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Dear Colleagues:

This past year has been extraordinary for those in service of educational agencies. The pace and breadth of changes to ensure safe and effective public schools has taxed us all. Finding resources to support our work is more important than ever. Membership in the California Council of School Attorneys (“CCSA”) is just such a resource. I write to encourage you to renew or re-establish your CCSA membership.

Benefits of Membership

Relevant CLE Compliance: CCSA makes CLE compliance easy and economical through programs that are directly relevant to school-law attorneys at every level of experience. 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.

We provide four CLE accredited workshops a year, one in May, one in September, and two days in December. The workshops include all the required hours you will need for MCLE compliance as well. Our annual 2-day conference is held each December in conjunction with CSBA’s AEC, which will be held in San Diego this year.

NEW On-Demand CLE: CCSA maintains a catalog of session recordings from past CCSA events such as the Spring, Fall, and Annual Workshops. Recordings are available for CCSA members to purchase at \$30 per recording. The catalog will be updated regularly for CCSA members.

NEW Listserv Forums: CCSA is excited to be launching a new listserv via the Google Groups platform. CCSA membership entitles you to access to a state-wide forum for consideration and discussion of the practical and professional issues faced by school law attorneys. CCSA members will be able to subscribe to California specific listserv groups for Labor and

Employment, Charter Schools, COVID-19, Facilities/Business, Governance, Special Education, and Student Issues.

Access to Potential Clients: Membership in CCSA provides great opportunities to share your knowledge and expertise with your colleagues and gain access to clients and potential clients at CCSA workshops. In addition to our spring, fall and annual conferences, the CCSA Board selects presenters for CSBA's Annual Education Conference and Trade Show pre-conference, Legal Symposium for Experienced Board Members. The Board selects presenters for the Legal Symposium based on a variety of factors that include prior attendance and involvement with CCSA conferences, and makes every attempt to ensure presentation opportunities are shared equitably among CCSA's active membership. We strongly encourage all members to take advantage of these opportunities to share with potential clients.

Collegiality: CCSA promotes and fosters one of the most collegial attorney organizations 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 an organization that values integrity and collaboration.

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 attorneys at every level from seasoned experts to those new to school law.

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.

Given the many benefits of CCSA membership, we are hopeful that all school-law firms and organizations, both private and in-house, will expand their participation with this terrific group of attorneys.

Please note that our membership structure has changed for the 2021-2022 year as follows:

- CCSA Regular Membership — \$165
 - COSA Regular Membership (Optional add-on effective July 1, 2021) — \$270
- CCSA In-House Membership — \$135
 - COSA In-House Membership (Optional add-on effective July 1, 2021) — \$200

(CCSA and COSA In-House Memberships are only available to attorneys who are employees of a public school district or COE).

Commencing with our 2021-2022 membership cycle, firms and organizations will not be required to maintain a specific minimum number of COSA affiliated memberships as a condition of CCSA membership.

The 2021-2022 membership form is attached, and we encourage you to join/renew today!

Sincerely,



Robert Jacobsen

President-Elect

On behalf of CCSA 2021 Board of Directors: Bill Schuetz, Robert Jacobsen, Marisa Lincoln, Melissa Brown, and Anthony De Marco.

Attachment: 2021-2022 CCSA Membership Form