

**Legal Services Corporation
Meeting of the Promotion & Provision
for the Delivery of Legal Services Committee
Open Session
Friday, January 20, 2012**

DRAFT MINUTES

Chairman Laurie I. Mikva convened an *open session* meeting of the Legal Services Corporation's ("LSC") Promotion & Provision for the Delivery of Legal Services Committee ("the Committee") at 10:52 a.m. on Friday, January 20, 2012. The meeting was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway, San Diego, California 92101.

The following Committee members were present:

Laurie I. Mikva, Chairperson
Sharon L. Browne
Victor B. Maddox
Father Pius Pietrzyk
Julie A. Reiskin
John G. Levi, *ex officio*

Other Board Members Present:

Robert J. Grey, Jr.
Harry J.F. Korrell, III
Martha L. Minow
Charles N.W. Keckler
Gloria Valencia-Weber

Also attending were:

James J. Sandman	President
Richard Sloane	Special Assistant to the President
Kathleen McNamara	Executive Assistant to the President
Mattie Cohan	Senior Assistant General Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs
Katherine Ward	Executive Assistant, Office of Legal Affairs
Jeffrey E. Schanz	Inspector General
Laurie Tarantowicz	Assistant Inspector General and Legal Counsel
Thomas Coogan	Assistant Inspector General for Investigations
David Maddox	Assistant Inspector General for Management and Evaluation
Stephen Barr	Communications Director, GRPA

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Janet LaBella	Director, Office of Program Performance
Glenn Rawdon	Program Counsel, Office of Program Performance
Willie Abrams	Program Counsel, Office of Program Performance
Peggy P. Lee	Senior Staff Attorney, Southeastern Ohio Legal Services
Ed Marks	Executive Director, New Mexico Legal Aid
Ilene J. Jacobs	Director of Litigation, Advocacy and Training, California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA)
Kathy D. Duncan	Director of Pro Bono, Rural Legal Assistance, Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas (LANWT)
Neal Dudovitz	Executive Director, Neighborhood Legal Services of LA County
Yvonne Mariajiminez	Deputy Director, Neighborhood Legal Services of LA County
Jose R. Padilla	Executive Director, CRLA
Julia R. Wilson	Executive Director, OneJustice
Mary Flynn	Office of Legal Services, State Bar of California
Don Saunders	NLADA
Justice Earl Johnson, Jr.	American Bar Association (ABA) Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants (SCLAID)
Deanell R. Tacha	Dean, Pepperdine School of Law

The following summarizes actions taken by, and presentations made to, the Committee:

Chairman Mikva called the *open session* meeting to order and noted the presence of all the Committee members.

Chairman Mikva noted that item 4 of the agenda, discussion of Committee members' self-evaluations for 2011 and the Committee's goals for 2012, would be deferred to a telephone conference in February.

MOTION

Mr. Maddox moved to approve the modified agenda. Father Pius seconded the motion.

VOTE

The motion passed by voice vote.

MOTION

Ms. Browne moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2011 meeting.

Chairman

Mikva seconded the motion.

VOTE

The motion passed by voice vote.

Mr. Abrams, Program Counsel, OPP, introduced and moderated the panel discussion on the delivery of legal services in rural areas. The panel members included Ed Marks, Executive Director, New Mexico Legal Aid (NMLA); Peggy Lee, Senior Staff Attorney, Southeastern Ohio Legal Services (SEOLS); Kathy Duncan, Director of Pro Bono, Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas (LANWT); and Ilene Jacobs, Director of Advocacy, Litigation and Training, California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA).

Mr. Marks began the panel discussion by speaking about the opportunities and challenges of rural legal services delivery. Next, Ms. Jacobs described some of the housing work in California and the need for additional resources in rural areas to assist clients with housing issues. Ms. Duncan next spoke about the efforts of LANWT's pro bono program. Finally, Ms. Lee described some of her foreclosure defense work and anti-scam work in one of Ohio's most rural region. The panel members then answered Committee members' questions. Chairman Mikva thanked the panel members for their presentation.

MOTION

Mr. Maddox moved to suspend the remainder of the meeting until a later time. Ms. Browne seconded the motion.

VOTE

The motion passed by voice vote.

The *open session* meeting of the Committee was suspended at 11:58 a.m.