

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services (SCDLS)

2012-2013

In addition to conference calls by individual working groups, SCDLS held six full committee meetings:

- November 30, 2012 (Los Angeles, new member orientation held same day)
- January 11, 2013 (Los Angeles)
- April 5, 2013 (Los Angeles)
- June 7, 2013 (Los Angeles)
- August 9, 2013 (Video conference Los Angeles and San Francisco)
- October 11, 2013 (San Jose)

Foreclosure

- SCDLS Chair Lynn Martinez was a trainer for a mortgage servicing program on May 3 in Fresno, presented by the California Monitor's Program and co-sponsored by the State Bar and the Federal Reserve Bank.
- An MCLE program for the 2013 Annual Meeting entitled **California's Ongoing Foreclosure Crisis: Past Lessons Create New Legal Protections** is being produced and moderated by Chair Lynn Martinez and was held on October 10.

Comments on Proposals

- State Bar Admissions Regulation Task Force Report and Recommendations Phase I: initial comments were submitted on April 18, 2013 and final comments were submitted on September 9, 2013.
- Judicial Council Winter Cycle: comments submitted on January 25, 2013
 - W13-05** (Mandatory E-Filing: Uniform Rules To Implement Assembly Bill 2073): 10 pages of comments submitted
 - W13-09** (Family Law: Revisions to Declaration of Disclosure Forms): comments submitted on four different forms
- Judicial Council's Spring Cycle: comments submitted on June 19, 2013
 - SPR13-02** (Appellate Procedure: Appellate Division Rules and Forms)
 - SPR13-07** (Appellate Procedure: Reporter's Transcripts in Civil Appeals)
 - SPR13-14** (Civil Practice and Procedure: Telephonic Appearances)
 - SPR13-20** (Family Law: Clarification of Rules Regarding Service and Posting of a Summons and Forms of Pleading)
 - SPR13-21** (Family Law: Ex Parte Application to Terminate Earnings Assignment Order)
 - SPR13-22** (Family Law: Improvements to Request for Order Rules and Forms)
 - SPR13-34** (Family Law: Revisions to Family Law Summons)
 - SPR13-32** (Military Service: Optional Form for Notification of a Party's Military Status)
 - SPR13-33** (Probate Guardianship: Eligibility of a Ward of Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Under Federal Immigration Law)

Moderate Income

- Follow up conducted by SCDLS members on previously surveyed certified lawyer referral services about their interest and knowledge of unbundling:
 - Northern CA Lawyer Access:** Denise Asper is consulting to help create a limited scope family law panel and develop CLE training to panel members; judges are very supportive of this effort

San Bernardino County Bar Association: Bill Tanner is consulting on the development of a limited scope family law panel and researching information on malpractice coverage through Lawyers Mutual. SBCBA LRS has met with judges as well as the Riverside County Bar Association.

Orange County Bar Association: Maria Livingston has helped create a limited scope family law panel; flyers announcing the panel have been placed in the Self-Help Centers; attorneys listed in the notorious “notebook” located at the courthouse for self-represented litigants to peruse have been advised that the notebook will no longer be used.

Pro Bono

- SCDLS Vice Chair Elizabeth Bluestein assisted in the development of a PLI training entitled **Ethical Issues in California Pro Bono Representation** held on September 12
- Ongoing participation in the California Pro Bono Coordinating Committee, a joint effort of SCDLS and the California Commission on Access to Justice

Recognition and Awards

- Conducted extensive and individualized outreach to solicit nominations for the 2013 Loren Miller Legal Services and President’s Pro Bono Service Awards
- Reviewed and vetted nominations, and made recommendations to the Board of Trustees for both awards, culminating in awards presentation at the State Bar Annual Meeting

Training

- Helped develop (directly or indirectly) the following MCLE programs in conjunction with PLI:

California Family Law Basics: Pro Bono Representation in Low-Income Family Law Cases March (February 4-5)

Representing the Pro Bono Client: Effective Written Advocacy (March 7)

California Eviction Defense: Protecting Low-Income Tenants 2013 (March 13)—the faculty chair was SCDLS Chair Lynn Martinez

California Immigration Law: Special Issues Relating to Domestic Violence & Housing (May 14)—SCDLS member Sharon Djemal was faculty co-chair

End-of-Life Planning for the Low-Income Client 2013 (June 28)—produced by SCDLS member Phong Wong in collaboration with SCDLS member Rachel Kronick Rothbart (topic was a result of the 2012 Training-of-Trainers)

- **Annual Meeting MCLE Programs:** SCDLS member Seth Davidson was a speaker for **Defending and Mining Unlawful Detainer Cases for Additional Representation and Revenue** at the 2013 Annual Meeting on October 11, and Phong Wong was a speaker for **Attorney Client Trust Accounts**. (Note: Another program held at the Annual Meeting is listed under **Foreclosure** above)
- **Specialty Trainings:** Initiated second Training-of-Trainers session with nationally known trainer David Cruickshank for 16 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 July 15-16 in Los Angeles and was co-sponsored by Practising Law Institute.