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President's Message

By Kristi L. Edwards, CCLP

I've just returned from a fabulous Annual Conference where Lynne Prescott, CCLP, the "COVID" President, finally got a full-on conference experience, LPI elected their first male President, Rod Cardinale, Jr. and the Legacy Project was inaugurated. Our donations added to this wonderful 'museum' of LPI/LPL history and I'm so proud of our contribution. Special thanks to Jennifer L. Page, CCLP who created the 3 history books that we donated for being willing to part with them! Please see the pictures at the end of this newsletter.

Several members were justly honored for their individual contributions to LPI, and lots of Past Presidents were in attendance. The love and appreciation for all was apparent in so many ways.

There were great workshops and inspirational speakers (my favorite part of conferences) and, most importantly, there are lots of changes to come in the way LPI offers its education and in the structure of conferences themselves.

Please take a moment to view the YouTube video of Rod Cardinale, Jr.'s installation address and the Power Point he has shared by email with all members. If President Rod's visions are achieved, I believe there will be increased educational opportunities that are more accessible to all. Business at conferences will be handled expediently, allowing time for more education, more networking, and more fun! Stay tuned and fasten your seatbelt, as the new leadership gets going and moving LPI into the future.

SAVE THE DATE!

We are planning some fun events for you and the first will be a **Pacific's baseball game** – the local semi-pro team – at Albert Field in San Rafael on **July 23rd**.

Questions or comments? Please email me at:
kledwardscccls@gmail.com

Membership Meeting

Date: June 9, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Place: Sam's Place, Novato, CA

Speaker: Rob Rosborough, Esq. MCBA President

Rsvp: starla@calpacificreporting.com

Everyone Welcome!



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Meeting called to order at 6pm at Sam's Place, Novato, CA

In attendance: Kristi Edwards, CCLS; Starla Cooper; Jennifer Page, CCLS; Amber Kennedy; Siobhan Friedgood

1. Discussed Fundraisers.
 - a. San Rafael Pacifics (v. Martinez Sturgeon), July 23, 6pm
 - i. MCLPA will receive \$2 per ticket sold through link to be provided
 - b. Paint the Town Party, potentially September 17, and maybe with lunch?
 - i. Deposit \$160, minimum 8 people, we should check and see if we can hold at Sam's
2. Discussed Annual Conference Fundraiser
 - a. Easy fundraiser - 50/50, Amber has ticket spool, \$2 each, 6 for \$5 and 12 for \$10
3. Discussed Governor's Report regarding EC Resume
 - a. Change of conference program has been alluded to & will probably be discussed at governor's lunch
4. Discussed schedule of meetings
5. Discussed 2022-2023 chair positions
6. Discussed Membership matters
7. Discussed treasury:
 - a. \$ 811.33 to go up by \$60 once all current members are paid and per capita sent
 - b. 112.50 needs to be paid to Scott for website
8. Discussed email list and members of same
9. Discussed our "visiting officer"
 - a. To be determined after the June EC retreat

Respectfully submitted,
Siobhan Friedgood
MCLPA Secretary, 2022-2023

Treasurer's Report

WE held a 50-50 drawing at the Annual Conference and earned \$100 for our treasury! Dues are currently due and you can renew your membership on our website – www.mclpa.org - Jennifer can send you a stripe link for online payment or you can write a check. Per capita tax is due to LPI on June 15, so please try to renew your membership asap. Questions? Please contact: Jennifer at jlpape@ix.netcom.com

Governor's Report

LPI Annual Conference, May 19-22, 2022, hosted by Santa Clara County LPA
Submitted by Amber Kennedy

Theme	A weekend in Italy and a Tribute to the Past “
Friday Morning	Inaugural opening of Legacy Room Inside room was a display of numerous history books from various associations, all sorts of types of “aged” office equipment, preserved LSI artifacts, and a tribute to the history of the profession itself.
Workshops Attended	Friday – Officer-Chairman workshops- “Speed Mentoring” round table of each Chairman (total of 8), speaking for 15 mins in small groups of 5-7. Much more effective, fun, and engaging. Here is a snip-it of what I learned: Programs: Hit up Vendors! (For example, Contra Costa County having Vendor Night as their meeting) Fundraising: Donate tickets to other non-profit organizations, sell logo t-shirts, online popcorn Marketing: hold contests & prizes at events, mix in fun with business, keep up to date information President: highlight the benefits of LPI and local associations Treasurer: it's not that scary! Keep track of IRS deadlines, do self-audits Governors: report back on LPI business, learn from other associations Secretary: document the business of your organization, be the witness
Governor's Lunch	Quick review of EC resume

Welcome Reception	Friday night reception, spoke with our webmaster (and honorary member) Scott Herman about his company and projects. Attended Heart to Heart chat with other governors, informal meeting talking about upcoming year, renewing the commitment to LPI
Board of Governors Meeting	Highlights: LOPM to come soft-bound after May 31 st Over the last year (during covid) LPI held 117 educational seminars, and had 1,775 attendees. Voted on approving increase from \$100 to \$1000 as a loan from LPI to local associations to help send their governors to conference or otherwise fundraising events *Several members were upset that the CCLS certifying board has decided to change the name of CCLS from "California Certified Legal Secretary" to California Certified Legal Specialist". Members voiced their opinions both for and against the name change.
CCLS Luncheon Saturday	This was my 1st time attending, there were 18 new CCLS! It was special to see past LSI/LPI presidents there in honor of Heather Edwards becoming new CCLS. It was inspirational hearing each student's story.
Banquet Dinner	Speaker: Honorable LaDoris Cordell (Ret), Santa Clara Superior Court
MISC.	We fundraised \$100 for our association! Thank you, Kristi and Siobhan! A typing test was being held on some of the old machines. Marin County LPA won a free scrip ticket for the August 2022 Quarterly Conference!
Installation of 2017-2018 Officers Sunday	Rod Cardinale Jr. (first male president!) Donna Day, Vice President Bettina Jacobson, Secretary Rita Burnett, Treasurer Theme: Stronger Together Rod introduced his new direction for LPI, and restructuring conferences (voting on Sundays, more education, more fun). Rod talked about restructuring LPI into 3 categories: Silo 1 – LPI university Silo 2 – LPI Tech training Silo 3 – MCLE
Post Board of Governors Meeting	Budget adopted
Next Quarterly Conference	August Orange, CA

Member Spotlight

Welcome new member, Sabrina Quilici! Sabrina began employment in the legal field 11 years ago and has been employed at Hanson Bridgett all those years. She began as an Administration Assistant in 2012 and worked her way up to Legal Secretary 8 years ago and now is also the facilities manager of the San Rafael satellite office of Hanson Bridgett, whose headquarters are in San Francisco. We are thrilled to have Sabrina as our newest member and look forward to seeing her at a meeting soon! And her birthday is this month so – Happy Birthday, Sabrina!!

If your birthday is this month and you haven't told us – well, Happy Birthday anyway and don't be so shy. It feels good to celebrate, so let us know!

LPI News

Legal Specialization Section (LSS) dues are currenting due. Dues are \$75 in addition to your MCLPA/LPI dues. The sections are: Civil, Criminal/Family, Law Office Administration, Probate/Estate Planning, Federal, and Specialty Law. Membership includes access to **free** quarterly seminars at LPI conferences for those sections of which you are a member; **quarterly newsletters** that include changes to the law and forms; **statewide roster** of all LSS members in each section for easy access to local procedural information in other counties; and networking opportunities. **Membership in all 6 sections includes free live LSS webinars.** This, my friends, is the Best Deal in Town! Here is the link to sign up: <https://www.legalprofessionalsinc.org/legal-specialization-sections-membership-application-and-annual-renewal-form/>

Marin Court News

Although the Court adopted Local Rule 1.51 regarding Electronic Filing on January 1, 2022, my experience has been that the Probate Clerk is still accepting paper documents at her window. In fact, I was advised NOT to use the Court's eDelivery system for probate matters as the one probate clerk is attempting to service both the e-delivered filings as well as filings in person, and she can't be at both places at once, so e-delivery filings have been delayed. This, in fact, has been my personal experience so far and it's obviously a work in progress at the Court.

I was instructed that, because all filed documents are now being scanned, there should be NO staples, papers should NOT be holed-punched, NO bottom tabs for exhibits, but YES to pages inserted to indicate exhibits. If you have any info to contribute to this column, please contact me!


California Superior Courts have faced many challenges due to Covid 19. Sonoma County Superior Court is no exception. Lack of court reporters is statewide, and in Sonoma County at least, when serving the initial pleadings or Motions, parties are now required to serve a document from the court regarding the nonavailability of court reporters. This lets parties know that they can either stipulate to not having a court reporter or can split the bill and hire their own court reporters. A copy of the notice can be found at:

<http://sonoma.courts.ca.gov/sites/all/assets/pdfs/general-info/NoticeOfNonavailabilityOfCourtReporters-033022.pdf>.

In Sonoma County there are now four (4) judge positions that are not filled, and a shortage of court staff to process documents. This has caused delays in many court cases, and civil trials have just commenced as of April 1, 2022. Law and Motion matters are currently being set about 30 to 45 days out. When e-filing, there is a lag period between when a person e-files a document, and when the court actually processes it and enters it into their case management system (Odyssey). One trick we have learned is to put the next court date in the comments section when e-filing. This helps the court clerks prioritize the backlog. Judgments can take as long as two to three months for a Judge's signature and return.

Contributed by Cheryl Cornett.

No Court holidays in June, but looking ahead – Monday, July 4, 2022 – closed for Independence Day!



**SIGN UP FOR THE PODIUM on the LPI
website and you will receive Court updates
from across the state!**

<https://www.legalprofessionalsinc.org/lpi-blog>

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Scholarship & Career Promotion	Or here	
Social Media/Marketing	Or here!	



LPI Officers for 2022-2023 installation

Treas. Rita Burnett, CCLJ, Sec. Bettina Jacobson, VP Donna Day, CCLJ, and President Rod Cardinale, Jr.



Jennifer L. Page, CCLJ, LPI Past President 2016-2018



2016 Poster displayed in the Legacy Room

2007-2008 History Book on display



Our history books on display!

Legacy Room pictures



A Museum for Legal Support Staff!



Gov. Amber Kennedy, Pres. Kristi L. Edwards, CCLJ, Sec. Siobhan Friedgood at Annual Banquet

LEGAL SPECIALIZATION SECTIONS

Legal Professionals Incorporated offers membership in six Legal Specialization Sections:

- Civil Litigation
- Criminal/Family Law
- Federal Law
- Specialty Law
- Probate/Estate Planning
- Law Office Administration

The Legal Specialization Sections provide access to continuing education workshops and seminars on a variety of topics within the six sections, presented by respected attorneys, judicial employees, and other members of the legal community. Six live seminars are presented at each LPI conference, as well as several online seminars presented throughout the year.

Membership Benefits:

- Gain value and employer respect by contributing accurate information learned in workshops and seminars
- Enjoy continuing education workshops and seminars that provide California Certified Legal Secretary recertification credits, as well as paralegal MCLE credits
- Attend free quarterly educational programs
- Network and exchange knowledge with other experienced professionals, developing critical contacts throughout the state of California
- Receive quarterly LSS newsletters for each section joined with the most current information regarding that specific area of law
- Receive a statewide roster of counterparts
- Achieve personal and professional excellence
- Reasonable annual dues
- Membership in LPI is not required

For more information and to get your LSS application form, visit LPI's website at www.legalprofessionalsinc.org, or contact LPI's Corporate Office: Kim Oreno, kim@legalprofessionalsinc.org.

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE – JOIN ONE OR ALL OF THE SECTIONS

LSS SUMMER COURT SERIES

JUNE 2022

06.02.2022 - USDC, Northern District Court

06.23.2022 - Santa Clara Superior Court

06.30.2022 - El Dorado Superior Court



JULY 2022

07.07.2022 - San Joaquin Superior Court

07.14.2022 - San Diego Superior Court

07.21.2022 - USDC, Southern District Court



AUGUST 2022

08.04.2022 - Los Angeles Superior Court

08.11.2022 - Placer Superior Court

08.18.2022 - USDC, Central District Court

The cost to attend each webinar is as follows:

- LPI Member/Local Association Member - \$25
- Non-Members or Attorney - \$45
- Members of ALL Six (6) Legal Specialization Sections (LSS) - FREE!
(LSS Membership is only \$75/year and it includes
all live seminars and webinars through April 30, 2023)
- LPI Class Pass - More info on next page

Online registration and payment available at:
<https://www.legalprofessionalsinc.org/events/>
or scan the QR code

