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Change of Ownership

Legislative Intent Service has recently become incorporated – it is now, **LEGISLATIVE INTENT SERVICE, INC.**! One of the original founders of this business recently sold his interest to Tom Stallard, also an original founder. Tom, who has been busy planning the future of the business and also presenting our **free MCLE's** all over the State these last four months, is considering new and innovative ideas for improving our company and its research capabilities. Do you have any suggestions? You can reach him at tstallard@legintent.com with your ideas! Meanwhile, log in to our website at **legintent.com** and find out about the new changes taking place.

State Bar Panel

At the *State Bar's Annual Meeting* in **Monterey this October**, **LEGISLATIVE INTENT SERVICE, INC.** will be presenting a two-hour Lawyering Skills Program entitled "*Winning Strategies Using Legislative Intent*" on October 6th, Friday, from 10a.m. to noon. The speakers will be **Dorothy Thomson, Esq., and Filomena Yeroshek, Esq., of LEGISLATIVE INTENT SERVICE, and Robin Meadow, Esq., from GREINES MARTIN STEIN & RICHLAND** in Los Angeles. These knowledgeable attorneys will address strategies to advocate legislative intent and win at the trial and appellate levels. Come join the group to learn about legislative intent and history as well as ask your questions either afterwards or at our booth. This class qualifies for two hours of MCLE credit for those attending attorneys.

Walk Back in Time

When our clients call in or email a query about research of any state statute or regulation,

we generally look through the annotated code books for that state and walk the clients through the legislative history as noted in these sources. Many clients will make their decisions as to which bill to research based on these annotations. Over the last 30 years, however, we have found that these annotations need to be confirmed because we have discovered discrepancies reported in the code books.

Once we begin reviewing the individual chaptered laws, we found that the annotations are deficient in a number of ways.

For example, many times the chaptered law identified as the enacting bill is merely the original massive codification effort (i.e., Insurance Code, Labor Code). The annotated code book does not identify the prior legislative history that originally developed the statutory language in the first place. If one were to review only the codification effort, there would be very little in the way of substantive discussion, especially when the Legislature has already developed this language in prior sessions.

Another example has to do with the annotated history for regulations – we are no longer surprised when the published history begins with an amendment, rather than an adoption. Even when the history begins with the adoption of the regulation, sometimes it turns out that the regulation was derived from a former regulation with a prior history that needs to be investigated by us and our clients.

It helps our clients when our experienced research staff and attorneys at **LEGISLATIVE INTENT SERVICE, INC.** can trace a complex history for them.

**The process of comparing the printed bill to ensure it looks like the original and to verify that amendments have been correctly inserted*

Tracing Roots

Tracing language has become a useful research protocol at **LEGISLATIVE INTENT SERVICE, INC.** When a question regarding the origination of a regulation comes up because the annotated history is so sparse, we can trace the original form of the language to the 20's, 30's, 40's or 50's, and provide the client with the registers and administrative state filings to demonstrate the development of the language from its prior history to its current form.

Similarly, when statutory history is too complex to understand with just a cursory review of the annotated codes, or if the history is incomplete and we need to develop it for the client, we know how to research back in time to provide the client with those early relevant chaptered laws. The client is in a position, then, to review and determine which bill making the changes of interest would be the best one to research. We charge a rate for tracing history, but in the long run, this saves our clients money and time.

2006 NOTABLE LEGISLATION COMING SOON!

LEGISLATIVE INTENT SERVICE, INC., will soon be publishing its 2006 Notable Legislation. This compilation of those interesting or controversial California enactments of 2006 will be made available at our website or by request.

The range of legislation considered includes Armenian genocide victims, common interest developments, immigration, agriculture, commercial transactions, consumer rebates, identity information protection, employment discrimination, health, and medical information disclosures, child abuse reporting, vehicles and child passengers, Attorney General fees, and corporations, just to name a few.

FREE MCLE

Attorneys!! Law firms!! If you are getting too close to the February 1, 2007 MCLE compliance deadline without enough hours, call us! If you have ten or more attorneys who can be present, we offer one hour of **free MCLE** on the subject of appellate procedural considerations, or on legislative intent, research and history, or on 2006 legislation. We will come to your location at your date and time – give us a call at 1-800-666-1917 or send an email to msanders@legintent.com.

Clients Always Ask

Attorneys and researchers have asked whether we can provide legislative history research for all 50 states. We have found that we can provide legislative history materials by one of two methods – contacting the state legislative offices and libraries directly or sending one of our researchers to the state capitol. If you have an interest in research of states outside of California, give us a call to discuss your order.

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