

Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services (SCDLS)
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS
2011 – 2012

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

November 7, 2011 (Los Angeles) (new member orientation held same day)
January 27, 2012 (video conference)
April 6, 2012 (Los Angeles)
June 15, 2012 (Los Angeles)
August 17, 2012 (conference call)
October 12, 2012 (Monterey)

Foreclosure

- Helped develop the fifth in a series of regional Foreclosure Forums on December 8, 2011 in Sacramento. The forums facilitate discussion and training for attorneys, advocates and housing counselors working with homeowners at risk of foreclosure and tenants in foreclosed on properties. The location and dates of previous forums are as follows:
 - Burbank (December 2009)
 - San Francisco (February 2010)
 - Fresno (June 2010)
 - Ontario (March 2011)
- Sponsored educational program at the 2012 State Bar Annual Meeting entitled **Legal and Ethical Implications of Loan Modifications and Other Mortgages Rescue Services**

Comments on Proposals

- State Bar's amendment to MCLE Rule 2.54 regarding exemption for pro bono work (comments submitted October 21, 2011)
- Judicial Council's Advancing Access to Justice Through Technology: Principles for Judicial Branch Initiatives (comments submitted November 3, 2011)
- State Bar's revision to Rule 3.327 of the Pro Bono Practice Program to reduce number of years of practice (opposition comments submitted June 12, 2012)
- Judicial Council's Spring Cycle (comments submitted June 22, 2012):
 - SPR12-11** (Small Claims: Forms to Address Default in Payment of Judgment in Installments)
 - SPR12-18** (Family Law: Revisions to Adoption Form)
 - SPR12-19** (Juvenile Law: Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children)
 - SPR12-20** (Juvenile Law: Access to Service)
 - SPR12-21** (Juvenile Dependency: Counsel Collection Program)
 - SPR12-25** (Protective Orders: Notice of New Hearing and Order of Reissuance)
 - SPR12-26** (Protective Orders: Emergency Protective Order)

SP12-04 (Probate Conservatorships and Guardianships: Guidelines to Assist in Determining Financial Eligibility for County Payment of the Cost of Counsel Appointed by the Court in Proceedings Under the Guardianship-Conservatorship Law)

Moderate Income

- Surveyed all certified lawyer referral services about their interest and knowledge of unbundling and obtained useful information to help LRSs develop limited scope panels.
- Developed two marketing pieces on unbundling, one for court-based self-help centers and the other for lawyer referral services.
- Convened the first networking meeting of representatives from lawyer referral services and court-based self-help centers to discuss unbundling as a way to deliver legal services to moderate income Californians.

Pro Bono

- Successfully amended Pro Bono Practice Program Rules 3.325 – 3.300 to Expand Eligibility to Court-Based Self-Help Centers that are in compliance with California Rule of Court 10.960 (July 2012).
- Actively participated in the highly successful PLI training on September 6, 2012 entitled **Ethical Issues in California Pro Bono Representation**.
- Participated in the California Pro Bono Coordinating Committee, a joint effort of SCDLS and the California Commission on Access to Justice.

Awards and Recognition

- Conducted extensive and individualized outreach for the President's Pro Bono Service Awards.
- Reviewed nominations and made recommendations to the Board of Trustees for the 2012 Loren Miller Legal Services Award and the President's Pro Bono Service Awards.

Training

- Several members actively participated in the planning of Pathways to Justice (June 7-8, 2012) by reviewing training proposals and making recommendations, and others were panelists for individual training sessions.
- Finalized a template that legal services providers can use to prepare their organizations for a disaster.
- Initiated a Training-of-Trainers session with nationally known trainer David Cruickshank for legal services staff who are responsible for developing pro bono trainings; helped develop the application process; reviewed applications and selected applicants. Training was held on October 25-26 in San Francisco and was co-sponsored by Practising Law Institute. Another training in Los Angeles in 2013 is anticipated.