

**Standing Committee on the
Delivery of Legal Services (SCDLS)**

**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS
2010 – 2011**

In addition to conference calls by each of the working groups, SCDLS held five full committee meetings on the following dates:

November 5, 2010 (Los Angeles) (new member orientation held same day)
January 21, 2011 (video conference)
March 18, 2011 (video conference)
June 10, 2011 (San Francisco)
September 16, 2011 (Long Beach)

Foreclosure

- Helped develop the fourth in a series of regional Foreclosure Forums on March 11 in Ontario and began planning the fifth forum that was held on December 8 in Sacramento. The forums facilitated discussion and offered training for attorneys, judges, advocates and housing counselors working with homeowners at risk of foreclosure and tenants facing eviction from foreclosed on properties. The location and dates of the first three forums are as follows:

Burbank (December 2009)
San Francisco (February 2010)
Fresno (June 2010)

- Sponsored MCLE program at the State Bar Annual Meeting entitled **Ethics and Loan Modification**

Comments on Proposals

- In January 2011, responded to the Request for Information from the State Bar's Governance in the Public Interest Task Force
- Submitted comments on Judicial Council's Spring Invitations to Comment in June 2011:

SPR11-38 (Family Law: Request for Order in Lieu of Notice of Motion or Order to Show Cause and Witness List for Use in Family Law Proceedings)

SPR11-39 (Family Law: Child custody information sheets)

SPR11-40 (Family Law—Information Sheet)

SPR11-42 (Family Law: Proof of Service by Publication or Posting)

SPR11-44 (Family Law: Postjudgment Address Verification and Governmental Motions for Modifying or Enforcing Child Support)

SPR11-45 (Family Law: Default and Uncontested Judgment Checklist and Related Forms).

Moderate Income

- Presented **Best Practices: A Practical and Ethical Approach to Unbundling in Family Law** at the 2011 State Bar Annual Meeting
- Surveyed approximately 25 limited scope practitioners (primarily in the area of family law) with twofold purpose: to identify highly successful practitioners who may be interested in helping to promote limited scope at local bar and other functions, and obtain important feedback as to how attorneys can have a profitable limited scope practice which can be shared with LRSs interested in developing limited scope panels

Pro Bono

- Facilitated three sessions at the first statewide Pro Bono Conference in October 2010
- Renewed efforts to promote the State Bar's Pro Bono Practice Program by creating a dedicated web page with updated information for both State Bar members and qualified legal services providers, developing an article directed at local bar associations to share with their members, highlighting the program in conjunction with the President's Pro Bono Service Awards, and identifying other ways to promote the program
- Participated in the first full year of the California Pro Bono Coordinating Committee, a joint effort of SCDLS and the California Commission on Access to Justice

Awards and Recognition

- Conducted intensive and individualized outreach for the President's Pro Bono Service Awards to local, specialty and minority bar associations, legal services programs, law schools, large law firms, corporate legal departments, and mid-sized law firms
- Reviewed and made recommendations to the Board of Governors for the 2011 Loren Miller Legal Services Award and the President's Pro Bono Service Awards

Training

- Met with external pro bono stakeholders to begin identifying pro bono training topics that would be of most use on a statewide basis; trainings will be sponsored by the Practising Law Institute (PLI)
- Continued efforts by the Disaster Planning Group to develop a template that legal services organizations to prepare for a disaster, and a disaster legal services issue spotting training for legal services advocates and pro bono attorneys
- In addition to unbundling and foreclosure trainings, SCDLS sponsored **Navigating Anti-Discrimination Laws in Housing** at the 2011 Annual Meeting
- Actively contributed to the planning for 2012 Pathways to Justice Conference