Town's Safe and Sane Halloween event also occurs this month, and we will be hosting hundreds of children coming through the castle that weekend. Our holiday activities will soon be announced, which will

provide us additional opportunities to share, give back, and celebrate.

SLSA's Day in Court Chair and Co-Chairs are planning the January and February 2014 events, which will bring some much-needed winter cultivation and education regarding the court's changes and the changes in the law that invariably come with the new year. We will also be looking toward the future growth and leadership of our association when nominations and elections roll around in February and March. Perhaps you will consider stepping into a leadership role and helping SLSA continue to thrive by serving on the Executive Board or as a committee chair.

There's still so much that happens with and for a garden, even when it's not the height of the gardening season. And there's still a lot you can squeeze out of the season before it ends.

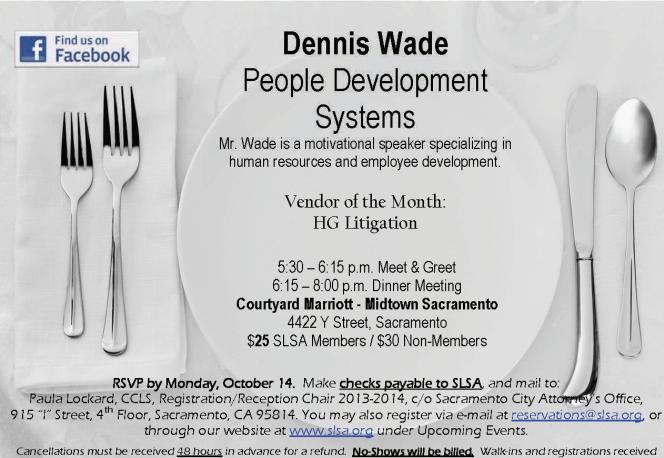
Whatever you decide to do, whether it's for your actual garden, or your professional growth, no amount of preparation, planting, or planning is too great OR too small.





# Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association

Dinner Meeting - October 17, 2013



after the RSVP deadline are subject to a \$5 late fee.

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continuing legal education credit by the State Bar of California in the amount of **0.5 hours**. Entrée Selection: NAME: Pork Loin - Boneless pork loin with mango chutney. Salmon Filet – Panko-crusted salmon with lemon-butter sauce. \_\_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Option: Mushroom and mascarpone polenta. All meals will be served with salad and FAX: \_\_\_ Do you require a ☐MCLE or ☐CCLS certificate? If "No," are you interested in membership? ☐ YES ☐ NO Are you an SLSA member? YES NO Are you interested in volunteering with SLSA? TYES NO

# SLSA September 19, 2013 Dinner Meeting



Michelle Chavez, CCLS, and Elizabeth Madden, CCLS



Corene Rodder, Lynne Koroush, Yelena Williams, and CoSandra Pollard

# SLSA September 19, 2013 Dinner Meeting



Teri McClory, CCLS, and Dawn Forgeur, CCLS



**SLSA Friends** 



Adriana Ellis and Ana Marie Sotuela





# Gene Livingston, Esq., "Civil Rights: Past, Present & Future

# Submitted by Lynne Koroush



Gene Livingston started his legal career as an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., where his first assignment was with the newly-created Civil Rights Division. He was a first-hand witness to many of the horrific and violent acts and treatment imposed upon African Americans during the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana during the 1960s.

Mr. Livingston began his presentation by discussing the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, which took the lives of four young African American girls. Birmingham had so many bombings during the early part of the Civil Rights Movement that it was nicknamed "Bombingham." He also discussed the role of the "Freedom Riders" - civil rights activists who rode interstate buses into the segregated southern states to challenge the non-enforcement of the Supreme Court decisions which ruled that segregated public buses were unconstitutional and the bombing of their buses by Klansmen in Anniston, Alabama, as well as the brutal beatings of the Freedom Riders by mobs of white protesters in Birmingham.

Civil rights activists began using children as part of their demonstrations against the terrorists of the South, and in 1963, Bull Connor, Commissioner of Public Safety in Birmingham, arrested a total of 963 children between the ages of 6 and 18 years old. Bull Connor's tactics included the use of police attack dogs and high-pressure fire hoses, both of which were turned loose on demonstrators. Media coverage of these events by the three major television networks ultimately captured the nation's attention, creating national sympathy for the demonstrators.

When city officials in Birmingham finally sat down with civil rights leaders and agreed to open lunch counters, restrooms, dressing rooms, and other areas of public access to African Americans, the Ku Klux Klan retaliated. On Sunday, September 15, 1963, four Klansmen planted a box of dynamite with a time delay under the steps of the 16th Street Baptist church near the basement. At 10:22 a.m., as children were leaving the basement to hear the sermon, the bomb exploded, killing three 14-year-old girls and one 11-year-old. Twenty-two other people were injured. The Klansman who planted the bomb was identified and charged with possessing dynamite without a permit. He was fined \$100 and sentenced to six months in jail. He was not charged with murder until years later.

Mr. Livingston also discussed the reactions to the historic March on Washington, where one of the largest political rallies for human rights in U. S. history occurred on August 28, 1963. An estimated 250,000 people marched on Washington for civil and economic rights, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his infamous "I Have a Dream" speech. Part of that reaction occurred in March of 1965, when nearly 800 marchers crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, were met and attacked by police with billy clubs and tear gas. Seventeen

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# Speaker Spotlight: Continued Gene Livingston, Esq., "Civil Rights: Past, Present & Future

## Submitted by Lynne Koroush

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people were injured seriously enough to be hospitalized. That day became known as "Bloody Sunday." On March 21, 1965, approximately 8,000 people began the trek once again from Selma to Montgomery. By the time they reached Montgomery four days later, there were 25,000 marchers.

Eight days after Bloody Sunday, President Lyndon Johnson presented a voting rights act to Congress, which became the Voting Rights Act of 1965. It prohibited interference with the right to register and vote, it required political subdivisions and states with a history of voter suppression to clear all future law changes relating to voting to the U. S. Attorney General for approval before implementing the law, and it authorized the Attorney General to appoint federal agents to register voters and observe elections in those areas.

Mr. Livingston stated that the Voting Rights Act passed a few days after he joined the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, and the first cases he worked on were based on violations of the Act. Civil rights leaders, including Martin Luther King, Jr., recognized that African Americans were unlikely to achieve civil and economic justice until they could vote and exercise political power. Efforts to gain the right to register and to vote were opposed by discriminatory practices by officials and violence by Klansmen. Brave men like Vernon Dahmer, Jimmie Lee Jackson, and James Meredith, were all viciously murdered for their persistence in standing up for the right to register and the right to vote.

Mr. Livingston said that the closest he came to being seriously injured while working in the civil rights era was during an attack in Grenada, Mississippi, by white townspeople on the marchers, with law enforcement standing passively by and offering no protection or attempts at restoring order.

As part of the trial team that gathered evidence against and prosecuted members of the Ku Klux Klan in Louisiana and Mississippi, Mr. Livingston had intimate knowledge of the now-famous murders of the three civil rights workers — Michael Shwerner, James Chaney, and Andrew Goodman - in Meridian, Mississippi, which was the basis for the movie "Mississippi Burning." His retelling of the events of the night of the murders, as well as the accompanying photographs, was both chilling and compelling.

While Mr. Livingston's focus was primarily on the struggle 50 years ago to achieve some semblance of equality for African Americans in this country, he stated that, "Inequality and the denial of civil rights, unfortunately, takes many forms and is a world-wide issue." He went on to discuss gender bias and disparate treatment of women, as well as the restrictions, discrimination

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and violence against gays and lesbians. In addition, the U. S. Supreme Court recently invalidated of a portion of the Voting Rights Act that was reauthorized by Congress in 2006,

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Mr. Livingston's first-hand accounts and bold retelling of some of the events which occurred during our country's Civil Rights Movement captivated the attendees at our September 19 dinner meeting, and moved many to tears. It's one thing to sit in a History or Civics class and hear about such events; it is quite another to literally sit a few feet away from one who actually lived it and describes it so well that you

can actually "see" history. SLSA is extremely grateful to Mr. Livingston for sharing his experiences with us, educating us, and being our guest speaker. He summed it up best when he said, "These laws demonstrate the power of the vote; they also demonstrate that the gains of yesterday cannot be taken for granted, that they have to be won anew—that the struggle for civil rights is constant."







# **October Birthdays**

Many happy returns to the following SLSA members who celebrate October birthdays!

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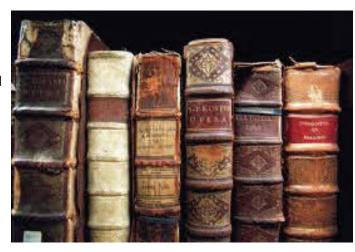
#### Submitted by Launa Atkinson, CCLS

#### **CCLS Quiz**

Select the correct definition:

- 1. Assets = Liabilities + Owner's Equity
  - a. Bookkeeping equation
  - b. Accounting equation
  - c. Equation of financial assets
- 2. The complete set of accounts for a business
  - a. Trial balance
  - b. Account ledger
  - c. Chart of accounts
- 3. The principal of a promissory note
  - a. Amount of the note
  - b. Annual interest
  - c. Accrual amount
- 4. The form that will yield information pertaining to the number of exemptions an employee is claiming
  - a. W-4
  - b. SRI
  - c. W-2
- The type of endorsement that limits the receiver of the check as to the use he/she can make of the funds collected
  - a. Endorsement in full
  - b. Specific endorsement
  - c. Restrictive endorsement
- 6. The accounting system in which revenue is recognized when earned regardless of when it is received and expense is recognized when incurred regardless of when actually paid is
  - a. Accrual basis
  - b. Cost basis
  - c. Real account basis

- 7. What is the amount of interest that has accrued at the legal rate on a judgment of \$5,000 from the date of entry of judgment, January 15, to the day payment is made, June 26?
  - a. \$500
  - b. \$225
  - c. \$250
- 8. A truck was purchased August 5 at a cost of \$27,000. It is estimated that the truck will have a salvage value of \$4,000 after 7 years of useful life. What is the amount of monthly depreciation?
  - a. \$321.43
  - b. \$472.50
  - c. \$250.00
- 9. Which of the following is an example of an informal accounting statement?
  - a. Trial balance
  - b. Post-closing trial balance
  - c. Worksheet
- Social security tax taken from an employee's paycheck is also known as
  - a. FUTA
  - b. FICA
  - c. SSI



## **CCLS Vocabulary**

- 1. Compound entry a transaction requiring more than one debit or credit to be recorded.
- 2. Debit the left side of a T account; represents decreases in liabilities, capital, and revenue accounts, and increases in asset, drawing, and expense accounts.
- 3. Entry the recording of a business transaction in a record.
- 4. Fiscal year a period of 12 consecutive months.
- 5. Adjusting entry general ledger entry to correct or bring account up to date.
- 6. Accounting equation Assets = Liabilities + Owner's Equity + Revenue Expenses.
- 7. Slide An error in placing the decimal point.
- 8. Fixed assets Assets more or less permanent in nature whose useful life is more than one year, i.e., land, buildings, and equipment.
- 9. Goodwill Value of a business over the book value or agreed value of net assets.
- 10. Income statement A financial statement showing the results of business transactions involving revenue and expense accounts over a period of time.

**Member News** 

## Congratulations to the following new SLSA members!

### Associate Membership

Laura Meidinger is seeking employment in the legal field and has received formal secretarial training/education. She enjoys running and working out. Laura celebrates her birthday January 7.



#### Student Membership

Jennifer Gilbeau is a self-employed legal professional, who previously managed her own investigative firm. She enjoys doing the Relay for Life, and celebrates her birthday on August 7.

Angela Grijalva is currently a legal professional with Mojaddidi Law. She specializes in family law and immigration. She celebrates her birthday on December 13.

#### Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association

# **LUNCH LESSON**

November 13, 2013 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM

# "Citations Refresher: CA Style Manual & Blue Book" Presented by Rebecca Anderson Smith of Downey Brand LLP

Location: Downey Brand LLP, 621 Capitol Mall, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 Cost: \$20 LSI Members, \$25 Non-LSI Members (NO REFUNDS)

#### Reservations due by November 5, 2013

Lunch will be provided. Public parking is available in the building for a fee.

RSVP to: Anne French c/o Downey Brand LLP 621 Capitol Mall, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

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#### \*\*\*Registration begins at 11:45 AM, and the Speaker will begin promptly at Noon\*\*\*

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# **APPLICATION**



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EMPLOYMENT RECORD: Please list legal secretarial employment, beginning with your most recent (or current) employment, to show a minimum of two full years of such employment. Attach a supplemental page if additional entries are necessary to show two full years of employment as a legal secretary.
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# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN SACRAMENTO LEGAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION

> Maryanna Rickner, Treasurer Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association c/o Sacramento County Office of Education P. O. Box 269003, Sacramento, CA 95826-9003

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# **Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association Membership Renewal Invoice**

Membership Period: May 1, 2013 – April 30, 2014

**Due Date: May 1, 2013** 

Make check payable to:

**Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association** 

Amount Due: **\$40** Renewals are due May 1, 2013.

There will be a late fee of \$5 after June 1, 2013.

Return the completed invoice and full payment to:

Maryanna Rickner, Treasurer Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association c/o Sacramento County Office of Education

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# **RENO BUS TRIP**

An Event Sponsored by Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association

Saturday, October 12, 2013

Destination: The Silver Legacy Resort Casho \$30 per person (checks payable to "SLSA")

#### Includes:

- \$10 credit voucher for the casino and \$5 food voucher
- Free Breakfast
- Free Goodie Bag on Return Trip

- Restroom On Board
- \$1 Soft Drinks/Bottled Water
- \$2 Beer, Bloody Marys & Screwdrivers
- Raffle Prizes!!!
- Open to members & non-members must be at least 21 years of age

## Seating is Limited!! -- First Come, First Served!! -- Register NOW!!

#### Departures

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We will arrive at the Silver Legacy approx. 1:30 AM, and depart at 5:30 PM. We arrive in Sacramento approx. 8 PM.

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# Reno Bus Trip - HELP NEEDED! Raffle Prizes Needed!!



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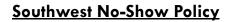
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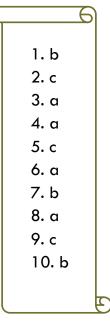
New Local Rules Effective October 1, 2013, have been adopted by the Eastern District of California. The amended Local Rules, contain amendments to Local Rules 101, 137, 159, 163, 202, 205, 281, 403 and 460 as adopted by General Order No. 536. The Amended Local Rules and the amendments may be found on the Local Rules page at:

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# Answers to the CCLS Quiz



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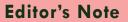


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Editor-Corene E. Rodder

I look forward to seeing everyone that was able to purchase/win tickets for the Reno Bus trip!

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#### Submitted by Kimberly Ann Smith

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## **Benefits of SLSA: Connections**

#### Submitted by Corene E. Rodder

It occurred to me that we have a wonderful benefit by enjoy a connection of common experiences. being a member of the Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association that is rarely talked about but often felt by our members. I had the opportunity to experience it at our last dinner meeting.

I should start by saying that it has been difficult for me to come to the dinner meetings because of my work hours. However, I made the effort this time because I was interested in the topic to be discussed by our dinner speaker, Gene Livingston, Esq.

After the meeting, I was encouraged to talk to a fellow member by our Governor, Dawn Forgeur, CCLS. She said, "You two should talk! You were both in the U.S. Navy." I turned and spoke to Maryanna Rickner and asked what her job was while in the service. We discovered that not only were we both in the U.S. Navy, we went to the same boot camp, the same "A" school and did the same job!

What followed was a wonderful conversation that has now created a bond between two SLSA members that previously did not exist. I am so glad that I came to our dinner meeting! Maryanna and I will now always

Maryanna and I were able to share with other members what it was like to be a woman in the military before it was as common as it is now. The discussion continued, discussing civil rights in general across all workplaces, not just the military. While we spoke to the other members we reinforced our connection and connected with others that shared common experiences.

In closing, the benefit that we all feel but rarely talk about is connection. Come to a dinner meeting, go to a conference, and take one of the classes offered by SLSA or LSI. You will always enjoy the time with the people that you know. However, I encourage you to reach out and speak to others. You never know what you may have in common with another member and you may make a new connection that may surprise you.

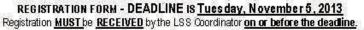




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# **Employment Report**



#### Submitted by Jaymie Moralez

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Employers/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, and years of experience required. The attorney/employer is requested to e-mail the Employment Chair with the advertisement formatted like those currently posted on the "Employment Opportunities" page. Ads are usually posted within 48 hours.

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(9/23/13) Legal Office Receptionist. Lozano Smith, California's premier public agency law firm representing school districts, public agencies, and institutions of higher education, is seeking a full-time receptionist for our Sacramento office. The incumbent will perform receptionist duties and provide general clerical assistance in a fast-paced, dynamic environment as well as assist with office administrative responsibilities. Ideal candidates are pleasant, detail-oriented, collaborative, team players with excellent organizational skills, and have a positive and professional attitude. One to three years of recent receptionist experience answering a multi-line phone system in a professional office setting is required. Must have intermediate skill level with MS Office, especially Word; be able to type 45 wpm; have experience using office equipment including fax, copiers, mail meter. Send resume and cover letter to Human Resources via e-mail at jobs@lozanosmith.com.

(9/11/13) Bilingual (English/Spanish) Litigation Secretary. BEESON, TAYER & BODINE, a 20-attorney Union-side labor law firm with California offices in Oakland and Sacramento, has an opening for a bilingual (English/Spanish) litigation secretary in our Sacramento Office starting January 1, 2014. This position supports our traditional labor law board practice. Our support staff works as a team with our attorneys in support of the labor movement as well as the rights of individual employees. The Sacramento Office is comprised of highly motivated, committed, collaborative and professional individuals - we are looking to find another such person to join our team. For information about our firm, please see our website at www.beesontayer.com. The starting hourly rate for this position is \$35.50 (\$64,610.00) annually for a thirty-five hour workweek). The rate of pay will increase after twelve months to \$37.00/\$67,340.00. In addition, we offer an excellent benefit package which includes a traditional pension plan, parking allowance, and 100% employer-paid family coverage (medical, dental and vision). Retiree coverage is also available after meeting certain requirements.

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## **Employment Report (continued)**

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(8/30/13) Court Department CSR. An Attorney Support Service in downtown Sacramento is seeking to fill a full time position in the Court Department. Duties will include preparation of all filings for local Superior Courts and the Secretary of State, as well as monitoring legal research sent to the field. Heavy multi line phone use is involved, and client contact is required. Knowledge of the Superior Courts and legal procedure is a plus. Salary will be commensurate to experience. Please email resume to hr4nowsc2@gmail.com. Position available immediately, and training will be provided. (8/26/13) 28109-B Legal Secretary I – County of Sacramento. The County of Sacramento is currently accepting continuous file applications for Legal Secretary I. For Salary Range, Position Information, Examples of Knowledge and Abilities, Employment Qualifications, and Application and Testing Information, please click here to thoroughly read the job announcement and apply online.

(8/26/13) Executive Secretary. Sacramento. Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC), the non-profit civil legal aid provider for 23 Northern California counties seeks an experienced legal secretary to provide administrative support to the LSNC executive office staff and board of directors. Under the supervision of the Executive Director, supervise and direct workflow of Executive office, including communication flow with branch offices; word processing for the Board of Directors and Executive staff; assist Finance and Development Units; administer office procedures, program procedures, policies and guidelines; assist in preparation of funding proposals; assist in formatting of court pleadings; oversee building maintenance and security, executive office supplies and budget. Knowledge of management techniques, principles of confidentiality and interpersonal relationships; word processing; bookkeeping; legal terminology; community resources; instructional techniques, problem solving and listening skills; law office procedures; and knowledge of various software applications (i.e., Word, Excel, Adobe Acrobat and Google Apps). At least three (3) years of prior secretarial/professional office support experience, preferably in law office. Minimum of one (1) year of prior management experience required. Completion of Associate or Bachelor's degree, legal assistant or secretarial school (or life experience equivalent). LSNC IS AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY/ AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER AND ENCOURAGES WOMEN, PEOPLE OF COLOR, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, OLDER PEOPLE, AND LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE TO APPLY. To apply, send resume and three references to: Gary F. Smith, Executive Director, LSNC, 517 12th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

(10/3/13) Construction Defect/Litigation Secretary. Well-established law firm in Folsom has a full-time position available for a civil litigation legal secretary with 7+ years' experience in "Construction Defect"; must be fully familiar with calendaring state, local and federal court rules. The firm offers excellent benefits and a competitive salary. Please forward resume with salary requirements to cdavis@donahuedavies.com. Only resumes with "Construction Defect" experience will be reviewed.

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# **Legal Procedures**



#### Submitted by Debbie Frias, CCLS

Autumn greetings! It's arrived!

As our seasons change, so do our courts. I have come across some updates that need to be brought your attention.

Sacramento Superior Court: I recently saw a Notice of Proposed Fee Changes, effective October 1. The Court is seeking comments on proposed fee changes that would be come effective October 1. The court will begin charging public entities the statutory fee rate for regular and certified copies in criminal, traffic, and juvenile delinquency cases. This includes state and local government entities within California, the State Bar, the federal government, and local and state entities outside of California. The court will also charge local and state entities outside of California for regular and certified copies in non-criminal cases. The fees, being implemented pursuant to Government Code Sections 70-0627 and 70633 are:

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Our court here in Sacramento has posted Proposed Amendments to Local Rules, effective January 1, 2014. We do not have the space on our bulletin to reproduce all of the proposed amendments, so I encourage you to check out the court's website for details. Interestingly, I found through "Courthouse News Service," a posting that "California trial courts have seen a steady decline in civil and lesser criminal filings over the last 10 years, coinciding with the decrease in funds for court operations and police departments, according to statistics presented to the state's Judicial Council." You can find the article by going to

www.courthousenews.com/2013/07/25/59704.htm.

Through the One Legal blog, you can see a posting that "California's smallest courts have taken brunt of budget cuts. California Lawyer reports that court budgets in California's 15 smallest counties have dropped an average of 34.2 percent in the past five years. That is compared with a 15.2 percent drop in the 15 largest counties. The following categories are listed: 73% limited access to court reporters; 83% cut clerk or courtroom hours; and 60% mandated furloughs. That's a lot to think about!

Finally, I encourage you to check out my state counterpart's Legal Procedures blog. Go to www.lsi.org/members only [password]/legal procedures. I found the article above about California court filings dropping as funds are drying up, but also that San Diego County Superior Court is set to launch probate e-filing October 1, 2013; Orange County Superior Court has mandatory e-filing for all probate documents effective September 3, 2013; and the USDC Central District of California is utilizing a new Civil Case Cover Sheet.

That's it for now!



Check out LSI's New Legal Procedures Blog! www.lsi.org

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# Charitable Projects: Birthday Project



#### Submitted by Connie Kelley

# PROJECT BIRTHDAY!! SLSA'S OCTOBER CHARITABLE PROJECT

Project Birthday is a 200% volunteer organization providing birthday parties to children currently living in shelters and transitional housing throughout the Sacramento area.

The goal of Project Birthday is to brighten and celebrate the lives of children by providing fun, meaningful, and memorable birthday parties during what can be an awkward and challenging experience in their lives.

Each month, children living in these shelters will celebrate birthdays – through financial support, volunteer help, and through the Project Birthday program, these children will receive a birthday party thrown in their honor.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 22, 2013, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm
WHERE: Next Move (formerly Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center

SLSA's sponsorship guarantees the cupcakes, beverages, decorations, goodie bags entertainment, and presents.

#### WHAT WE NEED



- your help in purchasing presents for the kids
- donations of items to give as party favors to all the children at the center
- ideas for entertainment (approx. 30 minutes total). It can be a quick craft project, magic show, game(s), etc.
- Volunteers to help set up for the party, help celebrate and run the party, and then help clean up

It is recommended that each child receive 5 presents: 2 presents from their "Wants" list, 2 presents from their "Needs" list, and 1 "Surprise" present. Approximately 2 weeks prior to the party, we will be advised how many children will be having their birthday in October, and we will be given their birthday lists. We will then distribute the lists to our members to review and help purchase presents.

If you are interested in joining us for the party, donating presents (or party supplies), or have any questions, please contact Connie Kelley at <u>KelleyCo@gtlaw.com</u> or (916) 868-0761. If you wish to volunteer at the party, you must **RSVP** to Connie Kelley. No drop-ins, please.

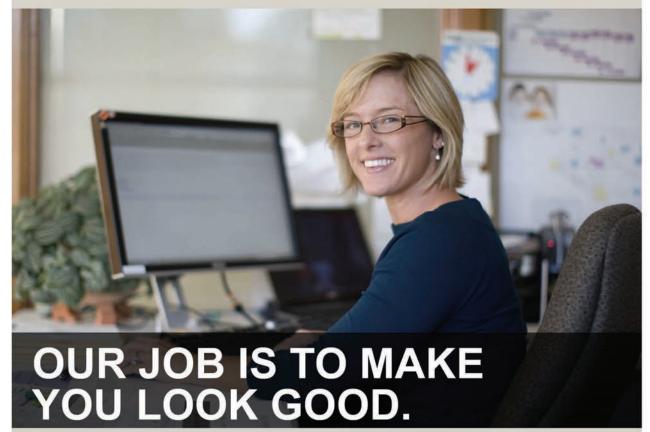
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#### **October**

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Oct. 12 - Reno Bus Trip (SOLD OUT).

Oct. 14 – State and federal courts closed in observance of Columbus Day; no mail service

Oct. 14 - SLSA Executive Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, Greenberg Traurig, 1201 K Street, Suite 1100, Sacramento, CA. All members welcome.

Oct. 14 - Deadline to RSVP for October 17 Membership Meeting.

Oct. 16 – Deadline to mail registration for November LSI Quarterly Conference.

Oct. 17 - SLSA Membership Meeting. 5:30 pm. Courtyard Marriott, 4422 Y Street, Sacramento, CA.

Oct. 19 - CCLS Examination.

Oct. 21 - Deadline to submit bulletin articles to the Editor for the November issue of The Legal Eagle.

Oct. 22 – Project Birthday at Next Move (formerly Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center), 6:30 pm.

Oct. 25-27 - Fairytale Town, 5:00 - 9:00 pm.

#### **November**

Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day. All state and federal courts closed. No mail service.

Nov. 11 – SLSA Executive Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, Greenberg Traurig, 1201 K Street, Suite 1100, Sacramento, CA. All members welcome. Nov. 13 Lunch Lesson - "Citations Refresher. CA Style Manual and Blue Book." 11:45 AM, 621 Capitol Mall, 18th Floor

Nov. 15-17 – LSI 2nd Quarterly Conference in Long Beach,  $C\Delta$ 

Nov. 21 - SLSA Membership Meeting. 5:30 pm. Courtyard Marriott, 4422 Y Street, Sacramento, CA.

Nov. 25 - Deadline to submit bulletin articles to the Editor for the December issue of The Legal Eagle.

Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving Day. All state and federal courts closed. No mail service.

Nov. 29 – State courts closed; federal courts open; mail service operational.

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# Parliamentarian's Corner: The "Rule" on Rules



#### Submitted by Astrid Watterson, CCLS

1. THE RIGHTS OF THE ORGANIZATION SUPERSEDE THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. The organization has the right to make its own rules, which then must be observed by all members. Should a conflict arise between the rights of a member and the right of the organization to do its business,

the rights of the organization prevail.

- 2. ALL MEMBERS ARE EQUAL AND THEIR RIGHTS ARE EQUAL. Those rights are: to attend meetings; to make motions and speak in debate; to nominate; to vote; and, to hold office.
- 3. A QUORUM MUST BE PRESENT TO DO BUSINESS. A quorum is the number of members who must be present to legally transact business. The number is usually stated in the bylaws. In a committee or a small board, the quorum is the majority of its members. The purpose of a quorum is to prevent an unrepresentative group from taking action in the name of the organization.
- 4. THE MAJORITY RULES. This rule is basic to the democratic process. The minority has the right to be heard, but once a decision has been reached by a majority of the members present and voting, the minority must then respect and abide by the decision.

- 5. SILENCE IS CONSENT. Those members who do not vote agree to go along with the decision of the majority by their silence.
- 6. TWO-THIRDS VOTE RULE. A two-thirds vote is necessary whenever you are limiting or taking away the rights of members or whenever you are changing something that has already been decided.
- 7. ONE QUESTION AT A TIME AND ONE SPEAKER AT A TIME. No motion is in order which does not directly relate to the question under consideration. In addition, once a member has been recognized, he has been granted "the floor" and another member may not interrupt him.
- 8. DEBATABLE MOTIONS MUST RECEIVE FULL DEBATE. The presiding officer may not put a debatable motion to vote as long as members wish to debate it. Debate can only be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members present.
- 9. ONCE A QUESTION IS DECIDED, IT IS NOT IN ORDER TO BRING UP THE SAME MOTION OR ONE ESSENTIALLY LIKE IT AT THE SAME MEETING. Such motions should be ruled out of order. (Note: There is a special class of motions which do bring a motion back to the group, called restorative motions.)
- 10. PERSONAL REMARKS IN DEBATE ARE ALWAYS OUT OF ORDER. The presiding officer must rule all personal remarks out of order. Debate must be directed to motions and not motives; principles and not personalities.

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Dedicated to LSI Past President, Joan M. Moore, PLS, CCLS

## **Governor's Report**



#### Submitted by Dawn Forgeur, CCLS

November Quarterly
Conference is almost here
and it's being hosted by
Long Beach LPA. The theme
is "The Survivors – A Mayan
Adventure." In addition to
the usual business that will

be handled, below is a listing of the various educational seminars that will be held:

#### Friday - November 15

Workers' Compensation 101

Criminal Law & Procedure

Data Security - Client Files in the Cloud

#### Saturday - November 16

CCLS Workshop: Reasoning & Ethics

Termination of Parental Rights

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There are flyers to register for conference, the hotel, and each of these seminars throughout this issue. If you can't attend, contact the organizers to purchase any handouts that will be distributed at each seminar!

#### **Chapter Achievement Points**

If you are a CCLS that has renewed your certification recently, please let me know so I may count this towards SLSA's Chapter Achievement Points.

Don't forget to let me know if you know any vendors that would be interested in advertising on a statewide level in the LSI magazine. LSI has approximately 2,000 members – it would be great exposure for the vendor!

If you would like to email me your activity that you feel may count for Chapter Achievement Points, you can email me at governor@slsa.org.

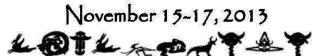




## The Survivors - A Mayan Adventure



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Please complete this form and mail or email it to SLSA's Governor, Dawn Forgeur, CCLS. 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.

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# Law Office Products and Management: 3-to-1 Ratios, 4-to-1 Ratios & More - Be Like a Duck!

Submitted by Lynne Koroush



Many legal secretaries are now being required to work for more than one attorney - typically three or four - and quite often may be the assigned secretary for an entire department, especially in areas such as corporate, probate, real estate, and transactional. The days of one-on-one roles are becoming much more elusive and tend to be for high net-worth attorneys or top-level shareholders. This trend of placing three or four attorneys with one secretary has become the new norm for law firms all across the country, requiring us to adapt and learn how to manage multiple bosses, multiple case loads, even more deadlines, multiple personalities, conflicting priorities . . . basically multiple everything! Of course, we do all of this with a smile, and behave like ducks. You know what I mean, right? Above the surface look calm, cool, and collected, but under the surface, PADDLE LIKE HECK!!

So how do we do this? Here are a few tips that may help you.

### **Communication is Key**

All of your attorneys and colleagues know that you work for multiple people. Be clear that you can't do everything for everyone all of the time and that you need to prioritize your work in the best way you see fit. If you work for

one attorney that is more senior than the rest, their needs will probably come first. Associates usually understand this, but when they're being pressured to get work product out, it may not always be obvious that they get it. If you make this clear from the outset, most people will understand (especially if they report to that senior attorney).

You will also need to communicate on a regular basis with each boss. The communication should be two-way. They should be telling you what they require of you, reviewing their calendars and docketing reports for upcoming deadlines and any big projects that might take up a lot of your time. You should also tell them the same things — what you have coming up, any work that is taking up a lot of your time, and what they can do to help you!

## **Actually Planning is Key**

Planning is just as important as communication. You know that if you support more than one boss, you have to be super organized. You must be able to plan meticulously and you can't really leave much to chance. Using your task lists, deadline reminders, and all of your calendaring and docketing help is as crucial as your knowledge of legal procedure. You also have to familiarize yourself with what takes precedent and priority in the grand scheme of things. A reply to a motion that is due tomorrow, with a table of contents and table of authorities to generate, is going to take precedent over preparing a shell for interrogatory responses that aren't due for three weeks. You may also have to organize your bosses so that they can plan in advance what they need you to do for them. This can be tricky but worthwhile if you have multiple bosses and one of them is totally unorganized and asks you to do things without warning and on a short deadline.

## **Offer Solutions**

If your multiple bosses are all trying to get your attention at the same time, then you must offer a solution to the problem. You are in the best position to tell them what your workload consists of and how much time you can dedicate to each one. Offer a solution that works for you and allows you to meet the needs of each attorney. This may mean having to consult with your office manager or workload coordinator to get some backup assistance, particularly if you have a consistently heavy workload. This can be hard, especially if you lack experience, have a hard time saying No, or if you're the type of person who wears an "S" on her chest. Remember you can't do everything for everyone all the time! Also, ask your bosses if they can be flexible with their deadlines. If you have one that repeatedly is unwilling to budge, then at least you know which bosses will work with you and be flexible and which ones you will have to work around.

#### It Can Be Quite Rewarding

Believe it or not, working for multiple attorneys can be quite rewarding. This is something you have to remind yourself so that you don't go "multipleboss-mad!" Every day can be very different, you can get involved in lots of different projects, you're never bored, you avoid having to work for that one attorney all the time that may be a challenge, you get to work for multiple personalities and learn to understand different working styles, and you get to know more people in the firm as you work with other departments and areas of law. You are also respected for the ability to work for more than one boss.

### **Keep Paddling**

The most important thing to remember, even when it seems like you're drowning, is to keep paddling! Workflow in a law office is often cyclical and usually doesn't remain super-intense or over-demanding all the time. Communicate, plan, prioritize, offer solutions, and reach out for help. All of these tools can assist you with managing multiple bosses, and keep you looking cool, calm, and collected!

## **FAIRY TALE TOWN!**

This year's Fairytale Town's Safe & Super Halloween: A Hobbit Adventure is quickly approaching. SLSA will transform King Arthur's Castle into the Elf Kingdom of Rivendale. The event will run from 5-9 p.m. on October 25th through 27th. Please visit www.fairytaletown.org for tickets. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Deseree Gamayo at (916) 231-0321. We still need candy donations. Contact Alex Cain at (916) 443-4400 to arrange a free pick-up or you can bring your donation to the October general meeting.

Fairytale Town's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Safe & Supper Halloween

## A Hobbit Adventure

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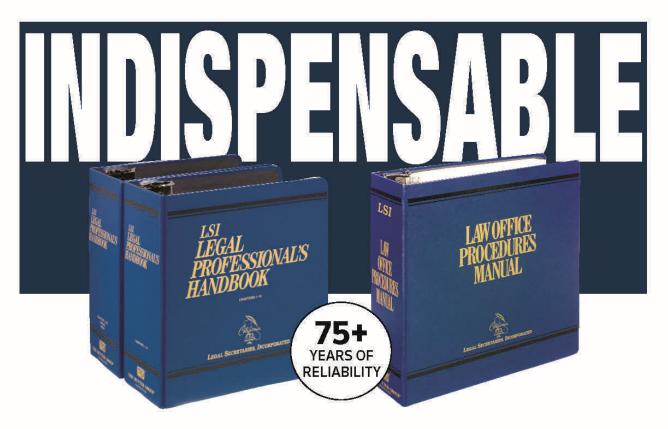
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