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While California was the first state to legalize medical marijuana use in 1996, it wasn’t until November 2016 when voters in California approved the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (Prop 64). The first states to legalize recreational marijuana use were Washington and Colorado in 2012.

Want to test your cannabis taxation knowledge? Visit page 9! Thank you Elizabeth Madden for your quiz-making skills!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Introducing the 2021-2022 SLSA Executive Board

April 2021

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy.
-- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dearest SLSA Members:

I chose to open my President's Message with the above quote because, to me, it represents what we have faced since March 2020. The past year brought challenges that each of us encountered on a personal level. On a national, local and personal level, we were called upon to comply with unusual orders – orders implemented for the safety of everyone involved. These challenges were difficult on some levels, but brought with them opportunities for greatness .

The Executive Board of SLSA rose to the challenges presented and not only met but exceeded its own expectations. Because of the diligence of each member of the Board, we were able to keep SLSA moving forward, providing monthly meetings, bulletin updates and educational opportunities, including the Beginning Legal Secretary Training course.

I would like to personally thank each of the Executive Board members for working diligently and tirelessly this past fiscal year; they helped keep SLSA successfully moving forward.

Vice President, Sarah Martinez – Fulfilling a desire to be of service to SLSA, Sarah Martinez joined the Executive Board in July 2020, graciously volunteering to fill a vacancy temporarily filled by our Executive Advisor, Brenda Bracy. Since then, as Membership Chair, Sarah skillfully managed membership of the association, ensuring that each new member is inducted and feels welcomed, and all renewing members are accounted for and recognized. As Chair of Marketing, Sarah organized SLSA's newest marketing campaign, introducing the SLSA mask to its growing online store. Thank you, Sarah.

Secretary, Daphne Boyd – Daphne was elected SLSA Secretary in February 2020. As Secretary, one of Daphne's most prominent responsibilities is the "keeper of the minutes." Daphne's organizational and communication skills as a Business Solutions Manager with Roth Staffing have proven to be invaluable assets to the Executive Board. This was proven particularly during SLSA's virtual Day in Court event held in January 2021, where over 90 persons attended. Daphne's behind the scenes acrobatic management of the recorded presentations contributed immensely to a highly successful event. Thank you, Daphne.

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Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association



VIRTUAL [Zoom]

General Membership Meeting

Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Zoom session opens at 5:30 p.m. for meet and greet

Investigations in the Age of Geosocial Data

Guest Co-Speakers:

Chelsa Thompson and George Flores

DigiStream
INVESTIGATIONS

Did you know that most pictures posted on social media sites like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram tell the world about when and where that photograph was taken? This data, called "geotagging" is the focus of this presentation. The current growth of geotagged content and social media data is changing the face of risk management and investigations as we know it. Learn exactly what geosocial data is, and how this type of information is used to investigate insurance claims of all kinds.

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Registration Fee:

\$10 SLSA Members and Non-Members

RSVP by Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Two Way to Register:

- **Online at www.slsa.org under "Events" (Preferred) - pay by credit card or check**
 - **Via Email to reservations@slsa.org and pay by check**

A link and instructions for access to the virtual meeting will be emailed upon receipt of your registration.

Make checks payable to "SLSA" and mail to:

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Feature Article: President's Message: Introducing the 2021-2022 SLSA Executive Board
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Treasurer, Alicia Malerbi – Alicia was elected SLSA Treasurer in February 2020. This was by no means Alicia's first rodeo, having previously served a three year term as Treasurer a decade ago. Her experience as a member of SLSA since 2004, along with her over 25 years' of experience as a legal secretary has proved to be just what we needed on the Executive Board. In spite of the challenging limitations imposed by COVID, juggling an ever demanding work schedule, and managing parenthood like a boss, Alicia enthusiastically shepherded the management of SLSA's financial affairs. Thank you, Alicia.

Governor, Corene Rodder – Corene was elected Governor of SLSA for the 2020-2021 term, continuing in the role she has held since being elected in 2019. Corene was also appointed LPI Historian in 2020 by LPI President Lynne Prescott. Corene's natural creativity and affable interpersonal skills were of inestimable benefit in her role as Governor. The Governor's role is SLSA's liaison with LPI and, as such, it can be said that she is the face of SLSA. Corene has always handled that role with the utmost efficiency and diplomacy. Her visionary instincts lead her to inventive and innovative ways to steer SLSA and LPI in the direction of forward progress. Thank you, Corene.

Parliamentarian, Dawn Wills – Dawn was appointed in the role of Parliamentarian in May 2020, continuing in the role she held since her appointment in 2019. Dawn has been a member of SLSA since 1980, has served as Vice President and President during 2004-2005, and has served as SLSA Liaison for the Sacramento Bar Association (SCBA) for several years. Dawn's vast historical experience with SLSA made her the Executive Board's chief source of encyclopedic knowledge of SLSA functions and organizational procedures. Her understanding of the implementation of *Roberts Rules of Order*, coupled with her experience as an associate affiliate member of the SCBA, helped her expertly guide the Executive Board and General meetings harmoniously with proper parliamentary procedure. Thank you, Dawn.

Executive Advisor, Brenda Bracy – Brenda was appointed as Executive Advisor in May 2020 after serving as SLSA President for three terms from 2017-2018 to 2019-2020., Brenda was Vice President from 2016-2018, and Secretary from 2015-2016. All of these roles after being a member of SLSA for only one year! This comprehensive Executive Board experience made Brenda an irreplaceable member of the existing Executive Board. As Executive Advisor, Brenda's role was to offer consultation and guidance to the incoming President, which she skillfully and patiently accomplished over the course of this past year. Without this loving coaching, I could not have successfully navigated through the challenging waters of 2020. Thank you, Brenda.

It is with a grateful heart that I thank each of these ladies for having served shoulder to shoulder with me on the Executive Board of 2020-2021. And I am honored that each of them have accepted to continue in the same roles on the Executive Board for 2021-2022. Together, we will set new goals and expectations, face the challenges and welcome the blessings that this upcoming year will bring.

Love and hugs,

Marci

Marci Frazier,
 SLSA President 2021-2022



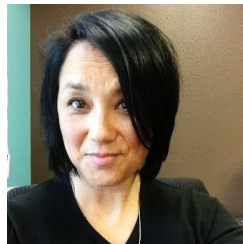
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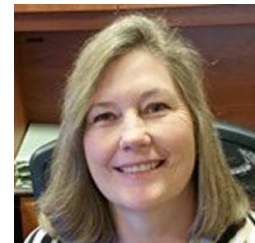
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Governor



Dawn Willis
Parliamentarian



Brenda Bracy, CCLS
Executive Advisor

***Thank you* SLSA Executive Board!**



Without your energy, time and dedication to your volunteer roles, we would not be the same association!



CALENDAR



DATE

EVENT

April 21, 2021

Administrative Professional's Day

April 22, 2021

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Adobe DC Bookmarking

Webinar (CCLS credit only)

(Note: This is the same webinar as April 6, 2021.)

April 24, 2021

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Day of Education

Webinar (MCLE credit)

9:00-10:00 **Probate/Estate Planning: Conservatorships**

10:30-11:30 **Federal Law: Bluebook v. California Style Manual**

12:30-1:30 **Law Office Administration: Breakdown of the New "Paraprofessional"**

2:00-3:00 **Criminal/Family Law: Recent Criminal Law Changes**

April 29, 2021

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Motion Practice

Webinar (MCLE credit)

May 4, 2021 -or-

May 19, 2021

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

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Webinar (CCLS credit only)

May 6, 2021

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Strategies to Stand Out in The Current Job Market – Even If You're Not Looking

Webinar (CCLS credit only)

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Registration closes April 29, 2021.

May 22, 2021

87th Annual Meeting of Delegates and Board of Governors Meeting
(Via Zoom)

May 27, 2021

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Understanding the Value of Estate Planning and the Probate Administration Process

Webinar (MCLE credit)

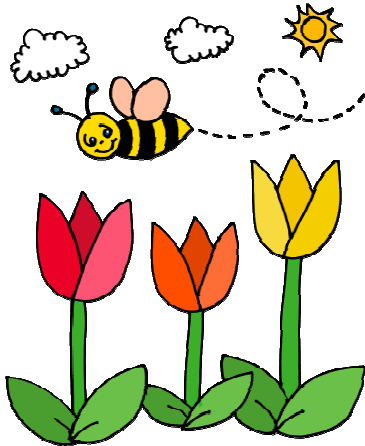
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*For events scheduled into June 2021, visit LPI's web site (<https://www.legalprofessionalsinc.org/events/>).

MEMBER NEWS

April BIRTHDAYS



Casie Campbell – April 3rd

Luke Patterson – April 12th

Jean Wright – April 16th

Cosandra Pollard – April 17th

Suzanne MacDonald – April 22nd

Did you know?

The “longest day” (most hours of daylight) in 2021 is June 20. Though some may say the longest day is June 21. On this date, the sun is directly overhead of the Tropic of Cancer. There are 14 hours 51 minutes 50 seconds of daylight on June 20, 2021! Let’s enjoy these long spring days before the summer heat kicks on!





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CCLS QUIZ

April 2021

[ANSWERS IN MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER]

Rev. & Tax. Code

Division 2. Other Taxes [6001 - 61050]

PART 14.5. Cannabis Tax [34010 - 34021.5]

True or False

1. _____ A cultivation tax will be imposed on all harvested cannabis that enters the commercial market upon all cultivators. The tax shall be due after the cannabis is harvested and enters the commercial market.
2. _____ The tax for cannabis flowers shall be seven dollars and twenty-five cents (\$7.25) per dry-weight ounce.
3. _____ The tax for cannabis leaves shall be set at three dollars and seventy-five cents (\$3.75) per dry-weight ounce.
4. _____ The department may adjust the tax rate for cannabis leaves annually to reflect fluctuations in the relative price of cannabis flowers to cannabis leaves.
5. _____ The department may prescribe by regulation a method and manner for payment of the cultivation tax that utilizes tax stamps or state-issued product bags that indicate that all required tax has been paid on the product to which the tax stamp is affixed or in which the cannabis is packaged.
6. _____ Subsequent to the establishment of a tax stamp program, the department may by regulation provide that cannabis shall not be removed from a licensed cultivation facility or transported on a public highway unless in a state-issued product bag bearing a tax stamp in the proper denomination.
7. _____ The tax stamps and product bags shall be capable of being read by a scanning or similar device and must be traceable utilizing the track and trace system pursuant to Section 26068 of the Business and Professions Code.
8. _____ Distributors shall be responsible for payment of the tax pursuant to regulations adopted by the department.
9. _____ The rates imposed for the previous calendar year shall be adjusted by the department annually for inflation.
10. _____ A cannabis excise tax shall be imposed upon purchasers of cannabis or cannabis products sold in this state at the rate of 25 percent of the average market price of any retail sale by a cannabis retailer.
11. _____ The excise tax imposed by this section shall be in addition to the sales and use tax imposed by the state, local, and federal governments.





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