

ATTACHMENT 7: Summary of Public Comments

The proposed rule, released for public comment on November 21, 2008, was posted on the State Bar website and sent to the California Bankers Association. The chart below summarizes the comments that were received prior to the January 6 deadline to submit. The written comments all support the Rule in order to enable financial institutions besides banks to hold IOLTA accounts; to require all IOLTA accounts be held at a financial institution that carries FDIC insurance; and, to reflect that accounts can earn dividends as well as interest. Copies of the letters are provided in "Jan 112 Supplement A-1."

Date	Author	Organization	Position	Summary of Comments
December 18, 2008	Maria Herrera		Supports proposed rule	Ms. Herrera supports the proposed Supreme Court Rule: to enable financial institutions besides banks to hold IOLTA accounts; to require all IOLTA accounts be held at a financial institution that carries FDIC insurance; and, to reflect that accounts can earn dividends as well as interest
December 18, 2008	Catherine Blakemore	Disability Rights California	Supports proposed rule	Disability Rights California, a nonprofit agency that works with people with disabilities to protect, advocate for and advance their human and legal rights, supports the proposed Supreme Court Rule
December 19, 2008	Leslie Alexander	Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC)	Supports proposed rule	LAAC, a statewide membership legal aid organization founded to ensure effective delivery of legal services to low-income people throughout California, supports the proposed Supreme Court Rule
December 29, 2008	Alice Bussiere	Youth Law Center	Supports proposed rule	Youth Law Center, a public interest law firm that works to protect children in the foster care and juvenile justice systems, supports the proposed Supreme Court Rule
January 5, 2009	Amy Fitzpatrick	San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program	Supports proposed rule	San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, a private nonprofit, charitable law firm which provides pro bono assistance for civil legal issues to indigent residents of San Diego County, supports the proposed Supreme Court Rule
January 5, 2009	Richard Konda	Asian Law Alliance	Supports proposed rule	ALA a non profit legal services organization has provided legal services in Santa Clara county since 1977, supports the proposed Supreme Court Rule
January 5, 2009	Laine Lawrence	Contra Costa Senior Legal Services	Supports proposed rule	Contra Costa Senior Legal Services, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing free legal civil legal services to Contra Cost residents who are 60 or older, supports the proposed Supreme Court Rule
January 5, 2009	Irene Morales	Inland Counties Legal Services	Supports proposed rule	Inland Counties Legal Services, a nonprofit organization providing free civil legal assistance to indigent and elderly persons in Riverside & San Bernardino Counties, supports the proposed Supreme Court Rule
January 6, 2009	Eric Cohen	Immigrant Legal Resource Center	Supports propose rule	ILRC, a nonprofit support center that provides technical assistance, and direct training on immigration law and procedure to qualified legal services projects that are a part of the Legal Service Trust Fund Program, supports the proposed Supreme Court Rule
January 6, 2009	Hellen Hong	Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice	Supports propose rule	LACLJ, which provides free legal representation, education and advocacy to low-income residents of Los Angeles to improve their living conditions, supports the proposed Supreme Court Rule
January 6, 2009	Robert J. Cohen	Legal Aid Society of Orange County	Supports propose rule	LASOC, a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide civil legal services to low income individuals and seniors and to promote equal access to the justice system, supports the proposed Supreme Court Rule.