

# STAKEHOLDERS & ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM

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**TO:** Members, Stakeholders & Access to Justice Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Summary of Activities and Accomplishments, Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services (SCDLS) 2013-2014

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## **SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services (SCDLS) 2013-2014**

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

- November 15, 2013 (Los Angeles, new member orientation held same day)
- January 10, 2014 (teleconference Los Angeles and San Francisco)
- April 4, 2014 (Los Angeles)
- June 6, 2014 (Los Angeles)
- September 12, 2014 (San Diego)

### **Commenting**

- Judicial Council Winter Proposals
  - W14-01** (Citation Procedure: Copies of Unpublished Decisions and Decisions Only Available in Computerized Databases)
  - W14-04** (Restraining Orders: Update Forms to Reflect Recent Changes in the Law)
  - W14-05** (Criminal Procedure: Criminal Protective Order Forms)
  - W14-07** (Domestic Violence: Revise Family and Juvenile Law Restraining Order Forms)
  - W14-12** (Family Law: Changes to Request for Order Rules and Forms)

- Judicial Council Spring Proposals

**SP14-04** (Judicial Council's Technology Governance, Strategy, and Funding Proposal)

**SPR14-07** (Criminal Justice Realignment: Petitions for Revocation of Supervision)

**SPR14-08** (Criminal Justice Realignment: Petition and Order for Dismissal)

**SPR14-09** (Family Law: Petition and Response for Dissolution, Legal Separation, and Nullity of Marriage and Domestic Partnership)

**SPR14-10** (Family Law: Uniform Standards of Practice for Providers of Supervised Visitation)

**SPR14-14** (Juvenile Dependency: Attorney Training)

Informal comments provided throughout the committee year to the Recommendation B Working Group of the Task Force on Admission Regulation Reform regarding the proposed 50 hour pro bono/reduced-fee legal services requirement.

### **Moderate Income**

Member Bill Tanner served as a consultant and presenter for three regional incubator meetings sponsored by the Access to Justice Commission and produced by the Office of Legal Services. Incubator Projects are intended to train new solos on subject matter areas that target moderate income clients who are unserved by legal services due to income eligibility limits. The State Bar's Access to Justice Commission has secured some small grants to support new or expanding incubator programs that intend to increase service to the moderate income in the coming years.

Denise Asper spoke with some LSC representatives about potential funding sources for new incubator programs, and there will be some money available through line-item grants for 2014. The San Joaquin College of Law in Fresno is interested in starting an incubator program, and the housing mediation clinic at McGeorge would like to expand into some small, central valley counties. The next step is to coordinate the collaborative grant applications with the LSC organizations in Sacramento and Fresno and these law schools. The LSC grants are designed to promote innovative, reproducible programs.

Also, this Working Group coordinated with the Training Working Group to develop the presentation Ethics of Unbundling for Annual Meeting on behalf of SCDLS. Additionally, as a byproduct of creating this program, SCDLS established a relationship with the Solo and Small Firm Section to co-sponsor Ethics of Unbundling of Unbundling. This was the first time SCDLS had successfully solicited co-sponsorship with a State Bar Section.

### **Pro Bono**

- SCDLS members Denise Asper and Phong Wong served on the faculty of a PLI training co-sponsored by the State Bar entitled **Ethical Issues in California Pro Bono Representation** on September 4
- 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 2014 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**

SCDLS helped develop the following MCLE programs in conjunction with Practising Law Institute:

- California Eviction Defense: Protecting Low-Income Tenants (two SCDLS members served as panelists)
- California Public Benefits: The Basics for Non-Profit and Pro Bono Advocacy (one SCDLS member served as a panelist)
- Advocacy for Low-Income Children with Disabilities in California (co-developed by a graduate of 2012 Training-of-Trainers program co-sponsored by SCDLS)
- Working with Immigrants (one SCDLS member served as a panelist)
- 3rd Annual Training-of-Trainers program (a continuing project of SCDLS)
- Ethical Issue in California Pro Bono Representation (see Pro Bono above)

### **Annual Meeting MCLE Programs**

- Ethics of Unbundling (developed by a SCDLS member)
- Practical Skills: Introducing Evidence in Litigation (developed and presented by two SCDLS members)
- Attorney Client Trust Accounts (one SCDLS member served as a panelist)