



## ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED LITIGATION SPECIALISTS

Longtime Americans for Effective Law Enforcement (AELE) instructors Dr. John G. Peters, Jr., Ph.D., CLS (President and Chief Learning Officer, Institute for the Prevention and Management of In-Custody Deaths, Inc.) and Captain Greg Meyer, M.S., CLS (Los Angeles Police Department, retired) announce the formation of the Association of Certified Litigation Specialists (ACLS).

Membership is free and is open to all persons who have earned the Certified Litigation Specialist (CLS) designation from the AELE Law Enforcement Legal Center.

“John and I are very excited about the formation of ACLS,” said Captain Meyer. “We hope and believe that ACLS will be instrumental in improving the ability of agencies to avoid lawsuits and to effectively manage lawsuits when they occur.”

### **ACLS VISION**

1. ACLS recognizes and meets the need for continuous improvement in the quality of law enforcement and corrections litigation specialists in the civil and criminal justice systems and administrative environments.
2. ACLS promotes the establishment of litigation specialists within agencies to help avoid unnecessary lawsuits and to competently manage existing and future claims.
3. ACLS provides opportunities for CLS who teach to contribute articles to AELE’s Use of Force Law Instructor’s Guide and share lesson plans with their colleagues.
4. ACLS is committed to improving the value of AELE-sponsored seminars and the AELE-CLS program to its members and in the eyes of the legal, law enforcement, corrections, and medico-legal communities.

### **ACLS MISSION**

1. ACLS provides timely information for CLS who wish to enhance their professional knowledge and education;
2. ACLS promotes the establishment of litigation specialists within agencies;
3. ACLS provides CLS who are use-of-force law instructors opportunities to contribute and share information; and

4. ACLS provides a forum for receiving and processing suggestions for improving AELE-sponsored seminars and the CLS program.

### **ACLS MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

1. Affiliation with a recognized group of like-minded professionals.
2. Receipt of current information pertinent to CLS.
3. \$100 discount on all AELE-sponsored repeated seminar fees for active CLS.

### **ACLS LEADERSHIP**

Chair – Greg Meyer, M.S., CLS (Captain, Los Angeles Police Department, retired)

Secretary – John Peters, PhD., CLS (Executive Director, Institute for the Prevention and Management of In-Custody Deaths, Inc.)

Captain Meyer and Dr. Peters will perform their ACLS duties *pro bono*.

One may apply for the CLS designation after attending three AELE courses from any of three certification tracks: Police Litigation, Corrections Litigation, or Campus Law Enforcement Litigation. For more information about the certification process, see <http://www.aele.org/cls-faq.html>

In July 2011, all current and former CLS (for whom current contact information is available) will receive an e-mail from Dr. Peters and Captain Meyer to announce the organization and begin to perform the ACLS Mission.

#### **AELE's Certified Litigation Specialist program featured in Police One article**

“A way to stop legal issues before they start: A new breed of legal eagles called Certified Litigation Specialists are helping police agencies win civil litigation cases.”

Police One Senior Columnist Chuck Remsberg is best known for his books and the Street Survival seminar. Now he discusses legal survival, and focuses on AELE's litigation specialist program. Read the article at <http://www.aele.org/p1-cls.pdf>