

# DISCUSSION GUIDELINES LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION PAI RULEMAKING WORKSHOP JULY 23, 2013 DENVER, COLORADO

The Private Attorney Involvement (PAI) rulemaking workshops are designed to enable LSC to meet with interested parties to discuss, but not negotiate, LSC rules and regulations. The Workshops for the PAI rule will be meetings at which the panelists and participants hold open discussions to share ideas regarding how to revise the PAI rule, 45 C.F.R. Part 1614, in a manner responsive to the Recommendation 2 of LSC's Pro Bono Task Force (PBTF) Report.

Workshop materials, including the PAI rule, agenda, PBTF report, the referenced LSC Office of Legal Affairs opinions, and comments submitted for the workshop, are posted on the PAI rulemaking workshop webpage on www.lsc.gov at <a href="http://bit.ly/PAIrulemakingdetails">http://bit.ly/PAIrulemakingdetails</a>.

The workshops are forums for the panelists to draw on their expertise to discuss the three identified topics to provide LSC with information and feedback. The written materials cover a number of issues from a variety of perspectives. Through the workshop, the panelists can discuss their perspectives on the issues raised by the workshop materials, by their fellow panelists, by the three recommendations of the Pro Bono Task Force (PBTF), and by public comments. The workshop is not designed to develop consensus on any specific issues. Rather, the workshop should improve LSC's understanding of the issues and the implications of different approaches.

The topics and related items for discussion are provided in the attached checklist. They also appear in the Federal Register notice at 78 Fed. Reg. 27339 (May 10, 2013), which is provided on the PAI workshop webpage (as linked to above).

The July 23 workshop is divided into four sessions as identified in the attached agenda. Each of the three topics is assigned a 45-minute session. Each session begins with thirty minutes for panelist presentations and discussion. Each panelist in a session will have six minutes for her or his presentation. The remaining fifteen minutes are allocated for public comments and further panelist discussion. The final session is reserved for considering any additions or changes to the agenda or format for the second workshop on September 17, 2013.

#### Moderator

Jim Sandman, LSC President, will moderate the workshop.

## Scope of Discussion

The workshop is limited to discussion of the topics and related issues identified in the Federal Register notice, as listed in the attached checklist. Other aspects of the PAI rule and other LSC requirements and restrictions may be addressed as they relate to these topics.

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# Familiarity with the Materials

The panelists should presume that all the participants are familiar with the regulation, the PBTF report, the referenced LSC Office of Legal Affairs opinions, the comments submitted, and other materials on the PAI workshops webpage. Presentations and discussion should build on, rather than report on, those materials.

#### **Additional Materials**

The comment period will remain open through the September workshop and will close on October 17, 2013. Panelists are encouraged to identify other materials that are useful and relevant to these topics. LSC can collect those materials after this workshop for addition to the PAI workshops webpage and for discussion at the September workshop. Panelists are also encouraged to submit further comments based on the workshop discussion.

# Panelist Presentations and Discussion

In each of the sessions, each panelist can make six-minute remarks about the issues that she or he considers most important for discussion at this workshop.

# **Public Comment**

In each of the four sessions, there is an opportunity for public comment following the panelist presentations. Comments, which must be brief, can be presented in-person or through the call-in webinar.

#### LSC Board Members and Staff

LSC board members and LSC staff will not make presentations and do not expect to actively participate. Nonetheless, LSC staff will be available for panelist questions, and LSC board members may ask questions for the panel to address.

## Regulatory Language

The workshop is not designed to develop specific regulatory language, although the discussions may involve identifying areas for clarification of, or changes to, the regulation. Changes to the regulation, if any, would occur at a later stage of the rulemaking process.