

***Judicial Branch Special Hearing:
“Protecting Access to Justice in California”
Testimony from Court Users***

***Administrative Office of the Courts, Judicial Council Conference Center
San Francisco, California***

**April 14, 2005
1:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

WELCOMING REMARKS

Ronald M. George, Chief Justice of California

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ACCESS TO JUSTICE (PART I)

Video on Access to Justice

Mr. Bruce Iwasaki, Executive Director, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, and client, Ms. Amelia Nieto, Director, Centro Shalom, Long Beach

Ms. Claudia Garibay, HR Manager, Inland Counties Legal Services, and Ms. Esperanza De La Rosa of Desert Hot Springs, client of the Family Law Access Partnership Project, Larsen Justice Center, Indio

Mr. John Sullivan, Civil Justice Association of California

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ACCESS TO JUSTICE (PART II)

Mr. Stephen Bingham, Staff Attorney, Director, Legal Barriers to Employment Project, Bay Area Legal Aid, San Francisco, and client, Mr. Raymond Pinkston of San Francisco

Ms. Sharon Arkin, President, Consumer Attorneys of California Presiding Judge Sharon J. Waters, Superior Court of Riverside County and Attorney, Mr. David Bristow of Riverside

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COURT FACILITIES (PART I)

Video on Court Facilities

Ms. Clare Maudsley, Senior Attorney/Private Attorney Involvement, Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc., and client, Ms. Nancy Miljas of San Diego

Ms. Paula Pearlman, Director of Litigation, Western Law Center for Disability Rights, Los Angeles and client, Mr. Richard Devylder, Deputy Director, Independent Living & External Affairs, California Department of Rehabilitation, Sacramento

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COURT FACILITIES (PART II)

Ms. Maureen Arrigo, Judicial Staff Counsel, Superior Court of San Bernardino County

Presiding Judge Frank Dougherty, Superior Court of Merced County

Presiding Judge Peter B. Foor, Superior Court of Solano County

Mr. Gordon (Sam) Overton, Deputy Attorney General, California Department of Justice, Los Angeles

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COURT SECURITY (PART I)

Video on Court Security

Ms. Rose Madsen, President, Inland Empire Chapter, Families and Friends of Murder Victims, San Bernardino

Dr. Deborah De Vries, Co-Director, Foundation for Educational and Employment Resources Development, KEYS Leadership Academy, Oxnard, and client, Ms. Daisy Martinez of Oxnard

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COURT SECURITY (PART II)

Chief Richard Martinez, Court Services Division, Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department

Sheriff Les Weidman, Stanislaus County

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JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE AND NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Judge James M. Mize, Superior Court of Sacramento County

Mr. Robert Buccola, Attorney, Dreyer, Babich, & Buccola et al, LLP, Sacramento

Mr. Richard Schaufler, Director, Research Services, National Center for State Courts, Williamsburg, VA

CLOSING REMARKS

Ronald M. George, Chief Justice of California

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