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Greetings Colleagues:

It's that time of year, again! I write to encourage you to renew or re-establish your membership in the California Council of School Attorneys ("CCSA"). In addition to the many professional benefits of membership outlined below, the Board would like to remind you of CCSA's on-going effort to serve California's school-law bar.

Benefits of Membership

Easy and Economical MCLE Compliance: CCSA makes MCLE compliance easy and economical through programs that are also directly relevant to school-law attorneys. Through four full-day trainings per year that alternate between northern and southern California, CCSA offers all the required hours you will need for CLE compliance—including ethics, substance abuse and bias in the legal profession. Our September and May workshops alternate between southern and northern California. We hold our annual 2-day meeting each December, in conjunction with CSBA's AEC — which will be held in San Diego this year.

Access to Potential Clients: Membership in CCSA provides great opportunities to share your knowledge and expertise with your colleagues and clients at CCSA workshops. Additionally, the CCSA Board selects presenters for CSBA's Annual Education Conference and Trade Show ("CSBA's AEC") pre-conference Legal Symposium for Experienced Board Members. The Board selects presenters based on a variety of factors and attempts to distribute presentation opportunities equitably among our active membership. All active members are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities to share with their peers.

Membership Dues

In order to enhance our MCLE opportunities, and explore online offerings if possible, there will be a modest increase in dues for the 2019-2020 membership cycle.

Please be reminded that for every Regular or In-House member who joins, five Associate members may join from the same firm. Although Associate members do not have access to the services and resources of our national affiliate, Council of School Attorneys, COSA, they are able to attend all CCSA workshops, and receive all CCSA materials, at the members' rate.

Given the many benefits of CCSA membership, we are hopeful that firms will expand their participation. Some of the many ways that CCSA enhances the professional life of its members include:

- **Collegiality:** CCSA promotes and fosters one of the most collegial bars in California. A member-run organization, CCSA relies primarily on the expertise and good will of its members to function. CCSA operates on the premise that we are individually most successful when we all shine. CCSA members enjoy sharing their expertise and being affiliated with a bar that values integrity and collaboration.
- **Quality MCLE-Approved Programs:** CCSA programs ensure that participants receive information and materials that are current, designed for lawyers, and tailored to the practice of school law. Each of our workshops provides a combination of plenary sessions on matters of general interest to school attorneys, and break-out sessions that cover areas of specialized expertise such as special education, facilities, and labor relations. Participants are asked to submit evaluations and suggestions which are utilized in planning future conferences.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Attending CCSA conferences and receptions offers a great way to meet others in your fields of practice, or areas where you would like to develop. CCSA welcomes, and designs programs for, seasoned experts and those new to school law. It also offers a way to share your knowledge—both with your school-law colleagues and your clients. CCSA sponsors a full day workshop for advanced board members each year at the CSBA’s AEC Legal Symposium for Experienced Board Members. All active CCSA members are invited to submit proposals.
- **Outreach to Future School Lawyers:** We believe in promoting the value of education law as an important and growing practice area and the source of satisfying career options.
- **Access to COSA Membership and Resources:** Regular and In-House members also enjoy the privileges of our national affiliate, Council of School Attorneys, COSA, including subscription to the publication, Inquiry and Analysis, membership in a nationwide e-mail group (listserve) that discusses school law issues, discounts on publications and seminars, and networking nationally with school law colleagues.

Given these benefits, annual membership is very affordable:

- Regular members — \$275 (\$25 increase from last year)
- In-House Counsel members — \$195 (\$25 increase from last year)
- Associate members — \$165 (\$25 increase from last year; five associate members may join per Regular or In-House Counsel member.)

The 2019-2020 membership application is enclosed and we urge you to join/renew today—*before* this ends up in that stack of things to do later.

Sincerely,



Anthony P. De Marco
President-Elect

On behalf of CCSA 2019 Board of Directors: Loren Soukup, Anthony De Marco, Bill Schuetz, Robert Jacobsen, Marisa Lincoln, Melissa Brown and Namita Brown

Enclosure: 2019-2020 CCSA Membership Form