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2010 – 2011 Planning Document
Stakeholder Relations Committee

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1. **Purpose of Committee:**

The Stakeholder Relations Committee (SRC) is responsible for developing strategies to ensure that the State Bar has cooperative and effective relations with its key external stakeholders, including all three branches of government. In achieving these goals, the SRC also works closely with the Office of Legal Services, the Council on Access and Fairness, Office of Media & Information Services, Bar Relations, and the Administration of Justice Committees. The Committee also focuses on legislation that impacts the practice of law, the State Bar, or its attorney members through its legislative representative, the State Bar's Office of Governmental Affairs. [For a more complete description of the charge of the Committee, please see SEPTEMBER 113.]

2. Goals for the Stakeholder Relations Committee for the 2010-2011 Board Year:

Legislation

- Approve affirmative legislative proposals of the Bar, and monitor key legislation such as the bar's fee bill;
- Comment on bills of others throughout the year;

Judicial Outreach:

- Coordinate with the statewide Bench/Bar Coalition on issues of mutual concern;
- Work with the Judicial Council and Supreme Court, particularly on the transition to a new Chief Justice;

Office of Legal Services (OLS) - Legal Services Trust Fund Program

- Implement Temporary Emergency Legal Services Voluntary Assistance Fund (TELSVAF), if approved;
- Seek other ways to expand funding for legal services, such as support for Leadership Bank Program and Justice Gap Fund;
- Support for improved public understanding of need for legal services and lack of adequate resources;
- Approve distribution of IOLTA, TELSVAF and Justice Gap Funds;

OLS – Center on Access to Justice:

- Consider possible new initiatives designed to encourage provision of pro bono services to returning veterans and their families;
- Coordination with Prof. Tribe and his U.S. Department of Justice access initiatives;
- Foreclosure Assistance trainings and local forums;
- Outreach on policy paper on Rural Legal Services;
- Participation in Pro Bono Conference, October 12th and Pro Bono Week, October 25th; consider other ways Bar can help expand pro bono;
- Possible Expansion of Participation in Pro Bono Practice Program;
- Implementation of Lawyer Referral Services Rule Revisions;
- Participation in planning for National Equal Justice Conference in San Francisco, week of May 16th;
- Consider role of State Bar on criminal justice issues, including the Recommendations of the Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice and the request from the California Appellate Project;
- Implementation of State Bar-related recommendations in Judicial Council Elkins Family Law Report;

Council on Access & Fairness [Diversity and Elimination of Bias]:

- Updates and/or final reports on projects: Pre Law Advisors, Bar Exam Prep, Mock Trial Resources; Impact of Economic Downturn on Diversity Programs and Policies, Online Surveys of Diversity Stakeholder Constituents.
- Council on Access & Fairness (COAF) Report and Recommendations re Law School Rankings
- Diversity survey -- a five year follow up on attorneys from diverse backgrounds (minorities, women, LGBT, older attorneys and attorneys with disabilities).

Bar Relations:

- Incorporate LRS executive directors and leadership into the 9th annual Bar Leaders Conference;
- Develop a bi-annual survey tool to assess trends, concerns and needs of the local bar and Lawyer Referral Services program leadership;
- Develop and formalize a local bar electronic communication;
- Consider possible new modes of stakeholder outreach via electronic communication;
- Continue to conduct district meetings as another method of gathering information from the local bars;
- Advise the board of association trends and recommendations on how the state bar could work more closely with this organizations;
- Incorporate the importance of supporting the EOB/Bar Relations Voluntary contribution into all aspects of communications with the appropriate stakeholders.

Other Committee Priorities:

- Develop and implement a range of stakeholder feedback methods and opportunities for ALL State Bar stakeholders – the administration, the legislature, the judiciary, local bar associations, legal services organizations, the media, and the public;
- Identify stakeholder issues for consideration by the Board;
- Oversee Board member participation in outreach programs in appropriate forums on behalf of the State Bar;
- Periodically review committee strategies and the effect of their implementation.

3. Key Events:

- Pro Bono Conference, October 12th
- Pro Bono Week, October 25th
- Foreclosure Forum in Riverside – early 2011
- Chief Justice State of the Judiciary Speech to Legislature (Feb-April, 2011)
- Targeted Participation in Bench-Bar Coalition Day in Sacramento
- National Equal Justice Conference in San Francisco, week of May 16th
- 2011 Judicial Summit (July/August 2011)
- Bar Leader Conference, September 15, 2011
- President's Pro Bono Reception, September 16, 2011
- 10th Annual Diversity Awards Reception, September 17, 2011