



News Flash

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State of California Franchise Tax Board Needs Your Help

The following request was submitted to CEA directly from the FTB.

Survey - Social Security Numbers on Liens

Due to concerns about taxpayer privacy and information security, the FTB is considering removal of part or all of the social security number from lien documents. The FTB needs your help to assess potential impacts to your organization if we make such changes.

The link to an online survey is provided. Please complete and submit the survey within 30 days.

In responding to the survey, please reflect the views of your entire organization (company) or branch; all responses will remain confidential.

If you have any questions regarding this survey, or if you are unable to complete it within this 30 day time frame, please contact Brenda Sizer at FTB at (916) 845-7086.

Thank you for helping the FTB with this survey; they appreciate your taking the time to answer it.

Survey Link:
<http://www.ftb.ca.gov/webSurvey/lienSSN.asp>

Franchise Tax Board

CEA Legislative Day – May 16th Spend the Day in Sacramento!

The CEA Bill Review Committee and the Board of Directors presents the CEA Annual Legislative Day in Sacramento on Monday, May 16, 2005 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel and the California State Capitol. Don't miss this opportunity to be informed of the legislative process, learn about important legislative bills of interest to the escrow industry, attend a legislative hearing, visit your

legislator's office, tour the capitol, network with your colleagues and make a difference! The more participants, the stronger our voice. Please plan to participate in this very important event. Attached is a flyer with further details. PD holders earn 1 credit!

Golden Opportunities in CEA . . . Mentoring – Teaching – Celebrating 50th Anniversary Conference September 22-25, 2005 - Long Beach

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For hotel reservations:

Hyatt Regency, Long Beach, \$165 – 562.491.1234
Westin, Long Beach, \$149 – 562.436.3000

Highlights:

** Golf Tournament on Thursday at the Trump National Golf Course

** Silent Auction – If you would like to donate a silent auction prize, please download the form from the CEA website under the conference tab.

** Sponsors – If you would like to support the conference, you may download a sponsorship form from the CEA website under the conference tab

** Expo – Huge expo this year with lots of great displays!

** Raffle – You could win a car!!! Watch for more details.

** History Hall of Fame – If you have any “old stuff” that might be fun to display (photos, old typewriters, check protectors, 10 key, escrow documents, etc.), let Jennifer Blevins at CEA Headquarters know – we would love to borrow them for conference – jennifer@camgmt.com.