

Access Commission Strategic Plan (Draft 2018.06.01)

Goals and Objectives	Indicator of success	Timeline	Allied Organizations
Goal 1. Support funding infrastructure that ensures that Californians who need help can access the Courts and Administrative agencies and can access effective legal aid			
Objective 1.1 Support and promote efforts for adequate general fund allocation to the courts			
Objective 2.1/2.5 Support efforts to increase availability of legal services for low and modest means Californians including through increase in Equal Access Funds			
Objective 2.2 Comment on proposals that restrict or limit availability of legal services funding, such as federal funding programs			
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			
Objective 2.4 (part) Develop strategies to increase funding and services to rural areas			

Goal 2. Build community support for access to justice through communications and education; Build and strengthen collaborations to increase legal aid community support

Objective 4.3 Develop a strategy to promote access to justice issues in the media on issues of importance to the community, e.g., Voices for Civil Justice model			
Objective 4.6 Convene key stakeholders, such as public officials, community-based organizations, and the public to further ascertain and prioritize community legal needs, e.g. the “Fresno Forum” model			
Objective 4.1/4.5 Develop outreach plans to educate the public and legal profession about access to justice issues. 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. Work with Chief Justice on civic engagement project.			
Objective 4.2 Revitalize the Access Commission’s presence on social media platforms.			
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			

Goal 3. Review data and investigate promising models to increase access to justice and to develop policy recommendations			
New. Conduct a Justice Gap Study in California modeled after LSC study			BOT
New. Review Washington Limited License Legal Practitioner model for analysis of potential replication in California			BOT
Objective 1.3 Review of models that help self-represented litigants navigate the court system, eg Court navigators program or use of technology			COURTS
Objective 2.4 (part) Update "Improving Civil Justice in Rural California Report"			RURAL
Objective 2.6 Monitor statewide and national developments in the civil right to counsel movement			
Objective 2.8 Work to identify and support creation and use of technological tools to expand access to legal information/education and self-help resources.			
New. Work with Board to review multi-jurisdictional practice rules with an access to justice lens			BOT
Objective 1.2 Revise Court Access to Justice standards and address issues that may impede access			
Objective 1.5 Complete and Distribute Administrative Agency Minimum Standards			
Objective 1.6 Draft and file amicus briefs supporting access to justice issues			
Objective 1.4 Comment on proposals which impede access to justice			

Goal 4. Increase Pro Bono Involvement and other voluntary support for low income and modest means Californians

Objective 3.2 Build collaborations to support pro bono efforts, e.g., disaster relief efforts			
Objective 3.4 Support efforts to identify and develop technological tools to expand the reach of pro_bono attorneys.			
Objective 2.4 (part) Develop strategies to increase pro bono services in rural areas			
Objective 3.1 Support and promote efforts to increase pro bono activities, including monitoring legislative efforts.			
Objective 1.7 Work with the California Judges Association, and Supreme Court to give the Aranda Award, or transition the award to appropriate entity			
Objective 2.7 Work with the Supreme Court to give the Loren Miller Legal Services Award, or transition the award to appropriate entity			
Objective 3.3 Work with the Supreme Court to give pro bono awards, or transition the award to appropriate entity			