

CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE

The State Bar of California – 180 Howard Street – San Francisco, CA 94105

Executive Committee Meeting Notes and Action Summary

Wednesday, July 10, 2019 | 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Committee

Judge Mark Juhas
Catherine Blakemore
Judge Lisa Jaskol
Justice Ron Robie

Staff

Brady Dewar
Donna Hershkowitz
Elizabeth Hom

Public

Salena Copeland
Lorin Kline

BOT Liaisons

Debbie Manning

I. CO-CHAIRS' REPORT

A. Call for Public Comment

Chair Judge Juhas inquired if there was any member of the public wishing to make a public comment. No member of the public came forward.

B. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

II. CONSENT

A. Approval of Draft Notes and Action Summary for June 5, 2019 Meeting

The Committee approved by acclamation (Blakemore moved, Robie seconded) the Notes and Action Summary for the June 5, 2019 meeting.

III. STATE BAR UPDATE

A. Report on State Bar Developments

Program Supervisor Elizabeth Hom reported that State Bar staff has reached out to IOLTA grantee organizations following the Ridgecrest earthquake to offer support for the legal aid response. Elizabeth will also present on the State Bar's role in disaster legal services response on the ABA Access to Justice Commission Staff call on July 11.

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. CCAJ Transition from State Bar

Judge Juhas reported that the State Bar and CCAJ transition team will meet on July 12. He anticipates that governance documents for the CCAJ will be presented for approval at the

August ExCom meeting, and that Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC) will likely be the Commission's fiscal agent. Vice Chair Catherine Blakemore reported that there may be funding for the Commission through the fee bill (SB 176) via revenue from the affinity insurance product funds.

Judge Juhas also reported that all Commission committees would meet before the October 1 Commission meeting to begin planning for 2020.

B. 2019 Work Plan

i. Update on Rural Taskforce Policy Briefs

Elizabeth reported that the two policy papers approved at the June 25 Commission meeting would be published following final proofreading and formatting. The Rural Task Force is working on two additional papers, one focused on technology and one focused on housing, that will be completed and presented to the Commission for approval in October.

ii. Update on Successful Business Planning for the Modern Law Practice Guide (Colorado adaptation)

Judge Juhas reported that the working group is scheduling a call to finalize the California adaptation of Successful Business Planning for the Modern Law Practice Guide, and plans to present it to the Commission for approval in October.

iii. Update on Justice Gap Study

Elizabeth reported that the household panel study conducted by NORC has collected 3,468 responses so far, and the study will close on July 15. State Bar staff are now reviewing the IOLTA grantee intake census on turnaway rates. Additionally, LAAC had a soft launch of the law student survey on July 9. The soft launch was targeted to students who are current law clerks and interns at legal aid organizations. There will be a law student survey sent to all law students in September. LAAC Executive Director Salena Copeland acknowledged the collaboration with State Bar staff on the survey tool. Salena also reported that LAAC began focus groups with current law students on July 10. Chief of Programs Donna Hershkowitz reported that preliminary Justice Gap Survey findings could be reported at the October meeting.

V. ADJOURN

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.