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MEMORANDUM

To: All Clients

From: Carl D. Corbin, General Counsel *cdc*

Date: March 23, 2017

Re: SCLS Spring Update

As we begin the last three or so months of the 2016-2017 school year I want to again thank you for allowing School and College Legal Services (SCLS) to assist you in addressing your legal needs.

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the SCLS website, discuss a very modest rate increase, provide notice for the end of the year school survey, and mention the workshops for the 2017-2018 school year.

SCLS Website

Based on feedback from our clients, our office has worked with a professional website design firm to update the SCLS website in order to maximize the usefulness of the website for our clients. Please check out our website and let us know if there are any further suggestions for improvement:
<http://www.sclscal.org/>.

Hourly Rates

As a reminder, SCLS is a Joint Powers of Authority (JPA) public agency. As such, SCLS does not make a profit. We are a school related agency just like our clients and we are also subject to the Education Code, Brown Act, etc. All of our employees are public employees just like you.

Our current hourly rate for retainer clients is \$225 per hour. We will be increasing our rates by \$5 for the 2017-2018 school year. This represents only a 2.22% increase in our rates. This increase will allow our office, just like your districts, to pay our ever increasing CalPERS rates.

I also want to emphasize that unlike many private law firms, we do not charge additional fees for secretarial time, photocopies, facsimile transmissions, online



research costs, a flat “administrative” fee, or the many other “hidden/add-on” fees associated with doing business with a private law firm.

End of the School Year Survey

Be on the lookout for an email announcing our annual “end of the school year” survey in which you will be requested to participate in an online survey. The results of the survey will be shared with our clients. And, please feel free to contact me directly with any thoughts you may have regarding SCLS.

Workshops

The mission of SCLS is not only to assist our clients in resolving legal issues that arise, but to also assist our clients in avoiding legal issues entirely. SCLS has a strong preventative law focus which we address through various methods to include our workshops. Our multi-client workshop rates are very cost effective with a two-hour workshop at \$30 per participant and a three-hour workshop at \$45 per participant for workshops located in Santa Rosa. Our rates are only slightly increased for any workshops we offer in Eureka or Santa Cruz to account for travel costs. All workshops include extensive reference materials. I believe the quality and cost of SCLS workshops are unmatched in the area of preventative law.

We are finalizing our workshop list for the 2017-2018 school year and you will be sent an email in May 2017 so you may plan your training accordingly for the next school year. A list of the workshops remaining for the current school year may be found at:
<http://www.sclscal.org/workshops>.

On behalf of all of the attorneys at SCLS we thank you for your continued support of our organization!