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MEMORANDUM

To: All Clients
From: Carl D. Corbin, General Counsel *CDC*
Date: August 3, 2021
Re: Ellie Austin, Leah Smith, 2021-2022 Workshop List

Welcome to the 2021-2022 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.

The purpose of this memorandum is to say good bye to Ellie Austin, introduce Leah Smith, and share the 2021-2022 SCLS workshop list.

Attorney Ellie Austin

Ellie Austin will be leaving SCLS at the end of September, 2021. After the incredibly demanding last 18 months, she has decided to take a step back from work to spend more time with her family, including her 16-month old son. Ms. Austin has been with the firm since 2017 in the collective bargaining and personnel practice groups. We wish Ms. Austin the best and she will be missed!

Attorney Leah Smith

Leah Smith will be joining our office on August 10, 2021. Ms. Smith practices general education law, with a focus on special education and student discipline/student services. Ms. Smith also has expertise regarding personnel investigations and discipline, HR matters, sexual harassment and Title IX compliance, FERPA and student data privacy, EEOC and OCR investigations, charter school issues (including charter petitions and facilities), and various other legal issues. You will have an opportunity to meet Ms. Smith at a forthcoming SCLS workshop as she will be presenting at various workshops on Title IX and other matters.



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 a client rate of \$30 per participant and a three-hour workshop at a client rate of \$45 per participant for workshops located in Santa Rosa (we do charge an additional \$10 per workshop for non-clients). Our rates are only slightly increased for any workshops we offer in-person 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.

Our office has developed an extensive and targeted workshop list for the 2021-2022 school year, which is included with this memorandum and is also available at: <https://sclscal.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/SCLS-2021-2022-Workshop-Master-7-29-21.pdf>.

All of these workshops will be presented in-person at the Sonoma County Office of Education and virtually through the Zoom platform. We are hopeful that this hybrid option will provide sufficient flexibility for attendees.

You can register for any of these workshops by calling our office or by going to our website: <https://sclscal.org/workshops/>.

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, 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 Counselors (“LPCCs”), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (“LMFTs”), Licensed Clinical Social Workers (“LCSW”), and Nationally Certified School Psychologists (“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 note that the list may be revised based on our clients’ needs and the needs of the office. 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!