

# San Jose – Not Just the Capitol of Silicon Valley

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**S**anta Clara County Legal Professionals Association (“SCCoLPA”) is proud and honored to host the 79th Annual Conference of Legal Secretaries, Inc., on May 16-19, 2013, at the San Jose Marriott in San Jose. The theme of the conference is “LSI Through the Years” and SCCoLPA plans to pay special tribute to those who have paved the way for the last 79 years. We will celebrate the legacy of legal secretaries and legal professionals and honor the contributions they have made to make LSI what it is today.

In the February 2013 issue of *The Legal Secretary*, we provided you with some infor-

From its founding as California’s first city, San Jose has been a leader, driven by its innovative style. Today, San Jose stands as the largest city in Northern California and the capital of Silicon Valley – the world’s leading center of invention and modernism. Over the past decade, San Jose made an investment of more than \$600 million in parks, libraries, and neighborhoods, with business and civic leaders working together to enhance the city’s distinctive quality of life.

#### **SAN JOSE’S RICH DIVERSITY:**

San Jose takes pride in its cultural and ethnic diversity, and no matter where you come

and bicycle trail which is the largest in the nation, championship golf courses, pristine lakes, and mountain terrain. There are more than 300 days of sunshine each year and an average annual temperature of 70 degrees.

#### **TRANSPORTATION:**

San Jose is a global gateway to the world’s top companies and talent, and the city hosts an average of six million visitors per year. The Mineta San Jose International Airport recently underwent a \$1.6 billion renovation and is now the world’s most technologically advanced airport with sleek, beautifully designed passenger terminals, state-of-the-art baggage handling, and proudly holds a top on-time performance record among U.S. airports. The San Jose Diridon train station is the transit hub of Silicon Valley, located a few blocks from the San Jose Marriott and two miles from Mineta San Jose International Airport. The station serves Caltrain, Amtrak, Valley Transit Authority, and other regional bus services.

#### **LOCAL ATTRACTIONS:**

San Jose offers attractions and dining experiences as diverse as the city’s population – from Broadway shows, local theater, symphony and ballet productions, educational museums, family fun destinations, and diverse art exhibitions. The choices are end-

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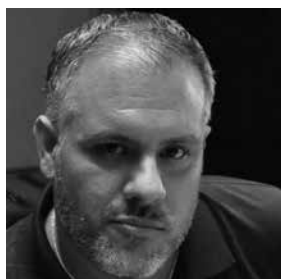
mation about what you can expect while attending the annual conference as well as a little bit about the San Jose Marriott. Follow us now and we’ll show you the way to San Jose! More than a million people found their way last year alone: to vacation, for conferences, or to relocate to the Capital of Silicon Valley. San Jose is already home to more than 850,000 people and we will share with you many reasons why we love it here and why you will too.

#### **OUR CITY:**

Dubbed the “Capital of Silicon Valley,” San Jose exemplifies this greatness. Did you know that San Jose is the 10th largest city in the country? Or that its downtown district offers superb dining and world-class culture? With so much to offer, it’s easy to see why San Jose was recently ranked as one of the five best places to live in America by *Money Magazine*.

from, you’ll feel at home: within its city limits, more than 56 languages and dialects are spoken. San Jose sponsors many cultural festivals throughout the year and its ethnic chambers of commerce are extremely active in the community.

San Jose’s residents are consistently ranked as some of the healthiest in the nation, and much of this can be attributed to a myriad of recreational opportunities, including more than 200 neighborhood parks and gardens, a 330-mile long hiking



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less when visiting San Jose. San Jose's dining scene will turn your next meal into an unforgettable event, with more than 100 restaurants in the downtown district alone.

The partnership between Team San Jose and the San Jose Convention and Visitors Bureau has resulted in delivering an exceptional visitor experience. To get an idea of some of the best places to visit, go to [www.sanjose.org](http://www.sanjose.org) for more information.

Whether you like the beach, mountains, or wine country, San Jose is a great starting point to the best of the rest of the local attractions in the Bay Area. If you want to go to the beach, San Jose is only a half-hour drive to Santa Cruz and an hour away from Monterey, Carmel, and Pebble Beach. Want to taste world-famous wine? Visit the wineries in Napa and Sonoma, which are both less than two hours away from San Jose – or enjoy a tasting at one of San Jose's wineries, brewpubs, or tasting rooms.

Downtown San Jose is also known as Silicon Valley's Urban Center. Residents and visitors enjoy the creativity of downtown by the

arts, cultural offerings, and entertainment, including the nation's largest musical theater for youth, the largest children's museum on the West Coast, and the Technology Museum of Innovation ("The Tech"). Sports fans know that San Jose is also the home of the NHL San Jose Sharks.

Over three million people attend music festivals in Downtown San Jose annually. The city is alive with venues and special events such as the San Jose Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon, the Mexican Heritage and Mariachi Festival, and Left Coast Live. In addition, the HP Pavilion (home of the San Jose Sharks) plays host to the likes of top international stars such as Madonna, Coldplay, and most recently hosted the United States Figure Skating Championships and United States Gymnastic Championships.

#### SEE YOU SOON!

SCCoLPA plans to take you on a "nostalgic trip down memory lane" – every event over the weekend will celebrate a particular decade. On Friday night come dressed in your pink

jacket and poodle skirt as we treat you to a 50's-themed welcome reception, complete with live music and a twist contest!

On Saturday night come to the banquet dressed in your finest formalwear because we plan to take you back to the 1940's when everyone danced the jitterbug and did the fox trot to the big band sounds of Glenn Miller and Benny Goodman. The 40's were synonymous with glamour, with the fashion of that era being elegant gowns, strands of pearls and long gloves. We are so excited to have the renowned San Jose Jazz High School All Stars perform at the banquet. Finally, at the Sunday brunch we will look eagerly to the future while at the same time honoring and respecting the past with the help of a very special inspirational guest speaker.

We hope that you plan to attend the Legal Specialization Section workshops that will be offered over the course of the weekend. The section workshop leaders always go above and beyond to schedule interesting and relevant topics that will no doubt be of great help to you in your daily work activities. <sup>15</sup>

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