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MEMORANDUM

To: All Clients
From: Carl D. Corbin, General Counsel *CDC*
Date: August 31, 2020
Re: Ellie Austin, End of the School Year Survey, Website, 2020-2021 Workshop List

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! I want to thank you for allowing School and College Legal Services (SCLS) to assist you in addressing your legal needs especially during these interesting times. While some of our attorneys are continuing to work remotely due to COVID-19 issues, our Santa Rosa office is open with someone available to answer the phones from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on a daily basis. We are also very responsive to email correspondence.

The purpose of this memorandum is to re-introduce Ellie Austin, discuss the “end of the school year” survey, mention the SCLS website, and share the 2020-2021 SCLS workshops list.

Attorney Ellie Austin

As I mentioned in my May 20, 2020, All Client Memorandum, I am pleased to announce that Ms. Austin re-joined our office in an “Of Counsel” position for the 2020-2021 school year. Ms. Austin has extensive knowledge regarding personnel matters and collective bargaining issues in addition to other areas of the law. Ms. Austin will be available to assist clients with special projects and other legal needs.

End of the School Year Survey

As you may recall, we sent an email on May 4, 2020, requesting that you complete (sometime prior to May 31, 2020) our annual “end of the school year” survey regarding the services provided by SCLS. We collected survey responses from 67 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 at the positive feedback! We will strive to continue to improve the delivery of legal services to our clients.

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 to access and search our library of Legal Updates. Our workshop list is also updated and maintained on the website. Clients can also register for workshops through our website.

2020-2021 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 for clients and \$40 for non-clients and a three-hour workshop at \$45 per participant for clients and \$55 for non-clients 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 school law.

In addition, due to issues associated with COVID-19, our office is offering all workshops through September 2020 via Zoom only. This will allow all of our clients, regardless of location, to access our workshops. Our office is exploring having all workshops be “blended” from October 1, 2020, being offered in-person, but also simultaneously via Zoom. As we research this issue, we would like you to answer a two question survey on you and your district’s interest in attending a workshop in-person or via Zoom. Please see the following link to the two question survey: <https://forms.gle/LLqzVNqKDJfNbixs5>. Please respond by September 14, 2020.

For individuals attending a workshop in person, 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 credits. Our workshop list notes the workshops for which participants may receive credits approved by CASBO.

In addition, for individuals attending a workshop in person, 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 \$20 fee for the CEUs, which will go to CASP.

Please find attached a schedule of 2020-2021 workshops available for attendance by registering with our office by calling or via our website. 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!