

STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

GOVERNANCE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TASK FORCE

TASK FORCE REPORT

PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, January 20, 2011

9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

State Bar of California
1149 South Hill Street, Room 723
Los Angeles, CA

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Committee Members: Lowell Carruth, Michael Tenenbaum, Wells Lyman, Jon Streeter, Angela Davis, Gwen Moore, Jeannine English, Luis Rodriguez, Loren Kieve, Dennis Mangers; Ex Officio: Joe Dunn, Judy Johnson (Ret.), Gayle Murphy, James Towery, Beth Jay, JoAnn Remke

MEMBERS PRESENT: William N. Hebert, Lowell Carruth, Angela Davis, Jeannine English, Loren Kieve, Wells Lyman, Dennis Mangers, Gwen Moore, Luis Rodriguez, Jon Streeter, Michael Tenenbaum; Ex Officio: Joe Dunn, Beth Jay, Judy Johnson, Gayle Murphy, JoAnn Remke

STAFF PRESENT: Starr Babcock, Tracey McCormick, Cathy Torney, Amy Anderson, Carol Madeja, Nancy McCarthy

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patrick Kelly

GUESTS PRESENT: Julianne D'Angelo Fellmeth, Robert Fellmeth, Lindsey Scott-Florez, Don DeBenedictus, Alan Steinbrecher, Richard Abel, Sally Suchil, Victor Acevedo, Stephen Raucher, Seymour Amster, Toby Rothschild, Roy Torres, Tonja Jarrett, Eileen Lasher, Bradford Henschel, Margaret Stevens, Don Michael Anthony, Liz Post, Ana Maria Garcia

COURT REPORTER: Willie Anderson, Hines Reporters

I. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair welcomed everyone and gave an outline of the plan for today's public hearing. The Chair introduced the members and staff present to those in the audience and announced that he would introduce each speaker in the order they are scheduled to speak. The Chair explained why the hearings were being held, the process with which the public hearings were announced, and that the task force will submit a report as required in Assembly Bill 2764 on or before May 15, 2011 and every three years thereafter.

II. REPORTS

A. Task Force Report of December 3, 2010 Meeting

The Chair announced that the report from the last meeting was included in the agenda materials.

III. CONSENT

NO ACTION TAKEN

IV. ACTION

NO ACTION TAKEN

V. DISCUSSION /INFORMATION

A. Presentation of Recommendations from Interested Individuals and Organizations to the Governance Task Force

Speakers:

1. Professor Robert C. Fellmeth, Center for Public Interest Law, University of San Diego School of Law
2. Alan K. Steinbrecher, Los Angeles County Bar Association
3. Professor Richard Abel, Connell Professor of Law Emeritus, UCLA Law School
4. Victor Acevedo, Mexican American Bar Association of Los Angeles
5. Stephen L. Raucher, President, Los Angeles County Bar Association
6. Seymour Amster, President, San Fernando Valley Bar Association

7. Toby Rothschild, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
8. Roy Torres, public
9. Tonya Jarrett, public
10. Eileen Lasher, public
11. Bradford Henschel, Public

B. Organizations and Public Interest Groups of Interest in Distribution of Request for Information

In his opening report, the Chair described the list of the recipients who were noticed and advised of the hearings being held by the Governance Task Force, outside of the list of the 20,000 attorney members selected at random, and the State Bar website.

There was no Closed Session and the hearing adjourned.