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MEMORANDUM

To: All Clients
From: Carl D. Corbin, General Counsel *CC*
Date: August 21, 2018
Re: Jennifer Henry is Joining SCLS, End of the School Year Survey, Website, 2018-2019 Workshop List

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! I want to 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 introduce you to Jennifer Henry, discuss the “end of the school year” survey, mention the SCLS website, and share the 2018-2019 SCLS workshops.

Jennifer Henry is Joining SCLS

I am pleased to announce Jennifer Henry will be joining SCLS effective September 1, 2018. Ms. Henry’s practice will focus on assisting school districts, county offices of education, and community college districts with transactional advice and litigation regarding governance, land use, personnel, and student matters. Ms. Henry has over seventeen years of experience in the practice of law. She has eight years of experience representing public entities including school districts. She handled or assisted with litigation in state and federal court for cases involving construction dispute claims, zoning, tort liability, and labor and employment matters. Ms. Henry enjoys providing creative and effective solutions to complex public liability issues through proactive preventative measures such as workshops and legal updates, resolving litigation through early settlement, and streamlining existing processes to optimize the opportunity for successful win-win outcomes.

Prior to joining SCLS, Ms. Henry practiced as a senior litigation associate at two public education law firms in the Bay Area and served as Deputy County Counsel III for Tulare County. She handled governance, facilities, personnel



and student matters for K-12 public school districts, community college districts, and county offices of education. Most recently, she owned her own practice in which she specialized in general business matters, environmental litigation, and cannabis law. Ms. Henry has a passion for public education. She served a four-year term as an elected governing board member for the Dublin Unified School District (2006-2010). She also served as a board member for Alameda County Bar Association's Labor and Employment section, and the Oakland non-profit Centro Legal de la Raza.

End of the School Year Survey

As you may recall, we sent an email on May 25, 2018, requesting that you complete (sometime prior to June 15, 2018) our annual "end of the school year" survey regarding the services provided by SCLS. We collected survey responses from 80 respondents. We appreciate the feedback from all of our clients that responded. The results of the survey demonstrated significant satisfaction with the services provided by SCLS. Please see attached a two-page summary of the survey results. We are pleased we did not receive a rating of "1" ("poor") in any area from any respondent.

Website

In reviewing the "end of the school year" survey, many of our clients are not regularly accessing our website. When you have the chance, I encourage you to visit our website. Changes to the website should allow clients to quickly search for and obtain previously published Legal Updates from the last four years. (Copies of legal updates older than four years can be obtained by contacting our office.) Please contact our office at legal_services@sclscal.org in order to obtain a user name and password in order to access and search our library of Legal Updates. Our workshop list is also updated and maintained on the website.

2018-2019 Workshop List

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 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 school law.

Our office is continuing to partner with the California Association of School Business Officials ("CASBO") to have a number of our workshops certified for awards of CASBO CEUs. Our workshop list notes the workshops for which participants may receive CEUs approved by CASBO.



In addition, our partnership with the California Association of School Psychologists (“CASP”) has also continued, which allows many of our workshops to count towards Continuing Education Units (“CEUs”) for Licensed Educational Psychologists (“LEPs”), Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (“LPCCs”), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (“LMFTs”), Licensed Clinical Social Worker (“LCSW”), and Nationally Certified School Psychologist (“NCSP”). Our workshop list notes the workshops for which participants may receive CEUs. Register either by telephone or on our website for the workshop you would like to attend and indicate whether you would like to obtain CEUs. At the workshop there will be an additional form to complete and a sign-in sheet. Lastly, please note there is an additional \$15 fee for the CEUs, which will go to CASP.

Please find attached a schedule of 2018-2019 workshops available for attendance by registering with our office. Please note that the list may be revised based on our clients’ needs and the needs of the office. The workshop list may be also found at: <http://www.sclscal.org/workshops>. Please contact me if you would like to arrange for a workshop for your district on a specific topic.

On behalf of all of the attorneys at SCLS we thank you for your continued support of our joint powers authority public law organization!