

AGENDA ITEM

MAY 54-132

Board of Legal Specialization Annual Report

DATE: April 22, 2009

TO: Members of the Board of Governors
Members of the Board Committee on Member Oversight

FROM: Lester J. Friedman, Chair, Board of Legal Specialization
Phyllis J. Culp, Director, Office of Special Admissions and Specialization

SUBJECT: California Board of Legal Specialization Annual Report

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 1: 22nd Annual Report – California Board of Legal Specialization

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Enclosed for your information is the 22nd Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization, which covers the period from 1/1/08 through 12/31/08.

Pursuant to Rule 9.35, California Rules of Court, the State Bar of California is charged with administering a program for certifying legal specialists under rules adopted by the Board of Governors of the State Bar of California. The Annual Report provides an overview of the program, defines program activities, and identifies problem areas. It is submitted to the Court in compliance with section 21.0 of the Rules Governing the State Bar of California Program for Certifying Legal Specialists and is intended to aid the Court in its continued review of the Legal Specialization Program.

Board members with questions on this item may contact Phyllis Culp at (415) 538-2118 or Phyllis.culp@calbar.ca.gov.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

BOARD BOOK/ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL IMPACT

There is no impact on the Board Book/Administrative Manual.

RESOLUTIONS

In order that the report be sent to the Court as required, it would be appropriate for the Board Committee on Member Oversight to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board Committee on Member Oversight recommends that the Board receive the 22nd Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization for the period January 1 through December 31, 2008, and that copies of the report be sent to the California Supreme Court as required by section 21.0 of the Rules Governing the State Bar of California Program for Certifying Legal Specialists to aid in the Court's continued review of the legal specialist program.

If the Board concurs, it would be appropriate for the Board to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Board Committee on Member Oversight, that the Board receives the 22nd Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization for the period January 1 through December 31, 2008, and that copies of the report be sent to the California Supreme Court as required by section 21.0 of the Rules Governing the State Bar of California Program for Certifying Legal Specialists to aid in the Court's continued review of the legal specialist program.