

Hello Members and Colleagues.

I hope this electronic communication finds each of you safe and well during this difficult time of risk and self-quarantine. This message is an update on CALI's Legislative efforts and the activities of the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) for the first quarter of 2020.

Limited Liability Companies (LLC)

If your agency is organized as an LLC, you likely are aware that the law requires you to report to BSIS whether you have had any paid or pending claims. Even a *no-claim* status must be reported as well. If you have not reported your status, please do so immediately as the report is currently past due. Every three years the law sunsets for private investigators who are LLCs and we are required to submit a bill to extend the sunset. We are not in danger of losing LLC, it is just part of the legislative process. Needless to say, one of the components is claim reporting and we do not want any issue with a failure to report. Thank you for your help.

Campaign for CALI 2020

CALI sponsored its annual Legislation Day under the chairmanship of Sacramento District Director and Chairman of the Board, Frank Huntington. It was nice to have so many new faces attending this year.

Speakers

We began the day with a continental breakfast. Barbara Burr spoke to memorialize Paul Hietala, one of the first Leg Day Chairs who passed away in 2019. We were then honored to have four speakers address us. Husband and wife team, Senator Brian Dahle and Assemblymember Meghan Dahle spoke first, thank you to Sean Ditty. The Dahle's were followed by Past President Anne Fields Assemblymember, Evan Low and Frank Huntington's Assemblymember, Assistant Majority Member Jim Cooper. Thank you to Sean, Anne, and Frank for introducing these four officials as well as taking the initiative to develop such valued relationships.

After CALI's lobbyist Jerry Desmond, Jr. and Government Affairs Chair, Francie Koehler, provided an overview of the bills of focus for the day, everyone walked the two blocks to the Capitol and attended their constituent appointments scheduled by the Desmond office. All attendees reported positive interactions during the post-meeting debriefing. The importance of Leg Day is relationship building. The bills we discuss is simply a tool we use to educate our legislators about who we are and what we do. Our objective is to be used as a resource to contact when a bill or an issue impacting the work we do comes up on the radar. It is refreshing each year when we are remembered from the prior year and sometimes the legislator or the staff member still has the literature we provided the year before.

Key Issues: Cali's Leg Day Handout 2020

If you are interested in the key issues CALI's members addressed during their constituent meetings, you can view the list [here](https://www.cali-pi.org/assets/Legislation/CALI%20Leg%20Day%20Handout%202020.pdf) -- link to <https://www.cali-pi.org/assets/Legislation/CALI%20Leg%20Day%20Handout%202020.pdf>

Three bills of interest were not included in the talking points as the GAC is still working with the respective authors. They are as follows:

Restrictions on who can provide police officer background checks (AB 3341 Muratsuchi)

Interstate *one-way* reciprocity for military spouses (AB 2185 Patterson & Gallagher)

Department of Motor Vehicles – *restrictions on access to DMV information* (SB 1121, Dahle)

Every year following the California Bill Introduction Deadline, the GAC Committee meets for an entire day and reviews 300-400 bills (provided by the Desmond office as a result of keyword searches) to decide on whether we support, oppose, favor, not favor, monitor or look-into. This year we were hosted at the home of Jim and Julie Zimmer and were well-fed by the culinary expertise of Julie Zimmer.

If you are interested in the other bills we are addressing, you may access them [here](https://cali.memberclicks.net/assets/Legislation/CALI%20Legislative%20Report%20Web%20Version%203%2012%2020.pdf) -- link to <https://cali.memberclicks.net/assets/Legislation/CALI%20Legislative%20Report%20Web%20Version%203%2012%2020.pdf>. Many thanks to the members of the GAC, Rick Crooks, John Eppick (consultant), Ed McClain (consultant), Mark McClain, Anthony Perrin (consultant), Chris Reynolds, Roberto Rivera, Tawni Tyndall, David Williams, and Jim Zimmer plus Jerry Desmond and Anne Schillig from Desmond & Desmond for all of their hard work.

BSIS Chief Lynn Andres

Lynn Andres, the current Chief of Bureau of Security and Investigative Service, joined us at lunch and spoke of the activities at BSIS and answered questions. It is invaluable for the Bureau Chief to address us in person to provide perspective and context to the processes impacting licensees.

Legislative Excellence Award

Every year we look for someone who has gone above and beyond to contribute to CALI's Legislative efforts. We often acknowledge a State Senator or Assembly member's activities on CALI's behalf, and we have also given the award to members who have made a significant contribution to CALI's legislative program. Jerry Desmond, Jr. and the folks at Desmond and Desmond have toiled on our behalf for twenty-four years. Therefore, this year we chose Jerry Desmond, Anne Schillig, and Claudine Desmond to be recognized with the Legislative Excellence Eagle for their advocacy. The plate affixed to the eagle says,

Presented to

*Jerry Desmond Jr, & the phenomenal Desmond & Desmond staff
In recognition of your leadership and extraordinary contribution to the
California Association of Licensed Investigators' legislative advocacy.*

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March 9, 2020

2019 Bills

CCPA

The California Consumer Protection Act is still alive. We have continued to be joined with a California Chamber of Commerce coalition that has always been effective for us in past opposition efforts.

AB 5

AB 5 was the bill that changed the rules on the use of independent contractors. Thanks to all of you who wrote letters, made telephone calls and met with your representatives. We were very fortunate. We were able to get an exemption carved out allowing private investigators to continue to use independent contractors, and we also benefit from a business to business exemption that was included in the text of the bill. Individuals and businesses have continued to protest when they were not included. Consequently, there have been lawsuits and several bills in 2020 to address the perceived inequities. We are watching these bills carefully.

We work for you. With your help, together we can make a difference!

Francie Koehler

Government Affairs Committee Chair