



**CLOSING THE JUSTICE GAP WORKING GROUP
ACTION SUMMARY**

Thursday, January 14, 2021
10:00 am – 4:30 pm

Teleconference

The State Bar of California

Questions regarding any agenda item should be directed to the Committee Coordinator, Lauren McCurdy at 415-538-2107, 180 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, or Chair, Justice Alison Tucher at 415-538-2116. Working Group members are requested to notify the Committee Coordinator as early as possible in advance of the meeting if they wish to remove any item/s from any consent agenda.

Working Group Members Present: Justice Alison M. Tucher (chair); Marta Alcumbrac; Reem Allos; Merri Baldwin (Co-Vice Chair); Judge Wendy Chang; David Freeman Engstrom; Bridget Fogarty Gramme; Thomas Greene; Daniel Grunfeld; Eric Helland; Khathy Hoang; Micha Star Liberty; John Lund; Kevin Mohr; Crispin Passmore; Toby Rothschild; Rebecca Sandefur (Co-Vice Chair); James Sandman; and Patricia Squitiero

Working Group Members Not Present: Ruby Marquez

Others Present: Neil Gupta; Greg Fortescue; Donna Hershkowitz; Randall Difuntorum; Mimi Lee; Andrew Tuft; Angela Marlaud; Lauren McCurdy; Melanie Lawrence; Mia Ellis; Brady Dewar; Teresa Ruano and Suzanne Grandt

The order of business is approximate and subject to change.

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OPEN SESSION

I. MINUTES

None

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Roll Call

B. Public Comment

Following an invitation by the Chair, no attendee expressed interest in providing public comment.

C. Announcements

The Chair welcomed all attendees and asked each working group member to provide a self-introduction. Staff and liaisons were also asked to introduce themselves.

D. Staff Report

Ms. Grandt gave an oral presentation on the Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act and the California Public Records Act. Ms. Ruano gave an oral presentation on the State Bar's Media Contacts Policy. Mr. Difuntorum gave an oral presentation on administrative matters.

III. BUSINESS

A. Presentations

Ms. Sandefur gave an oral presentation on access to justice and innovation with a focus on how consumers approach a civil legal problem. Mr. Lund gave an oral presentation on the Utah regulatory sandbox, including an overview of the project and its latest developments. Mr. Passmore gave an oral presentation on the United Kingdom's system and ABS regulation. Mr. Mohr gave an oral presentation on the rules related to regulation of nonlegal services, lawyer advertising, and lawyer referral services.

B. Discussion of Project Plan and Timeline

Mr. Difuntorum gave an oral presentation on the working group charter, anticipated tasks and deliverables, formation of subcommittees, use of advisory/focus groups, the public comment process and public hearings, including public outreach, and the possibility of using surveys.

C. Discussion of Assignments for the Next Meeting

Mr. Difuntorum gave an oral report on plans for setting the working group's meeting schedule, leadership's appointment of subcommittees, and assignments to the subcommittees for the next meeting scheduled for February 19, 2021.

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