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## Public Hearing on Domestic Violence Draft Guidelines Set March 14

**WHAT:** A public hearing will be held by the Judicial Council's Domestic Violence Practice and Procedure Task Force to seek comments on draft guidelines and proposed practices to improve the handling of California court cases that involve allegations of domestic violence. The task force was appointed by Chief Justice Ronald M. George.

**WHO:** Speakers will include judges, family law attorneys, advocacy groups, prosecutors, public defenders and criminal defense attorneys, probation officers, batterer intervention program providers, and other experts.

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, March 14, 2007, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**  
*Court of Appeal Justice Laurence D. Kay, chair of the task force, will be available to speak to the press immediately before and after the hearing.*

**WHERE:** Ronald Reagan State Building, Auditorium, First Floor  
300 South Spring Street (corner of Third and Spring Streets)  
Los Angeles, California 90013

**AGENDA:** The agenda is attached.

**PROPOSALS:** To view the proposals on handling domestic violence cases, please see the California Courts Web site:  
[http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc/documents/dvpptf\\_i2c.pdf](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc/documents/dvpptf_i2c.pdf).

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## **AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

March 14, 2007  
10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Auditorium  
Ronald Reagan State Building  
300 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles

Improving the Administration of Justice in Domestic Violence Cases in  
the California Trial Courts

#### **I. Welcome and Opening Remarks (10:30 –10:45 a.m.)**

- Hon. Laurence D. Kay (Ret.), Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeal,  
First Appellate District, Division Four  
Chair, Domestic Violence Practice and Procedure Task Force
- Hon. J. Stephen Czuleger, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California,  
County of Los Angeles

#### **II. The Importance of Court and Community Leadership in Domestic Violence Cases (10:45 – 11:00 a.m.)**

- Hon. Nancy Wieben Stock  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California,  
County of Orange  
Chair, Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee
- Mr. Casey Gwinn, J.D.  
Volunteer Chief Executive Officer  
San Diego Family Justice Center  
Chair, Attorney General's Task Force on Local Criminal Justice  
Response to Domestic Violence

#### **III. Restraining Order Proceedings (11:00 a.m. to Noon)**

- Mr. Steve Allen  
Director of Legal Services  
Center for Community Solutions, San Diego

- Ms. Karen Cooper, MSW  
Executive Director  
Family Services of Tulare County  
Chair, Board of the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence  
Governor's Appointee, State Domestic Violence Advisory Council
- Ms. Cheryl Segal  
Attorney at Law  
Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law
- Ms. Dianna Gould-Saltman  
Attorney at Law  
Representative, Los Angeles County Bar Association  
Family Law Section

**IV. Lunch Break (12:00 – 12:30 p.m.)**

**V. Enforcement of Orders for Relinquishment of Firearms (12:30 to 1:30 p.m.)**

- Sheriff Leroy D. Baca  
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- Ms. Alison Y. Merrilees  
Deputy Attorney General  
Legal Counsel, Firearms Division  
California Department of Justice
- Mr. Gary Windom, Public Defender  
County of Riverside  
Member, Attorney General's Task Force on Local Criminal Justice  
Response to Domestic Violence
- Ms. Victoria Adams  
Deputy District Attorney  
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

**VI. Improving Practice in Criminal Domestic Violence Cases (1:30 to 3:00 p.m.)**

- Hon. Colleen Toy White  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California  
County of Ventura
- Ms. Karen Staples  
Chief Probation Officer  
County of Ventura

- Ms. Alyce D. LaViolette  
Founder, Alternatives Counseling Association  
Long Beach
- Ms. Eve F. Sheedy  
Deputy City Attorney  
Domestic Violence Legislative and Policy Advisor  
Los Angeles City Attorney's Office
- Mr. Rick Layon  
Criminal Defense Attorney, Vista  
Member, Violence Against Women Education Project Planning  
Committee, Administrative Office of the Courts
- Ms. Gladys Nagy  
Supervising Deputy Probation Officer  
Los Angeles County
- Hon. Becky L. Dugan  
Supervising Judge of the Family Law Department  
Superior Court of California,  
County of Riverside

**VII. Public Testimony (3:00 – 3:30 p.m.)**

**VIII. Concluding Remarks – Justice Laurence D. Kay (3:30 p.m.)**