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THE ADVANCE SHEET SCCoLPA's News & Events March 2017

Dear SCCoLPA Members:

Time seems to be flying by - I can't believe we're in March already. I think most of us are done with one of the stormiest seasons in the South Bay and are looking forward to sunshine and blooming flowers as we spring forward this year. SCCoLPA has been springing forward into action this past year and there's no sign of slowing down! I would encourage all of you to become involved in one way or another . . . step outside of your safety zone and join one of our committees, volunteer at one of our upcoming events, or just attend an event. We need all of you! Building friendships and relationships are key to networking, and SCCoLPA can offer all of that to you. The more involved you are, the more you will receive out of the association.

In this issue of The Advance Sheet, you'll read about all the fun we had at our 7th Annual Crab Feed, which turned out to be the biggest fundraiser in SCCoLPA's history. For the very first time, we sold every single last available ticket, and the event was a huge success. Thanks to everyone involved, and if you attended as a guest, we hope you had a great time!

Also in this issue, read all about our adventures at LSI's Quarterly Conference, which was held February 24-26, 2017. Nine SCCoLPA members attended and really got into the "Roaring 20's" theme - flappers and fedoras were everywhere! Also at this conference, three SCCoLPA members were appointed to state positions: Kiwi Le, CCLS, as the newest assistant editor for the Publications Revisions Committee; and Vivian Shreve, CCLS and Elise Dresser, CCLS, to the California Certified Legal Secretary Certifying Board. Congratulations to all!

SCCoLPA's eight-week Beginning Civil Litigation course just concluded, and we were very pleased to have 21 students registered. A huge thank you to SCCoLPA Past President Patty Russell, who taught the class, and to M'Liss Bounds and her law firm, Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel, who hosted the classes at their office in downtown San Jose. Many students said they were interested in Patty teaching an Intermediate class, so stay tuned!

Coming up this month: SCCoLPA's Nominations Committee has put out the call for nominations for the Executive Board position of Executive Secretary for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and for delegates and alternate delegates for LSI's Annual Conference, to be held May 18-21, 2017 in Modesto. Think about stepping outside of your comfort zone and run! The deadline to submit nominations is **March 7, 2017.** You can also place your name on the ballot at our March membership meeting.

Next month, SCCoLPA will present its next educational workshop entitled "100 Days Before Trial," a program that many of you have requested, on **April 20, 2017**. This is a great opportunity for you to learn the proper way to prepare and get organized for trial. CLE and CCLS credit will be offered for this 90-minute program. We are always open to suggestions and ideas for future workshops, so please let us know if there is a particular topic you would like to see presented.

Last but absolutely not least, we have some very exciting news to share. As you all know, SCCoLPA submitted a bid last year to host LSI's 2nd Quarterly Conference in November 2018. At conference last week, LSI President Jennifer Page, CCLS, announced that SCCoLPA had won the bid! The conference will be held at the Silver Legacy Resort in Reno, NV the weekend of November 9-11, 2018 and we're so excited to start planning! That being said, we are going to form a Conference Committee to get the ball rolling, and we need YOUR help! The first planning meeting will be held on

March 30, **2017** at 6:00 p.m. at Sheryl Boardman's office in San Jose. If you are interested in being a part of the committee or just attending the meeting, please contact me at endresser@gmail.com.

As a reminder, "The Advance Sheet" will be distributed monthly in an online format right here via Constant Contact. Please feel free to share the newsletter with your co-workers, colleagues, and employers, and encourage them to join our association! Please also remember to "like" our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com /SCCoLPA) to view all upcoming events, as well as to see what we've been up to lately.

I invite you to join me in anticipating what we will accomplish together as a team in the year to come. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or any member of the Executive Committee, about any issue of interest to you. Let's make 2017 the best ever!

With very best wishes,

Elise Dresser, CCLS President

Upcoming Monthly Meetings



March 14, 2017 Monthly



Dinner Meeting

SCCoLPA invites you to its monthly membership meeting on **Tuesday**, **March 14, 2017**, starting at 6:00 p.m. at Flames Eatery, 88 S. Fourth Street in San Jose.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our regularly scheduled speaker from the Santa Clara Superior Court had to cancel his appearance. In his place, we are pleased to present Attorney Nora Rousso, a civil trial lawyer whose specialties include wage claims, contractual disputes, employment issues, Labor Commissioner hearings, and trials. This program will feature Ms. Rousso's "war stories from the trenches" that you will not want to miss!

Elections will be held for the 2017-2018 SCCoLPA Executive Board, so come cast your vote! As you know, the position of Executive Secretary is currently open, so if you are interested in this position or a Chairmanship position, or want to find out more about available positions, please contact Nominations & Elections Chair Rod Cardinale, Jr., at rodcardinalejr@sbcglobal.net. The Nominations Committee is also looking for delegates and alternate delegates to represent SCCoLPA at LSI's Annual Conference this May. Step outside your box and try something new!

Our monthly dinner meetings will now be held at our old stomping grounds! Yes, we are moving back to Flames Eatery & Bar,located at 88 S. Fourth Street, San Jose, CA. Free validated parking is available at the 4th Street parking garage. Simply park in the garage and take the elevator to the ground level. Parking tickets will be validated following the meeting.

Register and pay via PayPal at <u>www.sccolpa.org</u>, or RSVP via email at reservations.sccolpa@gmail.com. Cash or checks accepted at the door. **No refunds will be issued if your reservation is canceled within 24 hours of the event.** A \$3 convenience fee will be added for PayPal/credit card payments.

April 9, 2017 Monthly Membership Meeting (Annual Installation of Officers)

Santa Clara County Legal Professionals Association has a very special event coming up and we want you to be part of it! Please join us on **Sunday, April 9, 2017** at 11:00 a.m. for



SCCoLPA's 77th Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers. Join us at Flames Eatery for a delicious Sunday brunch - this event will take the place of our regular April monthly meeting.



Join us as the Officers of SCCoLPA's Executive Committee are installed for 2017-2018 by Installing Officer and LSI Executive Secretary

Lynne Prescott, CCLS, and accompanied by SCCoLPA Past President Patty Russell.

Additionally, President Elise Dresser, CCLS will present SCCoLPA's annual scholarship award to a very deserving student from the Santa Clara County community.

You also won't want to miss the presentation of the Annual Rod Cardinale, Jr. President's Award - one of our own deserving members will be recognized for his/her outstanding service to the SCCoLPA and the community!

We hope you will join us for a fun-filled morning! Register and pay via PayPal at <u>www.sccolpa.org</u>, or RSVP via email at reservations.sccolpa@gmail.com. Cash or checks accepted at the door. **No refunds will be issued if your reservation is canceled within 24 hours of the event.** A \$3 convenience fee will be added for PayPal/credit card payments.

February 2017 Highlights



February Monthly Membership Meeting February 15, 2017

SCCoLPA's monthly membership meeting was held on February 15, 2017 at Flames Eatery in San Jose. After being away from Flames for a year due to remodeling, we were happy to return to our old stomping grounds! Our guest

speaker for February was Attorney Keith Wurster, from the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area ("LCCR"). Mr. Wurster's presentation on issues including immigration justice, racial justice, asylum and civil rights, was extremely interesting given the current political climate. Mr. Wurster advised that the LCCR was actively looking for legal support staff to serve as weekend volunteers at their offices, and several members indicated that they would be very interested in volunteering their services. Vice President of Membership Shannon Quigley presented Reservations Chair M'Liss Bounds with a Certificate of Recognition for being selected SCCoLPA's Member in the Spotlight. M'Liss has stepped "outside the box" this year and has done a fabulous job as our Reservations Chair as well as assisting at our Beginning Civil Litigation classes. Thank you M'Liss!

Shannon also presented the winner of SCCoLPA's Membership Drive contest, April Ignaitis, CCLS, with a \$100 Visa gift card in recognition of her efforts in bringing in the most new members during the course of the contest. Thanks April, and we welcome all the new members to our association!

President Elise Dresser, CCLS, presented CEC/CCLS Chair Vivian Shreve, CCLS, with a lovely silver necklace in appreciation of Vivian's efforts this year in organizing SCCoLPA's educational workshops and running the CCLS study group. Vivian was able to arrange to have the workshops conducted at her firm in Palo Alto in Wilson Sonsini's spacious training rooms. Our generous legal support vendors, including Compex, First Legal Support, Planet Depos, and Aptus Reporting, sponsored all the meals, for which we are very grateful. The proceeds raised from the workshops greatly exceeded what was projected for the year! Vivian also continued her perfect score of tutoring members studying for the CCLS exam. Every single student of Vivian's passed the exam - great job!



Members Lori Lovelace-Jones, CCLS, Wendy Alvarez, CCLS, Governor Linda Neuman, Treasurer April Ignaitis, CCLS, and Kiwi Le, CCLS



February's Member in the Spotlight, Reservations Chair M'Liss Bounds and VP of Membership Shannon Quigley



President Elise Dresser, CCLS and CEC/CCLS Chair Vivian Shreve, CCLS



Guest Speaker Keith Wurster, Esq., Director of Pro Bono & Strategic Partnerships, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area



The winners of our opportunity drawing prizes - tickets to a San Jose Barracudas hockey game! Congratulations to Theresa Wolcoff and Vivian Shreve, CCLS!

SCCoLPA's 7th Annual Crab Feed

February 11, 2017

If you couldn't make it to SCCoLPA's 7th Annual Crab Feed, which was held on February 11, 2017, you missed a fantastic event! For the very first time in seven years, the crab feed **SOLD OUT!** We sold over 220 tickets for the event, almost double than what we have sold in the past. Kudos to Crab Feed Chair Rod Cardinale, Jr. and the Crab Feed Committee, along with a multitude of volunteers who worked their tails off all day long. Special thanks go to several hardworking individuals: Rod's mom, Jan Cardinale, who cooked all the delicious pasta; Girl Scout Troop 60114 and Troop Leader Marlene Muraco; Lannie Meadows, our always-popular DJ; and to all those who donated items for our amazing silent auction. Very special thanks to Pam Stallings, CCLS, who sold 50, yes, 50 tickets all by herself!

What an amazing Crab Feed Committee we had! Led by our fearless Crab Feed Chair Rod Cardinale, Jr., the Committee worked from the crack of dawn until late into the night. Thank you all - we could not have done this without you! This event was SCCoLPA's most successful fundraiser to date and for that we are all very thankful and look forward to an even bigger Crab Feed next year!

















Save The Date Events

SCCoLPA Quarterly Workshop April 20, 2017

SCCoLPA is pleased to present **"100 Days Before Trial"** at its April 20, 2017 Quarterly Workshop. This is a program that many members have requested, and we are happy to bring back Susan Kalra to present this valuable and informative workshop. The 90-minute workshop will be held at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto, starting at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Registration is open now!



Preparation and organization are key to helping win trials. As your case approaches trial, there are many details that need to be addressed and deadlines to meet. Every case should be thoroughly analyzed and prepped at least 100 days before trial. This 90-minute workshop will provide you with a guide to ensure that all important and necessary elements of trial preparation are addressed (calendaring, depositions, witnesses, subpoenas, evidentiary issues, damages, pretrial motions, expert witness designations, jury instructions, etc.)

This workshop has been approved for 90 minutes of CLE/CCLS credit.

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Guest Presenter: Susan Kaira Mahamedi IP Law, LLP

Schedule

5:30 p.m. – Registration 6:00 p.m. – Dinner 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. - Presentation Location: Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati 650 Page Mill Road Palo Alto, CA 94304 Conference Room – Courtyard 1D (check in at reception desk)

Workshop Fees:

\$40 – Members (includes dinner/no refunds) \$60 – Non-Members (includes dinner and free one-year membership in SCCoLPA/no refunds)

Register online and pay via PayPal at <u>www.sccolpa.om</u> OR contact reservations.sccolpa@gmail.com

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SCCoLPA's Annual Summer Baseball Game August 5, 2017 San Jose Giants v. Inland Empire 66ers

Join us for a great day of fun in the sun!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

SCCoLPA extends a warm welcome to the following new member this month:

Laura Meininger

We hope to see you at our upcoming meetings, workshops, fundraising and networking events!

Member in the Spotlight March 2017 Pamela K. Stallings, CCLS

Pam grew up in Chicago and at the age of 23 and seeking an adventure, she moved to California and began her new life in Santa Rosa near her brother and sister-in-law. One year later she realized that she needed to be around people who were more socially active and moved to the Bay Area. In 2010, she bought her first piece of property ever: her condo in Santa Clara where she currently resides.

Pam became interested in the legal field due to a popular TV show in the 50's called "Perry Mason." Raymond Burr was the title character and he was a criminal defense lawyer. Even though her high school counselor tried to persuade her to go to college and her business college teacher tried to encourage her to get into court reporting, she was determined to have her dream career as a legal secretary!



During her journey as a legal secretary, Pam said that so far there are three (3) major accomplishments that stand out for her:

First, she maintained a successful free-lance legal secretarial business for ten years.

Second, she had the pleasure of helping build a new law firm in Redwood City: Roger, Scott & Helmer.

Third, she obtained her CCLS certification and gives thanks to the tremendous support and assistance of members of LSI generally and SCCoLPA. She even gives an extra thank you to Elise Dresser, CCLS for her support.

Pam first joined SCCoLPA around 1977. She was in search of another networking source for her free-lance business. Pam took the daring step on walking into her first membership meeting with Billie Land, Past President 1986-1988. She said that she knew that something very rich and powerful existed in our organization, and she is honored to continue to be an active member. In the past, she has served on the

board in several capacities from around 2001 to 2009. In recognition of Pam's dedication to the association, she was bestowed with life membership in 2015.

One thing you might not know about Pam is that she is our ticket sales superhero when it comes to selling tickets to our Annual Crab Feed and was instrumental for the event being sold out for the first time ever! She says she has no idea how she does it, but she believes the trick to selling so many tickets is due to her accolades of our very own Executive Advisor, Rod Cardinale's homemade pasta sauce. She sells tickets to people who do not even eat crab, but attend based on her praises of Rod's incredible sauce.

Congratulations Pam! SCCoLPA is proud to have you as a member!

Governor's Corner

~by Linda Neuman, SCCoLPA Governor~

LSI's 3rd Quarterly Conference February 24-26, 2017 Chico, CA

Nine (count 'em, NINE!) SCCoLPA members attended LSI's 3rd Quarterly Conference in Chico last weekend and we had a great time! The theme was "The Roaring 20's" and as you can see from the photos, everyone got into the spirit! Thanks to Southern



Butte County LPA for hosting the conference at the Ramada Plaza and kudos to Conference Chair Judith Williams for working so hard and being in 100 places at the same time! Also a huge thanks to **Our Very Own** Governor, Linda Neuman, who has already completed her Governor's Report of the conference. Linda's full report will be posted on the SCCoLPA website, but following these photos you will find excerpts from the report, which will fill you in on everything we did over the weekend. Enjoy!



Christina Hall, CCLS, Lauri Avila, and Kiwi Le, CCLS



Twin flapper girls! Sheryl Boardman and Vivian Shreve, CCLS



LSI Officers ready to start the Board of Governors meeting: LSI Executive Secretary Lynne Prescott, CCLS, LSI Treasurer Rod Cardinale, Jr., and LSI Executive Advisor and Past President Mary J. Beaudrow, CCLS





LSI Treasurer (our very own) Rod Cardinale, Jr. presenting his quarterly report

Two very special governors, our very own Linda Neuman, and Orange County LSA Governor Heather Nowak



The winners of LSI's Membership Drive: 1st Place: Sacramento LSA (Jan Ainsworth); 2nd Place: (our very own) Santa Clara County LPA (Linda Neuman) and 3rd Place: Orange County LSA (Heather Nowak). Congratulations everyone!



Looking sharp in that fedora, Rod! Visiting the vendor booths with Vivian Shreve, CCLS and Jessica and Sheryl who did a great job at their booth for Compex Legal Services



SCCoLPA Governor Linda Neuman and 2017 Annual Conference Chair Diane Mecca

LSI's 3rd Quarterly Conference was held February 24-26, 2017, at the Ramada Plaza in Chico, California. The theme for the weekend was "The Roaring 20's" so we saw a lot of feathers and flapper dresses all weekend long!!! Attending and representing SCCoLPA were: (Our very Own) Rod Cardinale, Jr., LSI Treasurer and SCCoLPA Executive Advisor, (Our very Own) Kiwi Le, CCLS as newly appointed LSI PRC Assistant Editor, (Our Very Own) Elise Dresser, CCLS, as newly appointed CCLS Certifying Board Chairman and SCCoLPA President, (Our Very Own) Vivian Shreve, CCLS as newly appointed CCLS Certifying Board Member and SCCoLPA CEC Coordinator, SCCoLPA Vice President of Marketing, Sheryl Boardman, SCCoLPA Governor, Linda Neuman, SCCoLPA Advertising Chairman Christina Hall, CCLS and SCCoLPA members Lauri Avila and Tressa Jacobson, CCLS.

At the Friday Night Reception, members and vendors had chance to mingle and partake in a variety of appetizers. Following the Welcome Reception there were two Legal Specialization Section Seminars. The Civil Litigation Section offered "Trial Preparation" and the Probate & Estate Planning Section offered "Small Estate Probates and Alternative Options."

FIRST SESSION OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The Board of Governors meeting was called to order on Saturday morning, February 25, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. by LSI President Jennifer L. Page, CCLS, Marin County LPA. The inspirational message was delivered by President of San Diego LSA, Renee Evans. Her message focused on the concept that change is a good thing and we all need to step out of our comfort zone and embrace change.

President Jennifer expressed her belief that setting goals, looking toward the future and also reflecting on the past, makes for a good term as President. Motivation, teamwork and stepping up are also key. She reported her excitement in hearing from the ad hoc committee on student membership and encouraged local associations to consider bidding on the two open slots for Conference.

Vice President Heather Edwards announced that the LSI Membership Contest, which promoted new members and ran for 5 months, increased the LSI membership by 106 members of which (Our Very Own) SCCoLPA contributed 24 new members!!!! Heather announced the winners of the statewide contest: First place with 27 new members and received a \$100 check was Sacramento LSA; second place with 24 new members and received a \$50 check was (Our Very Own) Santa Clara County LPA (Go Team!!!); and third place with 19 new members and received a \$25 check was Orange County LSA. Heather also reminded the members that the Chapter Achievement Contest runs from April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 and that the contest entries needed to be postmarked no later than April 18, 2017.

Treasurer (Our Very Own) Rod Cardinale, Jr. provided a Summary of Revenue & Expenses to the members, and once again did a WONDERFUL job reading his report.

Current Period Actual	
Total Expenses:	\$ 32,050
Total Income:	\$ 26,163

Income <Deficiency> <\$ 5,887> Over Expenses

Rod moved that the actions of the Treasurer in paying the routine bills during the Third Quarter of the fiscal year 2016-2017 be ratified. The motion was carried.

Ways and Means - I was very excited to see (Our Very Own) Association listed as the 3rd highest money maker for our 8-week Beginning Civil Litigation Training Class and that our Mixed Bag Fundraiser made the list as well. Go Team SCCoLPA!!!!

Nominations and Elections- Mary announced the following nominations for the LSI Executive Board: President, Jennifer L. Page, CCLS; Vice President, Heather Edwards; Executive Secretary, Lynne Prescott, CCLS; and Treasurer, (Our Very Own) Rod Cardinale, Jr.

The Board of Governors meeting was recessed at 10:15 a.m. The Criminal /Family Law LSS Section presented "Sexually Violent Predators: Criminal and Civil Aspects" and the Federal Law LSS Section presented "Basics of Federal Antitrust Law, with Case Study."

At the Governor's Luncheon, some of the topics discussed included:

1. Review of conference bids submitted - LSI will be announcing the conference bids they received, approved, and which dates are still open.

2. Discussion regarding possible increase of Per Capita Taxes for 2018-19 - LSI has not raised Per Capita since 2004, and is looking into possibly raising the fee.

3. Review of local association issues. - LSI is looking into the Associations (El Dorado, Trinity and Antelope Valley) who are not in compliance with payment of Per Capita Dues in order to stay active members of LSI.

4. Discussion regarding status of inquiries to local associations regarding student members. - LSI Parliamentarian Kristi L. Edwards, CCLS would like more of the associations to chime in on the subject of student membership so that the ad hoc committee can do the research it takes to present a possible recommendation of a student/associate membership category for LSI.

SECOND SESSION OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The afternoon session of the Board of Governors reconvened at 2:04 p.m. LSI Executive Secretary Lynne Prescott called the roll. 24 governors were present, constituting a quorum.

The Editor of The Legal Secretary magazine, Barbara Barregar, thanked the 19 associations that responded to her Directive. She encouraged the members to not only submit an article to the magazine when it was your turn, but you are welcome to submit an article anytime. She reminded the 9 Associations that are supposed to send in their article by March 1 (which include Our Very Own SCCoLPA) to keep to the deadline.

2017 Annual Conference Chair Diane M. Mecca was VERY excited to invite the members to May Annual Conference. It will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Modesto and hosted by Stanislaus County LPA. The theme is "Cruisin to Conference Graffiti Style." Diane didn't want to give away any surprises, but did say there were some "cool" things planned for the weekend.

California Certified Legal Secretary Chair Terrie Quinton, CCLS announced that the CCLS Certifying Board has amended its exam schedule. There will not be an October CCLS exam, but instead it will be held on the 3rd Saturday of September. In order to keep the same amount of studying time and preparing time between the exams, it was agreed to have the CCLS exams in March and September. She then announced those who passed the October 2016 Exam: Rita Burnett, CCLS, Carolyn Charlton, CCLS, (Our Very Own) Christina Hall, CCLS, Jennifer Kerr, CCLS, (Our Very Own) Kiwi Le, CCLS, Martha Mota, CCLS, and Anna Olson, CCLS.

Under New Business, President Jennifer announced that (Our Very Own) Santa Clara County LPA won the bid for LSI's Quarterly Conference in November 2018! The conference will be held on November 8-11, 2018 at the Silver Legacy in Reno, Nevada. Scrip tickets will be \$120 with a room rate of \$148.65 (including amenities). Go Team SCCoLPA!

President Jennifer announced the following new appointments:

Assistant Editor for the Publications Revision Committee (PRC) (Our Very Own) Kiwi Le, CCLS.

Due to Cindy Frazier, CCLS's resignation from the CCLS Certifying Board, a new CCLS Chairman was appointed for a six-month term and that is (Our Very Own) Elise Dresser, CCLS.

Due to a vacancy on the CCLS Certifying Board, a new member was appointed for a four-year term, and that member is (Our Very Own) Vivian Shreve, CCLS.

The Board of Governors meeting was recessed at 2:57 p.m. The afternoon LSS seminars were: The Law Office Administration LSS Section presented "Excel" and the Transaction Law LSS Section presented "Maneuvering Legal Documents Through the Recorder's Office."

The Saturday Night Banquet had even more feathers and flapper dresses. As usual SCCoLPA made its mark with our members keeping in check with the theme and dressing in the Roaring 20's fashion. The Honorable Michael P. Candela was the speaker for the evening. Judge Candela shared a lot of funny stories and events that happened during his career. Conference Chairman Judith Williams, LDA presented President Jennifer with a beautiful candelabra. For entertainment the Paradise Dancers from a local dance studio attempted to perform some partner dancing, but due to technical difficulties they were only able to perform two dances the Foxtrot and the Tango. But they performed both those dances with style and grace.

On Sunday morning, Conference Chairman Judith Williams, LDA introduced guest speaker Mrs. Jane Stansill, Esq. who gave a wonderful speech about our roles as a member of a local association, as a member of LSI and as a member of a law office

staff. Mrs. Stansill compared herself to Della Street, Perry Mason's secretary, but acknowledged that a lot has changed since Della's day, for both herself and all in attendance. She specifically spoke about, technology, field of law specializations, professionalism, ethics, loyalty and salary.

President Jennifer L. Page, CCLS called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and immediately dispensed with the roll call. With no additional business to come before the Governors, the Board of Governors Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

The 3rd Quarterly Conference of LSI was adjourned to the 83rd Annual Conference on May 18-21, 2017 to be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Modesto, California hosted by Stanislaus County LPA.

On a personal note, I want to congratulate Elise Dresser, CCLS, Vivian Shreve, CCLS and Kiwi Le, CCLS for their appointments to LSI. This is a new adventure (well, Elise has done this before, but did not hesitate to get back in the saddle again when asked) for them and I know they will do themselves as well as SCCoLPA proud.

Congratulates Ladies!!!!!!

Respectfully submitted, Linda Neuman PROUD Governor of SCCoLPA

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Annual Scholarship Opportunities

Legal Secretaries, Inc. ("LSI") is a California non-profit corporation established in 1934. LSI is known for its educational programs, scholarship awards, and legal publications entitled "LSI Legal Professional's Handbook" and "Law Office Procedures Manual." LSI has approximately 1,400 members in 37 local associations throughout California. Santa Clara County Legal Professionals Association ("SCCoLPA") is our local chapter of LSI and is dedicated to providing low-cost educational seminars and workshops to the legal community.

Certain scholarships are available for those students interested in a career in the legal field. For purposes of these scholarships, "legal field" is defined to include (a) legal secretary



(including receptionist); (b) legal assistant (including paralegal); (c) court reporter; and (d) law office administrator. Both LSI and SCCoLPA provide scholarship programs.

LSI scholarships will be awarded in May 2017 at the Annual Conference of LSI in Modesto, California (the applicant need not be present to win). SCCoLPA will award a scholarship at our monthly meeting in April 2017. Scholarships awarded are for applicants enrolled in college or school in the fall of 2017 and spring of 2018. The deadline for submission of a scholarship application is March 1, 2017.

Scholarship awards under these two scholarship programs shall be given as follows:

Plan A - High School Senior

Applicants shall be restricted to seniors who will have successfully completed high school by the end of June 2017 and will be enrolled in the fall semester immediately following the school year in a college or business school offering a course of study in the legal field. All applicants must be legal residents of the State of California and must be attending school within the State of California during the scholarship year. (LSI awards two scholarships, \$2,000 to the first place recipient and \$1,000 to the second place recipient in this category.)

Plan B - College Student

Applicants shall be restricted to students who will have completed at least one year of

college by June of the school year, and who will be enrolled in the fall semester immediately following the school year in a college or business school in a course of study in the legal field, until all such courses have been taken to satisfy the requirements for a degree or certificate in said legal related program. All applicants must be legal residents of the State of California and must be attending school within the State of California during the scholarship year. (LSI awards two scholarships, \$2,000 to the first place recipient and \$1,000 to the second place recipient in this category.)

Plan C - Career Change Student

Applicants shall be restricted to students who will be enrolled in the fall semester in a college or business school in a course of study in the legal field and shall be an individual who either (a) desires to re-enter the workforce after a prolonged absence but requires training or specialized education in order to qualify as a candidate for a position in the legal field; or (b) has been in the workforce for a number of years but desires to enter the legal field and wants to receive the training or specialized education needed to do so. All applicants must be legal residents of the State of California and must be attending school within the State of California during the scholarship year. (LSI awards two scholarships, \$2,000 to the first place recipient and \$1,000 to the second place recipient in this category.)

Please Note: All scholarships under each Plan are applicable to educational institutions within California only.

SCCoLPA will award one (1) \$500 scholarship in any of the participating Plans. The winner of the SCCoLPA scholarship will then be submitted to the LSI Scholarship Committee and will be eligible to win the LSI scholarship.

Should you or a student have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the email address noted below.

Linda Neuman Santa Clara County Legal Professionals Association Scholarship Chairman neumanlinda@hotmail.com

Order in the Court ~*By Elena K. Schneider, CCLS, SCCoLPA Parliamentarian* ~

What is the job of the solicitor general?

The solicitor general of the United States is the chief counsel of the federal government and - after the attorney general and the deputy attorney general - the third-ranking official in the Department of Justice. When the federal government becomes involved in a legal proceeding, the solicitor general - who is appointed by the president - must oversee the handling of the case. The duties of the solicitor general including selecting those cases that should be appealed after being lost at trial and

choosing which cases should be brought before the U.S. Supreme Court, the operative philosophy being to choose those that stand the best chance of being won. The solicitor general must also prepare the cases for the Supreme Court review and, in the most important, potentially policy-shaping cases, offer the oral argument at the proceedings. An effective solicitor general sets the tone for an administration by reflecting the ideals, ideologies, or political goals of the president.

Education is the Key

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February 28, 2017

Santa Clara County Bar Association 31 North 2nd Street, Suite 400 San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Members of the Santa Clara County Bar Association:

As you know, staffing shortages continue to cause significant backlogs in all divisions of the Santa Clara Superior Court.

Because of the constitutional and statutory timelines under which other divisions work, the Court's civil division is presently most severely impacted. There, the vacancy rate is so high and backlogs are so deep that our staff needs uninterrupted time to address the unprocessed work.

To do so, beginning Friday, May 5, 2017, the office and telephone hours at the Superior Court Civil Clerk's Office each Friday will be 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours truly,

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Patricia M. Lucas Presiding Judge

CCLS Quiz

~By Vivian Shreve, CCLS, SCCoLPA CCLS Chair~

Are you interested in attaining your California Certified Legal Secretary certification? Certification is achieved by passing a comprehensive full-day examination. Candidates are tested in California legal procedures, legal terminology, performance skills, reasoning and ethics, law office administration, ability to communicate effectively, and legal computations. A minimum of two years' experience is required. Continuing legal education requirements must be met for recertification.

Each month we will present a mini "mock" quiz to give you a sense of what the exam covers. The exam is administered twice a year, in March and September and is given in various locations throughout the state. If you are interested in applying to sit for the next exam, which is scheduled to take place on September 16, 2017, please fill out an exam application, which can be found on SCCoLPA's website, or LSI's website at www.lsi.org.

LEGAL TERMINOLOGY

- 1. A guardian ad litem is appointed for:
 - A. A specific, limited purpose
 - B. Forever, in a limited capacity
 - C. Limitless purposes
 - D. None of the above
- 2. By definition, a building that is appurtenant to another is one that may be:
 - A. A separate building with an apartment complex
 - B. An attached building next door
 - C. An unattached garage
 - D. All of the above
- 3. The body of the offense or essence of the crime is:
 - A. Corpus delicti
 - B. Corpus
 - C. Corpus juris
 - D. Corpus Christi
- 4. Escheatment means:
 - A. Individual obtaining property through unfair means
 - B. State obtaining property through illegal means
 - C. State obtaining property because no owner can be found
 - D. Individual obtaining property through purchase

5. A notice warning the public that a lawsuit is pending which affects possession or title of real property is:

- A. Pendent lite
- B. Per stirpes
- C. Lis pendens
- D. Locus sigilli

6. The clause appearing at the end of an affidavit reciting the date, location, and person before whom the statement was sworn is:

A. Acknowledgment

- B. Recitation
- C. Statement of affiant
- D. Jurat
- 7. Parol evidence means:
 - A. Written testimony
 - B. Oral testimony
 - C. Testimony for a conditional release
 - D. Testimony by a parolee

8. A deed in which the grantor guarantees good, clear title to the property, and explicitly or implicitly contains covenants regarding the quality of title, is:

- A. Warranty Deed
- B. Grant Deed
- C. Guarantee Deed
- D. Quitclaim Deed
- 9. Which of these does not belong:
 - A. Retroactive
 - B. Ex post facto
 - C. Replevin
 - D. Nunc pro tunc
- 10. In loco parentis means:
 - A. Proceedings against the parent
 - B. In the place of a parent
 - C. Proceedings against the person
 - D. Proceedings by the parent
- 11. Which of the following words is italicized:
 - A. Ex parte
 - B. Circa
 - C. In re
 - D. Voir dire
- 12. Which of the following states is not abbreviated in citations within parentheses:
 - A. Texas
 - B. Hawaii
 - C. Oregon
 - D. Vermont
- 13. To abide by decided cases is referred to as:
 - A. Stare decisis
 - B. Quid pro quo
 - C. Pro tempore
 - D. Per stirpes
- 14. Viewing documents within the judge's chambers is:
 - A. In personam
 - B. In rem
 - C. In camera

- D. In limine
- 15. Which of the following is not a correct abbreviation:
 - A. Cal. U. Com. Code
 - B. Bus. & Prof. Code
 - C. Sts. & Hy. Code
 - D. Wel. & Ins. Code

ANSWER KEY:

- 1. A LOPM, O-2 ("ad litem" is "for specific, limited purpose")
- 2. D LOPM, O-5 (attached or belonging to)
- 3. A LOPM, O-12 (corpus juris is body of law)
- 4. C LOPM, O-18 (state getting property because no owner can be found)
- 5. C LOPM, O-28
- 6. D LOPM, O-26
- 7. B LOPM, O-31 (oral not in writing not parole)
- 8. A LOPM, O-45 (Quitclaim no guaranty or covenant of title, Grant Deed -
- implies free from encumbrances)
- 9. C LOPM, O-38 (Replevin is a proceeding to recover unlawfully held personal property; the others all refer back in time)
- 10. B LOPM, O-23
- 11. C CSM, 4:36
- 12. B CSM, 1:30 [A] (Don't confuse the abbreviation of states with abbreviations in The Gregg Reference Manual)
- 13. A LOPM, O-40
- 14. C LOPM, O-22 (In personam proceeding against the person; In rem -
- proceeding against the thing)

15. D - CSM, 2:8

Coming Soon!

You asked for quality educational classes, such as Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat, Calendaring, 100 Days Before Trial, Basic Legal Secretary Skills, E-filing, Discovery, and more. Look no further - keep your eyes peeled for updates on our website, our Facebook page, and our regular email blasts as we announce more educational workshops to be presented in the next several months.



Coming up: Attend our "100 Days Before Trial"

workshop on April 20, 2017. Learn all you need to know to get ready for trial, how to get yourself organized, and stick with the timeline!

Calling All Members - We Need Your Ideas!



Calling all members...we are looking to plan a few fundraising events this year and would like your input. What kinds of events would you be interested in attending - Bowling? Bocce Ball? Bunko? Bingo? It does not have to start with a B... funny everything that came to mind did! How about attending a comedy show downtown? ComedySportz is a live improvisation-type show where everything is made up on the spot. Think of the show "who's line is it anyway?"

SCCoLPA's Marketing Committee is currently at work planning future fundraising events. Stay

tuned for more details! Please email me with your thoughts and suggestions - Sheryl Boardman, VP Of Marketing - Sheryl.boardman@compexlegal.com

Membership in SCCoLPA - Spread The Word!

Thank you for renewing your membership in Santa Clara County Legal Professionals Association! You should have received the new password for the "Members Only" section of the website by now, and in that section you can review the association's monthly financial reports, minutes of membership meetings, rosters, and conference reports. Please encourage your co-workers, colleagues, and friends to join SCCoLPA - the membership application can be downloaded in fillable form on our website, <u>www.sccolpa.org.</u>



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Help Wanted - Current Employment Opportunities

Did you know that you can view current job opportunities and



openings in the local legal community on our website?

Our Employment Chair, Elena Schneider, CCLS, has been busy this month collecting and posting new job openings for positions such as legal assistants, legal



secretaries, administrative assistants, and more, for many of the top firms in Santa Clara County. Go to our website (www.sccolpa.org) and check it out!

Happy Birthday to Our Members!

Happy Birthday to the following SCCoLPA members:

Rachael Palmisano - March 1 Michelle Casillas - March 2 Luz-Marie Ramirez - March 4 Estella Chavarria - March 9 Jeffrey Weddle - March 10 Rod Cardinale, Jr. - March 17 Michael Gutierrez - March 23 Helya Safaei - March 23 Pamela Salsgiver - March 27 Pauline Lopez - March 28



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Court Seeks Candidates for Public Watchdog Agency Recluitment begins for 2017-18 Civil Grand Jury panel

SAN JOSE, Calif. (January 6, 2017): Presiding Judge, Hon. Patricia M. Lucas, has announced that the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara is seeking volunteers to serve on the 2017-18 Civil Grand Jury.

The Civil Grand Jury, an arm of the Superior Court, is a part of the Judicial Branch of government. It serves as the county's civil watchdog agency and may examine all aspects of county and city government, special districts and school districts. It is authorized to inspect and audit books, records, and financial expenditures to shsure accountability of public funds. The Grand Jury may also inspect jails and juven le detention facilities.

Grand Jury service affords citizens the unique opportunity to contribute to the afficiency of local government and to play an integral part in ensuring that government officials are accountable to residents.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. United States citizens, and residents of Santa Clara County. Service on the grand jury does require a time commitment of an average of 25 hours per week, or as determined by the Grand Jury. Candidates must be willing to dedicate this year of service to keep careful watch over various aspects of County government, and the one-year term of the 2017-18 panel will begin on June 22, 2017.

"It's vital that those who are charged with this incredible responsibility reflect the tremendous diversity that makes up Santa Clara County. First and foremost we're looking for civic mindedness, strong ethics, and courage, but we also need a mixed set of skills and abilities in our jurors so that we can assemble the deep reservor of knowledge necessary in this broad oversight role," expressed Presiding Judge Lucas

Persons interested in applying may obtain an application online at <u>www.scecourt.org</u> under "Civil Grand Jury". Questions about informational events or about the Grand Jury may be directed to CGJ@scscourt.org or by contacting Tamara Davis, Deputy Manager of Jury Services, at 408-882-2721.

The deadline to submit applications is Thursday, March 30, 2017.





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Saturday, March 25, 2017 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

WHERE Offices of Nixon Peabody

One Embarcodero Center, 18th Floor, San Francisco, CA. 94111 The venue is within walking distance from the Embarcadero BART Station. Parking is available within the Embarcadero Center Business Park.

Join us for the battle of the Bay Area chapters for the title of the 2017 Legal Trivia Champions!!





INVITATION IS OPEN TO ALL BAY AREA ASSOCIATONS: • Alameda County LSA• Contra Costa County LPA • ML Diablo LPA• Santa Clara County LPA • San Mateo County LPA Hosted by: San Francisco LPA

Please RSVP by Friday, March 17, 2017 to: Imogrew@firstlegalnetwork.com



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Any Questions for Your Executive Committee? Contact Us!

We always want to hear from you! If you have any ideas or suggestions as to how we can make our association the best in the state, please reach out to a member of the Executive Committee. The board meets on the first Tuesday of every month, and anyone is welcome to attend. Your Executive Officers for 2016-2017 are:

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

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