

**California Commission on Access to Justice
Rural Task Force Committee Meeting**

Held via Conference Call

**Friday, March 8, 2019
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

ACTION SUMMARY

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was not established.

The following Commission members and advisors were present:

- On the Telephone: Co-Chair Selena Copeland; John Adkins; James Meeker; Hon. Ronald Robie; and Herb Whitaker

The following Commission members and advisors were not present: Hon. Timothy P. Dillon; Kathryn Eppright; Ilene Jacobs; Ugochi Anaebere Nicholson; Hon. Tony L Richardson; and Gary Smith. In addition, Lisa R. Pruitt participated as member of the public.

The following staff were present:

- On the Telephone: Hellen Hong; Doan Nguyen, and Tiffany Woon

The following members of the public were present:

- On the Telephone: Zach Newman

No other guests identified themselves.

II. Co-Chairs Report

A. Call for Public Comment

Lisa Pruitt recapped comments from the most recent California Commission on Access to Justice (CCAJ) meeting.

B. Oral Report

During the last CCAJ meeting, Commissioners highlighted the lack of pro bono perspective in the Disaster Legal services paper. Salena will reach out to programs with disaster work for more information on pro bono services.

III. Business

A. White Paper Working Group Update

i. Rural Attorney Shortages

Rural Attorney Shortages paper is almost finalized, and should be ready for formal approval at the next CCAJ meeting.

ii. Disaster Legal Services in Rural Services Areas

Disaster paper needs more edits. Salena will send the most recent version to State Bar staff by March 12. Staff will then circulate to the group for additional feedback. Staff will collect feedback and provide updated copy to Lisa by March 25.

iii. Immigration in Rural Areas

Immigration paper is on hold until later this summer and California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation has offered to help draft the paper. State Bar staff will potentially provide immigration data on how many cases were closed and number of IOLTA-funded organizations engaged in this work.

iv. Housing Rural Homelessness and Housing Shortages

Zach Newman from the Legal Aid Association of California has been working on this paper and drafts have been circulated within the smaller housing group but not to the larger Rural Task Force.

v. Rural Technology

A draft will be forwarded to Salena by the end of the month for feedback.

B. Schedule of Future Meeting

Staff will send out a meeting invitation for Friday, May 3, 2019

IV. Adjourn

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.