

And Justice For All: Actions and Obstacles to Achieving Equal Access in California

*An Informational Hearing of the California State Assembly Committee on Judiciary
in Co-sponsorship With the Judicial Council of California
Administrative Office of the Courts, Judicial Council Conference Center
San Francisco, California*

**November 16, 2005
10:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

AGENDA

I. Introductory Remarks (10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.)

Assembly Member Dave Jones, Chair, Assembly Committee on Judiciary

Ronald M. George, Chief Justice of California (will attend upon
conclusion of Supreme Court Session)

II. Pathways Less Traveled – Where Have We Come From, Where Are We Now, and Where Are We Going in Pursuit of Equal Justice? (10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

Justice Laurie Zelon, Founding Chair, California Commission on Access
to Justice

III. Self-Help Services – Court Responses to Increased Numbers of Unrepresented Parties (11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.)

Bonnie Hough, Supervising Attorney, Center for Families, Children and
the Courts, Judicial Council of California - Administrative Office of the
Courts

Justice Kathleen O'Leary, Chair, Judicial Council Task Force on Self-
Represented Litigants

Kristen E. Hoadley, Senior Court Staff Attorney, Family Law Facilitators
Self-Help Center, Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco

***Lunch Break
(11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)***

IV. The Justice Gap in Legal Services: What Are the Unmet Civil Legal Needs of Low and Moderate Income Californians and What Must Be Done to Meet Them?

(12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Julia Wilson, Executive Director, Legal Aid Association of California

Ken Babcock, Member, Funding Committee, California Commission on Access to Justice

Robert Hawley, Deputy Director, State Bar of California

V. Pro Bono Publico – What Can Be Done to Help the Legal Profession Meet Its Goals to Provide Legal Services to Those Unable to Pay?

(1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.)

Julie Emede, President, Santa Clara County Bar Association

David Ackerly, Chair, Pro Bono Committee, State Bar of California
Standing Committee on Legal Services

Jack Londen, Member, Pro Bono Task Force, California Commission on Access to Justice

VI. Language Access – The Challenge of Equal Justice in a State of Extraordinary Diversity

(1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

Geoffrey Robinson, Chair, Language Access Task Force, California Commission on Access to Justice

Judge Kenneth M. Kawaichi (Ret.), Member, Language Access Task Force, California Commission on Access to Justice

Dianne Bolotte, Manager, Administrative Office of the Courts, Court Interpreters Program

Jack Daniel, Directing Attorney, Fresno Migrant Farm Worker Project, California Rural Legal Assistance

Vivian Huang, Legislative Advocate, Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality

VII. Public Comment

(2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.)

VIII. Closing Remarks

(2:40 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.)