

Access Commission Strategic Plan

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Vision Statement: [100% Access, speak with Justice Zelon re her work on this]

Mission Statement: [Maybe draw from governance documents or historical document]

Goals and Objectives	Committee	Indicator of success	Timeline	Allied Organizations
Goal 1: Ensure all Californians have access to courts and administrative agencies				
Objective 1.1 Support and promote efforts for adequate general fund funding for the courts.	Judicial Support			
Objective 1.2 Revise Access to Justice standards and address issues that may impede access.	Judicial Support			
Objective 1.3 Explore and support efforts to make courts more accessible to users. (e.g. Navigators, Self-Help Centers, Language Access Plan and expansion of interpreter services in civil cases.	Judicial Support			
Objective 1.4 Comment on proposals which impede access to justice.	Judicial Support			
Objective 1.5 Complete and distribute Administrative Agency Minimum Standards Report.	Ad Hoc Committee			

Objective 1.6 Draft and file amicus briefs supporting access to justice issues.	Amicus Committee			
Objective 1.7 Work with the State Bar, California Judges Association, and Supreme Court to give the Aranda Award.				
Objective 1.8 Explore and support efforts to make courts more accessible to users through the use technology				

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Goal 2: Ensure adequacy of legal services for low-income and modest means Californians				
Objective 2.1 Support efforts to increase Equal Access Funds for Legal Services	Funding/Modest Means/ Right to Counsel/Rural			
Objective 2.2 Comment on proposals that restrict or limit availability of legal services, including LSC programs	Funding/Modest Means/ Right to Counsel/Rural			
Objective 2.3 Support efforts to maintain and increase other legal services funding, such as the Justice in Government Initiative, Cy Pres, and Justice Gap Funds,	Funding/Modest Means/ Right to Counsel/Rural			
Objective 2.4 Develop strategies to increase funding and services to rural areas and Update “Improving Civil Justice in Rural California Report”	Funding/Modest Means/ Right to Counsel/Rural			
Objective 2.5 Increase availability of legal services for modest means Californians.	Funding/Modest Means/Right to Counsel/Rural			
Objective 2.6 Monitor statewide and national developments in the civil right to counsel movement.	Funding/Modest Means/Right to Counsel/Rural			
Objective 2.7 Work with the State Bar and Supreme Court to give the	Funding/Modest Means/Right to			

Loren Miller Legal Services Award	Counsel/Rural			
Objective 2.8 Work to identify and support creation of technological tools to expand access to legal information and self-help resources				

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Goal 3: Increase Pro Bono Involvement and other voluntary support for low Income and modest means Californians				
Objective 3.1 Support and promote efforts to increase pro bono activities, including legislative efforts.	Pro Bono			
Objective 3.2 Support efforts to increase pro bono efforts, including during disasters, and consider efforts such as use of ABA survey statewide, multi-jurisdictional practice rules	Pro Bono			
Objective 3.3 Work with the State Bar and Supreme Court to give pro bono awards	Pro Bono			
Objective 3.4 Support efforts to identify and develop technological tools to expand the reach of pro bono attorneys				

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Goal 4: Increase the public's knowledge of and trust in the justice system				
Objective 4.1 Develop outreach plans to educate the public and legal profession about access to justice issues.				
Objective 4.2 Revitalize the Access Commission's presence on social media platforms				
Objective 4.3 Develop a strategy to promote access to justice issues in the media on issues of importance to the community.				
Objective 4.4 Engage in activities that create a shared awareness and understanding of what is needed to achieve race equity in our legal systems and society				
Objective 4.5 Support efforts to ensure that low and modest means communities and individuals understand their legal rights and responsibilities and know how to seek legal assistance				
Objective 4.6 Convene stakeholders, such as public officials, community-based				

organizations, and the public, to further ascertain and prioritize community legal needs				
Objective 4.6 Support efforts to utilize technological tools to inform communities of legal resources				