

# CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE

## Notes and Action Summary

Friday, April 26, 2019, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Conference Call Meeting

State Bar Office in Los Angeles and San Francisco

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### Roll Call

#### Commissioners

Judge Mark Juhas  
Catherine Blakemore  
John Adkins  
Judge James Herman  
Judge Lisa Jaskol  
Judge Erica Yew

#### Public

Beverly Cole  
David Daniels  
Judge Timothy Dillon  
Erika Frank  
Juan Gutierrez  
Amos Hartston  
Janis Hirohama  
Michael Levy  
Panida Rzonca  
Dennis Saab

#### Ex Officio

Jim Meeker  
Toby Rothschild

#### Liaisons

Salena Copeland  
Neil Gupta  
Bonnie Hough

#### Board of Trustees

Debbie Manning  
Joanna Mendoza

#### Staff

Donna Hershkowitz  
Elizabeth Hom  
Hellen Hong

### I. Chair's Report

#### A. Roll Call

Judge Juhas called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. Roll call was taken and a quorum was not established.

#### B. Call for Public Comment

Judge Juhas invited any member of the public to comment on any items on the agenda. No member of the public requested time for public comment.

### II. Consent

#### A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 22, 2019

This item was tabled due to lack of quorum.

### III. State Bar Reports

#### A. Report on State Bar Developments

Chief of Programs Donna Hershkowitz reported that there is a CCAJ transition team, and the members are Judge Juhas, Catherine Blakemore, Amos Hartston, Joanna Mendoza, Neil Gupta, Donna Hershkowitz, and Brady Dewar. The team's activities have been put on hold while the legislative process option is working its way to conclusion.

Donna also reported that the annual Law School Assembly will take place on May 7 in San Francisco and May 8 in Los Angeles. The agenda for the Assembly includes discussion of Justice Gap Study and the impact of cost of legal education on individuals seeking to work for legal services or other participate in activities to increase access to justice. The Justice Gap Study will include law student surveys and focus groups.

#### **IV. Discussion**

##### **A. Update and discussion on CCAJ Transition from State Bar**

Judge Juhas reported that there have been a number of discussions on various options for separation, including with the Legal Aid Association of California and California Lawyer Association. There is a significant amount of support from all over the state to partner with CCAJ. Judge Juhas anticipates that the Commission will vote on separation options at the next meeting in June.

##### **B. 2019 Work Plan**

###### **i. Rural Task Force Policy Papers**

Salena Copeland and Zach Newman requested that additional edits for the disaster and attorney dessert papers be sent directly to Zach in track changes. State Bar staff will follow up to send Commissioners the latest drafts. The disaster and attorney dessert papers are on track to be approved by the CCAJ in June. Three additional policy papers on immigration, housing, and technology are on track to be completed by the end of the calendar year.

###### **ii. Successful Business Planning for the Modern Law Practice Guide (Colorado adaption)**

Program Supervisor Elizabeth Hom reported that a working group that includes Judge Juhas, Bonnie Hough, and leaders from incubator programs are now reviewing and editing the draft of the Success Business Planning for the Modern Law Practice Guide. The guide will be a resource for unbundling and modest means representation. The working group anticipates completion of the guide shortly.

###### **iii. Justice Gap Study**

Donna gave a brief update on the Justice Gap Study. She reported there will be a Phase 2 of the Study, which will gather input from additional diverse groups, including monolingual Spanish, non-English speakers, state tribal courts and others.

Ex Officio member Jim Meeker raised questions about the survey tool and rural/frontier classifications; staff will follow up directly with Jim.

### **C. Discussion and Approval of Feedback on the State Bar Access to Justice Framework**

Donna Hershkowitz reported that she reached out to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Programs Committee to request a postponement in the discussion and decision on State Bar's access to justice framework until May to receive feedback from the community and stakeholders. Due to the lack of quorum at this meeting, Donna reached out again to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Programs Committee to request an extension of the deadline so that the CCAJ would have the opportunity to provide feedback. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Programs Committee agreed to extend time for CCAJ to provide feedback, and will defer discussion and approval of the access to justice framework until July. Mike Levy will take the lead in drafting an initial response. Staff will re-send the original Board of Trustees agenda item. Commissioners should send comments directly to Mike.

### **V. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is a videoconference meeting on June 17, 2019 at the State Bar Los Angeles and San Francisco offices.

### **VI. Adjourn**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.