

# AGENDA ITEM

**MAY 54 - 153**  
**Board of Legal Specialization**  
**Annual Report –**  
**Report and Filing with the**  
**California Supreme Court**

**DATE:** April 22, 2010

**TO:** Members of the Board of Governors  
Members of the Board Committee on Member Involvement, Relations and Services

**FROM:** Stafford Matthews, Chair, Board of Legal Specialization  
Gayle Murphy, Senior Executive, Office of Admissions

**SUBJECT: Board of Legal Specialization Annual Report – Report and Filing with the California Supreme Court**

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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 California Supreme 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 Gayle Murphy at (415) 538-2322 or [gayle.murphy@calbar.ca.gov](mailto:gayle.murphy@calbar.ca.gov).

## **BACKGROUND**

Enclosed is the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization, which covers the period from 1/1/09 through 12/31/09. 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 California Supreme 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.

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The report was reviewed by the Board of Legal Specialization during its last meeting and it was approved for transmittal to the Court, subject to approval by the Board of Governors.

**ISSUE**

Whether the Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization, which covers the period from 1/1/09 through 12/31/09, should be approved by the Board of Governors for transmittal to the California Supreme Court.

**FISCAL / PERSONNEL IMPACT:**

None.

**RULE AMENDMENTS:**

None.

**BOARD BOOK/ ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL IMPACT:**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION**

In order that the report may be sent to the California Supreme Court as required, it is recommended that the Board Committee on Member Involvement, Relations and Services and the Board of Governors approve the report.

**PROPOSED BOARD COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

If the Board Committee agrees with the above recommendation, the following resolution would be appropriate:

**RESOLVED** that, upon recommendation of the Board of Legal Specialization, the Board Committee on Member Involvement, Relations and Services recommends that the Board of Governors of The State Bar of California approve the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, and that the report be transmitted 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.

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**PROPOSED BOARD RESOLUTION:**

If the Board Committee recommends and the Board concurs with the Board Committee's recommendation, the following resolution would be in order:

**RESOLVED** that, upon recommendation of the Board Committee on Member Involvement, Relations and Services, the Board of Governors of The State Bar of California hereby approves the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report of the California Board of Legal Specialization for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, and directs that the report be transmitted 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.

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