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MEMORANDUM

To: All Clients
From: Carl D. Corbin, General Counsel *CDC*
Date: March 28, 2019
Re: Attorney Kaitlyn Schwendeman, 2019-2020 Hourly Rate, SCLS Website, and 2019-2020 Workshop List

As we approach the last three months of 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 attorney Kaitlyn Schwendeman, discuss the 2019-2020 hourly rate, mention the SCLS website, and to discuss the 2019-2020 schedule of SCLS workshops.

Attorney Kaitlyn Schwendeman

Kaitlyn Schwendeman will be joining our office on April 22, 2019. Ms. Schwendeman graduated law school in 2015. Prior to joining SCLS, Ms. Schwendeman represented over 75 school districts throughout New York State for approximately three years focusing on collective bargaining and special education matters. Ms. Schwendeman most recently worked at a boutique labor and employment law firm in San Francisco. Ms. Schwendeman’s areas of focus at SCLS will be primarily in collective bargaining, personnel, and special education.

2019-2020 Hourly Rates

Thank you to our existing “retainer” clients for purchasing retainer hours for the 2018-2019 school year. Following a meeting of our Joint Powers of Authority Board on March 14, 2019, the Board directed a \$5 per hour increase in our hourly rates. This means for the 2019-2020 school year our hourly retainer rate will be \$245. This represents an approximate two percent increase in our hourly retainer rate from the current school year. Similarly, our non-retainer “billable” rate will be increasing from \$260 per hour to \$265 per hour.



You will be receiving in the next couple of weeks via postal mail an agreement for services from SCLS for the 2019-2020 school year. For retainer clients, you are asked to select the number of hours you would like to purchase for the 2019-2020 school year. I know this can be a complicated issue. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this matter in more depth in order for you to make the best informed decision for your educational institution.

For our “billable” clients, you will also be receiving via postal mail an agreement for services from SCLS for the 2019-2020 school year. Please contact me if you have any questions.

SCLS Website

Did you know that you can access lots of different information on our SCLS website? Our website has information to include biographies on our attorneys and their specialty areas, you can view our latest Legal Updates, you can register for our workshops, and more! Please check out our website and let us know if you have any suggestions for improvement:

<http://www.sclscal.org/>.

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 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 in the process of developing our multi-client workshop schedule for the 2019-2020 school year and plan to have the schedule provided to you by the end of April/beginning of May 2019 to assist with your professional development planning for the next school year. Please contact me if you have any suggestions regarding potential workshop topics.

While most workshops will be offered in Santa Rosa, we will also be offering a significant number of workshops at the Humboldt County Office of Education in Eureka. Please contact me if you would like to arrange for a workshop for just your district on a specific topic.

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