

BACKGROUND

Sub-entity Name: California Commission on Access to Justice

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Sub-entity Background:

The Commission on Access to Justice is composed of 24 persons, including 10 appointed by the Board of Governors. The other appointing entities include:

- The Governor (two appointments)
- The Attorney General (one appointment)
- The President Pro Tem of the Senate (one appointment)
- The Speaker of the Assembly (one appointment)
- The Judicial Council (two appointments)
- California Judges Association (one appointment)
- California Chamber of Commerce (one appointment)
- California Labor Federation (one appointment)
- California Council of Churches (one appointment)
- Consumer Attorneys of California (one appointment)
- Council of California County Law Librarians (one appointment)
- League of Women Voters (one appointment)

Purpose of Access to Justice Commission:

The charge of the Commission is to develop and analyze and, in appropriate circumstances, pursue the findings, recommendations and funding options contained in *And Justice For All: Fulfilling the Promise of Equal Access to Justice in California*. The Commission is to recommend specific policies and procedures to implement its recommendations, with the goal of achieving fuller access to our legal system, and to report back to the State Bar, as well as to the other entities with appointment power on the Commission, concerning the progress, the proposed priorities and specific goals and activities being pursued.

The Findings, Recommendations, and Funding Options of the report, *And Justice for All*, include:

- increasing funding for legal services for low and moderate income Californians;
- pursuing methods for making courts more user-friendly;
- increasing availability of self-help resources for unrepresented litigants;
- developing methods for making the delivery of legal services more effective and efficient;
- pursuing ways to increase pro bono advocacy;
- pursuing innovations to help moderate income people who cannot afford attorneys;
- and otherwise pursuing long-term strategies designed to fundamentally improve access to the judicial system for low and moderate income Californians.

Proposed Activities	
<u>Activity 1</u>	<u>Status/Time Frame:</u>
<p>Language Access Project</p> <p>Project goals are to analyze the language access issues facing the judicial system, disseminate information on best practices, and work on possible solutions, coordinating closely with appropriate Judicial Council staff and committees. Input will also be provided on possible legislation and policy proposals on language access and court interpreter issues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on implementation of substantive suggestions in the Language Access Policy Paper and Action Plan for Justice with Judicial Council Advisory Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Guarantee qualified interpreter services in civil proceedings. o Develop policies and procedures to improve language access. o Re-evaluate the system for recruitment, training, compensation and certification for court interpreters. • Evaluate the role of lawyers, bar associations, legal services programs, law schools and law libraries. • Work with Judicial Council to increase funding through legislation and other sources; and work to increase the availability of certified interpreters. • Work with Legal Services Programs in next phase of project – improving access within the legal services community.

Performance Indicators
<p>Language Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Successful events focusing attention on the findings and recommendations of the language access policy paper and best practices clearinghouse (throughout the year). ▪ Coordination of discussion group to pursue recommendations in Language Access Policy Paper and Action Plan for Justice; ▪ Resources developed and disseminated to support increased language access. ▪ Comment/input provided on language access proposals on policy and procedure (from Legislature, Judicial Council, etc.)

How Activity Addresses State Bar Strategic Plan

Goal 3. All people have access to high quality legal services regardless of financial or other circumstances.

- 3.2 Resources for Low/No Cost Legal Service Providers
- 3.3 Collaborative Education
- 3.6 Court Access and Services for Self-Represented Litigants

Goal 4. The State Bar fulfills its mission through effective and supportive relationships with all stakeholders.

- 4.2 Court/Bar Collaboration

Goal 5. The State Bar is recognized and respected as a contributing and accountable leader in improving the administration of justice and ensuring the rule of law in our civil society.

- 5.5 The Administration of Justice

How Activity Addresses Sub-entity Charge

Increasing access to justice for those with limited English proficiency, as part of broader goal from *And Justice for All* to improve access to the legal system.

Proposed Activity Budget

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Proposed Activities	
<u>Activity 2</u>	<u>Status/Time Frame:</u>
<p>Limited Representation Committee (“Unbundling”)</p> <p>The Committee produced a widely-disseminated report with recommendations in 2001, and Risk Management Materials and a Webcast in 2004. Committee works to increase awareness of unbundling, and works on ways to ensure that unbundling is done competently and ethically.</p> <p>“Unbundling” is expanding from family law to other areas of civil law, and the Committee will work on additional materials to ensure competent and ethical practices continue.</p> <p>Development of trainings and materials on “unbundling” has been transferred to SCDLS, which has a “modest means” committee. This Committee will have a somewhat reduced role, but will continue to meet to address larger policy issues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue efforts to publicize importance of unbundling, and ways to do it competently and ethically. • Continue implementation of recommendations from the Fall 2001 report as well as the <i>Action Plan for Justice</i> (“Jones report”) published in April 2007. • Provide input to Judicial Council on court rules and forms. • Look at long-range planning and policy decisions. • Coordinate with the Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services (SCDLS) and other efforts around the country. • Liaison to Rules Revision Commission.

Performance Indicators
<p>Limited Scope Representation –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment/Input on proposals involving limited scope legal assistance; • Coordination and Input on unbundling issues being considered by SCDLS and others across the state or across the country; • Collaboration on workshops and presentations on Unbundling. • Input to materials disseminated about Unbundling. • Ongoing input to Rules Revision Commission.

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The primary goal addressed by this activity:

- 3.5 Unbundling of Legal Services

Other goals include:

- 3.1 Pro Bono Representation
- 3.2 Resources for Low/No Cost Legal Service Providers
- 3.3 Collaborative Education
- 3.6 Court Access and Services for Self-Represented Litigants

Goal 1. The public is protected and served by attorneys and other legal service providers that meets the highest standards of competency and ethics.

- Competence and Ethical Standards

Goal 2. The State Bar provides a wide array of services and benefits to members that meet their professional development, business, and personal needs.

- Professional Development Services

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How Activity Addresses Sub-entity Charge

Increases access for people of modest means and those who cannot afford an attorney by training attorneys to represent the client for at least part of the case;

Helps reduce the workload on the courts by reducing the number of pro per litigants.

Ensures high quality legal services by training lawyers how to “unbundle” competently and ethically.

Helps attorneys expand their legal practice into a new field with a large potential clientele.

Proposed Activity Budget

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Proposed Activities	
<u>Activity 3</u>	<u>Status/Time Frame:</u>
<p>Legal Services Funding/Equal Access Fund and other sources</p> <p>The Access Commission was instrumental in establishing this \$10 million state fund for legal services, which is administered by the State Bar under contract to the Judicial Council. The Fund was recently increased by approximately \$5 million per year with civil filing fees. The Commission will continue to work with the Judicial Council to ensure continuation and expansion of the Equal Access Fund.</p> <p>The Commission also analyzes developments with regard to other legal services funding, including IOLTA, in coordination with the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Judicial Council and Trust Fund Commission to support ongoing state funding, and work to increase EAF funding. • Continue to seek additional funding sources for legal services programs. • Comparability Project. The Commission will continue to work closely with the Legal Services Trust Fund Program to implement IOLTA Comparability; • When the work of the Task Force on Lawyer Support for Legal Services (AB 2301) is completed in 2008, the Funding Committee will work with the Trust Fund Program and other parts of the State Bar on implementation issues for the Justice Gap Fund, continued outreach, and the 2-year analysis required by statute. • Will work with LAAC to pursue possible Cy Pres funding or special funding for Seniors legal services. • Work with project directors on planning and development of substantive work and projects that will use the additional funding in the best possible ways with tangible results for programs and clients. • Address the urban/rural imbalance, and the needs of underserved clients, including proposing “minimum funding standards” across the state.

Performance Indicators
<p>Equal Access Fund –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input provided to Judicial Council as requested for budget process; • Input on proposed legislation or policy initiatives to implement funding recommendations in the Action Plan for Justice, such as cy pres funding or increased seniors funding; • Collaborate on implementation of new justice Gap Fund as well as 2-year analysis required by AB 2301

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The primary goal addressed by this activity:

- 3.2 Resources for Low/No Cost Legal Service Providers

Other goals include:

- 3.1 Pro Bono Representation
- 3.6 Court Access and Services for Self-Represented Litigants

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How Activity Addresses Sub-entity Charge

Increases availability of legal services through additional resources;

Helps increase access for unrepresented parties, through expansion of self-help centers;

Helps courts by reducing number of unrepresented litigants, or supporting thousands of pro pers who would otherwise delay proceedings;

Improves trust and confidence in the judicial system.

Proposed Activity Budget

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Proposed Activities	
<u>Activity 4</u>	<u>Status/Time Frame:</u>
<p>Federal Court Project</p> <p>The Federal Courts Committee of the Access Commission oversees efforts designed to increase access to the federal courts for low and moderate income Californians. Each federal district chief judge has named a liaison to this Committee, providing representation from all districts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro Bono. Long-term goal is to have each district develop an effective pro bono action plan. Committee is working on developing model programs in one district, and then expanding the model to other districts. • Pro Per. Continue work with Ninth Circuit Pro Per Implementation Task Force and continue development of model pro per materials.

Performance Indicators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and distribution of model pro bono materials and model self-help practices and materials.

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How Activity Addresses Sub-entity Charge
<p>Increases access to justice on federal court issues; helps improve the administration of justice in federal courts, particularly with regard to unrepresented litigants.</p>

Proposed Activity Budget
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Proposed Activities	
<u>Activity 5</u>	<u>Status/Time Frame:</u>
<p>State Court Project</p> <p>The State Courts Committee of the Access Commission oversees several projects designed to increase access to the courts for low and moderate income Californians, in collaboration with the Judicial Council and California Judges Association (CJA).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aranda Judicial Award: Develop and disseminate nomination packets; support Committee in selection of recipient; coordinate with Judicial Council, State Bar and CJA as co-sponsors of annual award. • Court-Based Award: Continue the new court-based award to recognize court staff working with unrepresented litigants. • Judicial Training: Provide trainers and input on judicial training that would be valuable on access to justice issues – ongoing. • Pro Per Issues: Work with Judicial Council Self-Represented Litigants Implementation Task Force on implementing the approved state plan and the new guidelines for self-help centers. • State Court Funding: Support adequate state court funding, working with Bench-Bar Coalition, particularly on access to justice components of the budget.

Performance Indicators
<p>State Court Project – Nomination packet distributed for Aranda Award and court staff award; annual selection processes completed. Coordinated with the Judicial Council on implementation of the Statewide Action Plan for Self-Represented Litigants throughout the year. Work with BBC to support state judiciary budget. Input on judicial training events.</p>

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How Activity Addresses Sub-entity Charge

Increases access to justice on state court issues; helps improve the administration of justice in state courts, particularly with regard to unrepresented litigants.

Proposed Activity Budget

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Proposed Activities	
Activity 6	Status/Time Frame:
Rural Task Force This task force is considering ways the Commission might help address the unique access and resource issues that exist in rural areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A policy paper is being developed in 2008. The Task Force will work on distributing and publicizing it and pursuing its recommendations, based on the <i>Action Plan for Justice</i>. • Develop minimum access guidelines to be used as baseline for funding considerations.

Performance Indicators
Rural Task Force – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completion and dissemination of policy paper - Progress on developing minimum access guidelines.

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How Activity Addresses Sub-entity Charge
Identifies specific needs for legal assistance in rural areas, and working with all stakeholders to determine best solutions to lack of access in rural areas.

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Proposed Activities	
<u>Activity 7</u>	<u>Status/Time Frame:</u>
<p>Pro Bono Task Force</p> <p>The Pro Bono Task Force will identify and develop a key project or projects to ultimately increase pro bono in the state, establish collaboration with the courts to include possible involvement of presiding judges and recognition of volunteers by the Chief Justice, and revitalize the Attorney Campaign to increase pro bono activities.</p> <p>Task Force work will be defined by the two recommendations from the <i>Action Plan for Justice</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase statewide support for local and regional efforts to encourage more pro bono. • Develop ongoing judicial support for pro bono. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop pilot pro bono outreach effort, partly to facilitate pro bono by small firms and solo practitioners, and as way to increase statewide support for local and regional efforts to encourage more pro bono • Disseminate toolkit and other materials as part of judicial effort to support pro bono. • Provide input to the Rule Revision Commission as it finalizes rule changes, to pursue the goals of the Action Plan for Justice to include the concepts of ABA Model Rules 6.1 and 6.5. • Coordinate with other groups promoting increased pro bono service.

Performance Indicators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of pilot pro bono outreach effort; • Development and dissemination of Toolkit for Judges; • Comment provided to Rule Revision Commission; • Coordination efforts with SDCLS and other groups on increasing pro bono.

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How Activity Addresses Sub-entity Charge
Identifies specific ways to expand pro bono assistance, working with all stakeholders to improve access to our legal system.

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Proposed Activities	
<u>Activity 8</u>	<u>Status/Time Frame:</u>
<p>Communication Project</p> <p>The efforts of the Communication Committee will focus on overall access to justice concepts, specific outreach on reports and policy papers that have been developed by the Commission, better dissemination of these materials to encourage discussion and debate, publicizing best practices within the court system and legal services programs, and increased advocacy on issues affecting our constituents.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help publicize the role and accomplishments of the Access Commission in order to ensure that it continues to be effective; • Help publicize the <i>Action Plan for Justice</i> and the reports and work of other subcommittees; • Promote statewide campaign to increase support for local and regional efforts to encourage more pro bono. • Develop long-term major outreach project, when appropriate.

Performance Indicators
<p>Increased visibility of legal services programs and their work and contributions to the community, and increased awareness by the public of the benefits of such programs.</p>

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How Activity Addresses Sub-entity Charge
<p>Raises the profile of the importance of legal services for the poor.</p>

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Proposed Activities

Activity 9	Status/Time Frame:
<p>Report to Legislative Judiciary Committees: Action Plan for Achieving True Access to Justice in California</p> <p>The Access Commission submitted the <i>Action Plan for Justice</i> in 2007, and has made a commitment to conduct ongoing oversight of implementation efforts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Action Plan for Justice</i> submitted March 2007, and oversight and follow up of the recommendations is ongoing, as is described elsewhere in this work plan.

Performance Indicators

Ongoing distribution of final report and periodic updates to the Assembly Judiciary Committee and other interested groups about progress on implementing the recommendations.

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How Activity Addresses Sub-entity Charge

The goal of the *Action Plan* is to disseminate information and present recommendations intended to assist all key institutions with responsibilities for ensuring a just and equitable judicial system in California – the Judicial Council, the Supreme Court, the State Bar, the Legislature, and other key statewide entities.

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Proposed Activities	
<u>Activity 10</u>	<u>Status/Time Frame:</u>
<p>Long-Range Planning Projects</p> <p>The Access Commission has a long-range planning effort with two “think tank” task forces – a task force on a model statute on appointment of counsel in civil proceedings, and a committee to enhance access and delivery (Barriers Project). Work continues on both of these task forces.</p>	<p><u>Model Statute Task Force: Analyze and draft statutes that provide for appointment of counsel in appropriate circumstances.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Model Statute Task Force is a long-range effort to gather and study law review articles, and reviewing existing statutes from other countries. • The comprehensive statute prepared in 2007 proposes full public legal representation in all civil cases, and addresses the following areas: full-scale representation, unbundled services, lay advocates, self-help assistance and legal representation for both low and moderate-income litigants. • In 2008, the Task Force drafted a narrower “basic right” statute, the State Basic Access Act, which was circulated for comment to a national group of confidential reviewers. • The Task Force continues to work with the ABA and the National Coalition for a Right to Counsel to pursue mutual goals. <p><u>Access & Delivery Committee:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze appropriate methods for triaging cases – ensuring that mechanisms are in place to refer individuals to the appropriate service, where they can receive the level of assistance they need. • Analyze Justice-System-Created Barriers and recommend ways to reduce or eliminate those barriers. • Develop and disseminate information about barriers to access to justice (such as economic or language) throughout the judicial system, coordinating with the Judicial Council; and develop ways to overcome those barriers.

Performance Indicators
<p>Model Statute Task Force –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Input received and incorporated into two model statutes prepared by the Task Force;• ongoing coordination with the Right to Counsel National Coalition. <p>Task Force on Access & Delivery (Barriers Project) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development and dissemination of a series of tools and best practices that can improve cost-effectiveness, focus on issues of the best allocation of the limited resources, and identify the levels of assistance required in the common situations faced by the low-income community.• Development and dissemination of information about barriers to access to justice throughout the judicial system, and ways to overcome those barriers.

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How Activity Addresses Sub-entity Charge
<p>The goal of these two long-range task forces is to focus on significant developments that can truly improve access to justice, and to ensure that systemic improvements will make the law more accessible to low and moderate income Californians.</p>

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Proposed Activities	
<u>Activity 11</u>	<u>Status/Time Frame:</u>
<p>Legal Services Coordinating Committee</p> <p>Each statewide institution with some responsibility for improving access to justice has a representative on this Coordinating Committee, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Judicial Council • The Legal Services Trust Fund Commission • The Access to Justice Commission • The Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services • The Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC) • The California Clients Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate new effort to plan for use of increased funding from IOLTA comparability and Justice Gap Fund. • Sponsor annual meeting of legal services stakeholders to provide input to statewide coordination of delivery of legal services. • Ongoing oversight of commitments made by components of state justice community – ongoing throughout the year. • Respond to any request for information from Legal Services Corporation or other state funding sources – as appropriate.

Performance Indicators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance and quality of the content of the Annual Statewide Legal Services Stakeholders Conference. • Collaborative efforts to plan for use of increased funding for legal services; • Continued coordination of the above entities in the delivery of legal services.

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<p>The Legal Services Coordinating Committee launched by the Access Commission plays a key role in coordinating the major policy work of all entities in the state focused on significant improvements in access to justice, which is the primary charge to the Access Commission.</p>

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Recommended New Strategic Initiatives For Board Consideration

Name of Initiative:

Purpose:

Responsible Entity:

Connection to Strategic Plan:

Desired Outcome(s):

Fiscal and Staff Implications:

Proposed Performance Measures:

Are activities within legislative and judicial restrictions imposed on the State Bar
(*Keller, Hudson, Brosterhous, etc.*)?

Yes [X] No [] If no, please explain.

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PROPOSED BUDGET Business Unit (MCU) 10901 (Combined Proposed Activity Budgets plus Staff Costs)			
Items	2007 Budget	2008 Budget	2009 Proposed
Estimated Staff Time Required FTE: Temporary Consultant	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$2,040
Travel Staff	\$8,127	\$6,554	\$6,685
Travel Volunteer	\$2,500	\$3,447	\$3,516
Travel Others (e.g. Annual Meeting speakers for MCLE presentations)	\$0	\$547	\$558
Meeting Room Rental	\$0	\$563	\$574
Catering	\$3,000	\$2,142	\$2,185
Postage	\$2,109	\$1,211	\$1,235
Telephone	\$5,697	\$3,589	\$3,661
Copier Allocation	\$4,743	\$4,612	\$4,704
Other Professional Services*	\$1,000	\$5,250	\$5,355
Outside Printing*	\$7,912	\$8,400	\$8,568
Outside Design*	\$0	\$8,400	\$8,568
In House Printing	\$0	\$1,050	\$1,071
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$560	\$571
TOTAL Operating Expense	\$38,088	\$48,325	\$49,291

Proposed 2009 expenses have been increased modestly, adhering to a formula of 2 percent increase.

*Expenses have been increased in these line items based on current expenses. Increased expenses are required to cover costs involved in implementation of the recommendations in the *Action Plan for Justice*, the paper on rural issues being developed and published within the next year, and the possibility of future legislative requests for reports.