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5:01 p.m.

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Legal Services Corporation  
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Washington, D.C. 20007

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Harry J.F. Korrell, III  
Laurie Mikva  
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Lora M. Rath, Deputy Director, Office of Compliance  
and Enforcement  
John Idleman, Senior Program Counsel, Office of  
Program Performance  
  
Chuck Greenfield, National Legal Aid and Defender  
Association (NLADA) (by telephone)

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2 (5:01 p.m.)

3 CHAIRMAN LEVI: I'm going to call the meeting  
4 to order, if that's okay. The meeting was duly noticed  
5 in the Federal Register.

6 And I ask that we have a motion to approve the  
7 agenda.

8 MOTION

9 DEAN MINOW: So moved.

10 MS. REISKIN: Second. This is Julie.

11 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Thank you, Julie.

12 All in favor?

13 (A chorus of ayes.)

14 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Now, the Legal Services  
15 Corporation board meeting minutes of October 1 and 2,  
16 2012 were circulated. Can I have a motion to approve  
17 the minutes?

18 MOTION

19 MS. REISKIN: So moved. This is Julie.

20 DEAN MINOW: Second. This is Martha.

21 CHAIRMAN LEVI: All in favor?

22 (A chorus of ayes.)

1           CHAIRMAN LEVI: Now, we need to consider and  
2 act on the transmittal of the IG's Semiannual Report to  
3 Congress. And I believe it's the custom at this time  
4 that the IG speaks to us for a minute. Is that  
5 correct?

6           MR. SCHANZ: I don't know if it's a custom,  
7 John, but I'm certainly willing to take it on. You  
8 have before you two copies of the Legal Services OIG  
9 Semiannual Report to Congress for the six-month period  
10 April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012.

11           This is a statutory requirement that every IG  
12 submit a semiannual report to Congress, with the  
13 categories that you will find in the back. The charts  
14 are mandatory by statute. And I would like to thank  
15 the Board and Management for working with us on getting  
16 the numbers necessary for this, and your support for  
17 our work.

18           I try to keep you current as to when we're  
19 issuing reports. But this is your summation for a  
20 six-month period. And now Management has the  
21 opportunity to submit a transmittal letter --

22           CHAIRMAN LEVI: Right.

1           MR. SCHANZ: -- attaching my report to the  
2 Congress. And that's, I think, the purpose of this  
3 meeting, is to look at the November 30, 2012 memo that  
4 you sent to Senator Tom Harkin.

5           CHAIRMAN LEVI: Yes. And Jim, do you want to  
6 speak to that, or should we -- well, Jim, why don't you  
7 speak to that, and then we'll see if there's any  
8 questions.

9           PRESIDENT SANDMAN: I just want to note two  
10 brief updates that we need to make to the transmittal  
11 letter. The first is on the second page, the second  
12 bullet at the bottom of the page.

13           It indicates currently that the program  
14 requested and received an extension until December 3,  
15 2012. That's now been extended further. It should  
16 read, "The program requested and received an extension  
17 until December 7, 2012."

18           Second, on the next page, page 3, the second  
19 bullet at the top, last sentence, it indicates that on  
20 October 25, 2012, LSC issued a Notice of Questioned  
21 Costs for expenditures totaling \$3,659. The program  
22 has 30 days in which to respond.

1           The program has not responded. If they have  
2 not responded by tomorrow, the date of the letter, we  
3 will amend that sentence to say, "The program did not  
4 respond, and LSC considers the matter closed."

5           CHAIRMAN LEVI: Any other changes to the  
6 document?

7           PRESIDENT SANDMAN: No.

8           CHAIRMAN LEVI: Any questions from the Board?

9           MR. KECKLER: Have you considered -- this is  
10 Charles -- since the one figure there with the Inland  
11 Legal Services is a substantial amount, have you  
12 considered adding a sentence explaining very briefly  
13 the basis for the potential questioned cost? I think  
14 that might -- it's a figure that might be substantial  
15 enough that people might notice and wonder, at least a  
16 little bit, what it's about.

17           PRESIDENT SANDMAN: This is Jim. I think our  
18 thinking was that rather than have the Board  
19 characterize what OIG found and what the basis for that  
20 number is, that the better practice would be simply to  
21 have that addressed in the report of OIG itself, which  
22 is attached and lays out all of the details.

1 MR. SCHANZ: It's on page 6 of the SAR.

2 MR. KECKLER: Okay.

3 DEAN MINOW: This is Martha. I have a  
4 question about the first bullet on the last page of  
5 John's letter to Harkin with regard to LSC's Office of  
6 Program Performance and TIG staff. It says, "will make  
7 a recommendation to the Vice President of Grants  
8 Management shortly regarding a questioned cost  
9 proceeding."

10 Is this something that has been shared with  
11 OIG, or is the recommendation to solve the problem? It  
12 just was vague.

13 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: I'm sorry. I didn't hear  
14 what you said at the end, Martha.

15 DEAN MINOW: It just is vague. I just didn't  
16 understand. It says, "will make a recommendation." Is  
17 the recommendation, A, that has been all shared with  
18 the IG? Is it a recommendation that will resolve the  
19 problem? I just was wondering how to understand this.

20 MS. RATH: This is Lora Rath from Office of  
21 Compliance and Enforcement. OCE will be making a  
22 recommendation to the Vice President as to whether to



1 pursue a Notice of Questioned Cost. Once we make that  
2 determination and either move forward or don't move  
3 forward, we'll advise the OIG of what the Management  
4 decision is.

5 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: OIG gets notified once  
6 Management has made a decision. But that's a decision  
7 that Management makes by itself.

8 DEAN MINOW: Okay. But this step still is not  
9 clear to me. It's a step about making the decision,  
10 but it's not making the decision. Is that right? What  
11 is the recommendation? It's a recommendation to look  
12 at it?

13 MS. RATH: OCE will make a recommendation to  
14 the Vice President as to whether LSC Management should  
15 pursue a questioned cost.

16 DEAN MINOW: And we don't know what that  
17 recommendation is, is what you're telling me?

18 MS. RATH: We haven't done it yet. We'll be  
19 doing that hopefully in the next few days.

20 DEAN MINOW: I see.

21 MR. SCHANZ: This is Jeff Schanz, the IG. As  
22 with the Inland Counties questioned cost, we submit it

1 to Management for action, and we report it in a  
2 semiannual report whether it's pending action or  
3 whether action has been taken, and the questioned cost  
4 that we have, whether it's been resolved, mitigated,  
5 waived, whatever Management decides to do with it. But  
6 that's for our next semiannual report because that will  
7 hit during the six-month period that we're currently  
8 in.

9 DEAN MINOW: Well, thank you. Maybe Senator  
10 Harkin's staff understands this shorthand, but I did  
11 not understand it.

12 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: I think we should revise  
13 if it you don't understand it.

14 CHAIRMAN LEVI: If you don't understand it,  
15 then we should fix it.

16 DEAN MINOW: I don't know about that.

17 CHAIRMAN LEVI: No. I think so.

18 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: Let me give you my  
19 understanding of the situation. OCE has not yet  
20 determined whether to initiate a questioned cost  
21 proceeding. OCE will shortly be making a  
22 recommendation to the Vice President for Grants

1 Management whether to do so.

2 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Well, I think that that's what  
3 it should say, then.

4 DEAN MINOW: That is clearer, so I found that  
5 helpful. Thank you.

6 MS. RATH: We can add the language to make it  
7 say "regarding whether to pursue a questioned cost  
8 proceeding."

9 DEAN MINOW: Yes. That's helpful.

10 CHAIRMAN LEVI: I think also, then, going back  
11 to the issue on the page before, if you're worried  
12 about that as well in terms of clarifying it, "The OCE  
13 referred," dah dah dah -- do you want to say, "See page  
14 6 infra," something like that, if that's where it is?  
15 Do you see what I'm talking about?

16 MS. REISKIN: This is Julie. I think that's  
17 really important because it is hard to -- if you're not  
18 intimately familiar with it, that really is helpful, I  
19 think.

20 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: We'll add a sentence after  
21 the first sentence with a reference to the pages of the  
22 semiannual report that explains the facts.

1 MS. BROWNE: This is Sharon. Following up on  
2 the last comment regarding the first bullet on page 3  
3 and the language regarding making a recommendation, I  
4 notice that same language is on page 2 on the bullet  
5 regarding ICLS. I'm wondering if we can't make the  
6 same clarification on that bullet as well.

7 MS. RATH: Yes. That's not a problem.

8 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: We can do that.

9 DEAN MINOW: That's a good idea. Good idea.

10 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Good. Any other comments or  
11 changes from the Board?

12 FATHER PIUS: This is Father Pius. It's not  
13 really a change, but just kind of a comment, and I  
14 think echoing what a lot of people have said.

15 This 1.3 million questioned costs, I looked up  
16 the budget for ICLS and this is a quarter of its  
17 budget. I mean, this is a huge -- I mean, if they have  
18 to return these costs, it's a huge cost on them. And  
19 the fact that it's from events that look like go back  
20 about six years or so -- I don't know.

21 It just concerns me a bit, that we have such a  
22 questioned cost, and just to make sure that -- I would

1 like, at least, to stay informed on a bit of the  
2 process of this.

3 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: Well, we have -- the  
4 process is that OIG makes a referral to Management.  
5 They identified this amount as questioned costs over  
6 the time period that you specified, Father.

7 And then Management goes through the  
8 information that OIG has provided, and may request  
9 additional information from the program, as has been  
10 done here, to get their response to the findings of  
11 OIG; and perhaps may ask for additional information  
12 that OIG did not have at the time they made their  
13 findings; and then makes a determination whether to  
14 pursue a questioned cost proceeding.

15 So we're now going through -- OCE is now going  
16 through the exercise of requesting this additional  
17 information from the program to guide them in their  
18 determination whether or not to recommend the  
19 initiation of a questioned cost proceeding. But it's  
20 still -- I'd say there's still fact-finding going on,  
21 and --

22 FATHER PIUS: That's very helpful to know.

1 Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Any other comments or  
3 questions?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Can I have a motion to --

6 DEAN MINOW: Approve the letter?

7 CHAIRMAN LEVI: -- I guess to approve the  
8 letter, as modified?

9 M O T I O N

10 DEAN MINOW: I so move.

11 CHAIRMAN LEVI: And the transmittal of the  
12 report? You so move, Martha?

13 DEAN MINOW: Yes.

14 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: This is Gloria.  
15 I'll second.

16 CHAIRMAN LEVI: All in favor?

17 (A chorus of ayes.)

18 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Okay. Now, thanks very much  
21 on that, and thank you, Jeff. Thank you, Jim.

22 Now we're going to receive the report, I

1 gather, which I thought we would all want to have  
2 today, on Hurricane Sandy and our activities and legal  
3 services needs relating to that.

4 So Jim, are you going to handle that, with  
5 John?

6 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: Yes. I'd like to take  
7 this in two parts. First, I believe John Eidleman is  
8 on the telephone. John leads our disaster assistance  
9 efforts when matters like this come up.

10 John, are you on?

11 MR. EIDLEMAN: Yes, I am. Can you hear me?

12 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Yes.

13 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: Yes. So first John can  
14 give an overview of what's been going on in the New  
15 Jersey/New York/Connecticut area following  
16 Sandy -- what our dealings with programs have been,  
17 what we know of what they're doing on the ground to try  
18 to provide assistance. And after he's finished, I'll  
19 talk about some legislative developments that may  
20 affect supplemental appropriations funding for  
21 post-Sandy relief.

22 John Eidleman, do you want to go ahead?

1           MR. EIDLEMAN: Sure. Thanks, Jim. Thanks for  
2 this opportunity. And this report is just a sampling  
3 of what's been transpiring because there's so much  
4 going on even as we speak.

5           A lot has happened since Hurricane Sandy hit  
6 on Sunday, October 28th. And the circumstances are  
7 changing very rapidly as more and more clients seek  
8 help, and advocates are expanding their resources.  
9 There's trainings and different communications going on  
10 every day. And one thing I'd like to emphasize is how  
11 remarkable it is that the legal community was able to  
12 respond as quickly as they did.

13           So the first week after the hurricane hit,  
14 most businesses were closed Monday and Tuesday, the  
15 29th and 30th of October. And then on the 31st, LSC,  
16 our office, sent out emails and made phone calls to all  
17 of our providers in the East Coast, from Virginia  
18 through Maine, to find out what was going on.

19           One of the purposes was to check on the status  
20 of the program stuff, the client community, and the  
21 facilities, their offices, and to give those programs  
22 contact information for both local and national Red



1 Cross, FEMA, and the ABA YLD resources, and to promote  
2 coordination in the recovery efforts.

3           So we also included a copy of a disaster  
4 timeline that was done by other providers who went  
5 through disasters that showed the types of cases they'd  
6 be facing and in what order they probably would be  
7 facing them. And we gave them some information about  
8 possible grant funds that might be available to them.

9           Now, all the programs in the East sustained  
10 some type of impact from Sandy, whether it was wind or  
11 rain or snow, and some offices, even in Massachusetts,  
12 had to close the office for the first day, for Monday.

13          The hardest-hit areas were New York and New Jersey, as  
14 you probably know, and many of the programs we tried to  
15 contact through email and phones didn't respond because  
16 they didn't have any power.

17           In New Jersey, all of our programs, all six  
18 programs, lost power, as did the Connecticut program.  
19 Most of the New York State programs lost some power and  
20 were closed until November 2nd, at least in the New  
21 York/Long Island area.

22           A few programs had very heavy impact, and

1 they, in New York and Long Island, made extraordinary  
2 efforts to try to open on the 31st of October and then  
3 on November 1st. That was also true in New Jersey.  
4 But those efforts, really, they were able to get in,  
5 maybe assess the damages, but not really do any  
6 business.

7           Those programs had to take various steps to  
8 start operations as quickly as possible. They moved  
9 servers to different locations. They worked out of  
10 satellite offices. Some staff worked remotely from  
11 home. But because of the power losses, many of those  
12 options weren't open at all, so there were no services,  
13 and the attorneys couldn't provide any services or open  
14 the office.

15           Many programs were closed all that first week,  
16 and really, it was the week of November 5th when they  
17 were able to start to render some services to clients.

18           Now, for example, the New Jersey office in  
19 Elizabeth didn't regain power until November 8th, and  
20 the staff in that office had to work out of the New  
21 Brunswick office until they were able to get back into  
22 Elizabeth November 9th. And here the point really is,

1 as I said previously, extraordinary efforts that  
2 programs were making to get up and running so that  
3 clients wouldn't suffer loss of services.

4 Now, let me talk a little bit about New York  
5 and New Jersey. Four of the New York programs really  
6 didn't have much of an impact at all, and the two  
7 programs, as I said previously, were the New York  
8 City -- Legal Services of New York and Nassau/Suffolk  
9 Law Services in Long Island.

10 In New Jersey, Central Jersey had damage to  
11 one of its offices, where they had damage to the roof  
12 and water damage in the Trenton office. The service  
13 area suffering the most damage in New Jersey is South  
14 Jersey Legal Services, where Atlantic City and Cape May  
15 are located, and the Ocean-Monmouth Legal Services  
16 program, where numerous shoreline community were  
17 impacted. Northeast New Jersey Legal Services service  
18 area was impacted by severe flooding in Hoboken and in  
19 Bergen County.

20 Travel was very difficult, as you probably  
21 know, in New Jersey because of a shortage of gas, and  
22 some of the staff of those programs had property damage

1 themselves and damage to their homes.

2           What I'd like to move on to now is the  
3 response from the programs. Now, in New York City  
4 there has been a hotline set up, the Sandy Recovery  
5 Help Line, and that was started on November 5th, so a  
6 week after the storm hit. It's staffed from 10:00 a.m.  
7 to 3:00 p.m. on weekdays, and as the call volume  
8 continues to increase, cases are referred to staff, pro  
9 bono lawyers, and other civil legal services community.

10           The ABA YLD also has a disaster hotline, and  
11 it appears that these two hotlines are coordinating  
12 with each other. In New Jersey there are also two  
13 hotlines, the ABA YLD hotline, and the Legal Services  
14 of New Jersey has a hotline.

15           There are clinics that have been set up.  
16 There are staffed clinics throughout New York City that  
17 are helping thousands of people to apply for emergency  
18 benefits, FEMA assistance, and unemployment insurance,  
19 and also helping to replace lost medication, and  
20 addressing other urgent legal needs.

21           There's been training for service providers.  
22 There have been several trainings in New York,

1 including one by the state bar association. Legal  
2 Services of New York City and the City Bar Justice  
3 Center have done a training, and the Legal Aid Society  
4 has done a training for volunteer lawyers.

5 South Jersey Legal Services will be conducting  
6 a CLE in Atlantic City and Wildwood regarding legal  
7 rights of displaced clients in the near future.

8 Legal services providers from the Gulf Coast,  
9 who were experienced through the Hurricane Katrina  
10 incident, have stepped up and they're providing advice  
11 and doing trainings in both New York and in New Jersey.

12 There's also coordination of volunteers in  
13 other service providers in New York City. LSNYC is  
14 working with volunteers from Sullivan & Cromwell to  
15 coordinate the placement of placebo attorneys in  
16 clinics and providing legal assistance to those who  
17 need help. LSNYC has also created a disaster manual,  
18 and they posted that on their web page.

19 There's ongoing communication with the service  
20 providers and pro bono lawyers in both New Jersey and  
21 New York. They've decided to have weekly conference  
22 calls to discuss the progress and the emerging issues.

1           Probono.net on their website has established a  
2 Hurricane Sandy relief page, with announcements about  
3 future trainings, disaster relief manuals, and copies  
4 of training webinars that have already taken place.  
5 And pro bono attorneys can sign up to take cases on  
6 that website.

7           Legal Services of New Jersey has added  
8 Hurricane Sandy section on their web page, and they  
9 have links there to FEMA, to disaster benefit programs,  
10 and other storm-related issues.

11           Now I'll tell you a little bit about the cases  
12 that they're seeing. So far, many cases have been in  
13 the landlord/tenant area, habitability issues due to  
14 lack of heat or electricity, and self-help evictions by  
15 landlords are numerous cases.

16           Another prevalent area is the legal needs for  
17 emergency benefits. And programs are now starting to  
18 see some insurance claims. The worst-hit area in New  
19 Jersey is Atlantic County, and there, numerous  
20 individuals have been -- tenants have been displaced in  
21 privately-owned apartments throughout the city, and  
22 reports of landlords telling tenants to simply leave

1 because they don't have any funds for repairs has  
2 become a common problem.

3           South Jersey Legal Services believes that  
4 there may be more than 100 or more evictions in the  
5 near future that are already in the pipeline to come  
6 before the courts.

7           Now, the needs that the programs have right  
8 now is a little bit difficult to discern because it's  
9 so early. The needs that they have will come to  
10 fruition and be seen as we progress over the next few  
11 weeks and months.

12           One of the exceptions appears to be some  
13 mobile technology is needed for when they're doing  
14 outreach to clients that can't get offices, so things  
15 like laptops, tablets, portable printers, those kinds  
16 of things.

17           So in summary, what I'd like to say is that it  
18 took a few weeks for the legal services community to  
19 recover from Sandy themselves, but what's happened over  
20 the last two weeks is really remarkable; and that the  
21 efforts keep on expanding and expanding, and there's  
22 tremendous coordination between legal services and the

1 private bar.

2 That's what I have, Jim. That's my report.

3 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: Thank you, John.

4 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Questions from the Board?

5 MS. REISKIN: This is Julie. And just what  
6 you said about the evictions is what I'm hearing in the  
7 client community on the different listservs and stuff,  
8 is that the landlords are getting really abusive, and  
9 including some of the housing authorities and some of  
10 the government programs. Some clients say the programs  
11 are on top of that; we're seeing that and dealing with  
12 it.

13 MR. EIDLEMAN: Yes, you're right. This seems  
14 to be a typical pattern, Julie

15 MR. SCHANZ: These things happen. Landlords  
16 just sort of walk away from the problems, get rid of  
17 people, and unfortunately, in some circumstances, if  
18 they can evict individuals that are currently tenants,  
19 they might even be able to raise the rent because  
20 there's such a need for housing, bringing in other  
21 people and charge them more.

22 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Other questions? Comments?



1           (No response.)

2           CHAIRMAN LEVI: Well, Jim, anything further to  
3 say on this?

4           PRESIDENT SANDMAN: Yes. I wanted to give a  
5 brief report on possible disaster funding  
6 opportunities.

7           A few weeks ago we heard from Congressman  
8 Fattah's office about his intention to introduce a  
9 disaster supplemental bill for \$12 billion in relief.

10          In response to that call, we gave his office, and  
11 other members of the House and Senate appropriations  
12 subcommittees, some preliminary information we had from  
13 the field about the damage they had sustained and the  
14 costs they estimated for providing disaster-related  
15 service.

16          We heard separately from the Access to Justice  
17 initiative at the Department of Justice, and they  
18 encouraged us to work with the Office of Management and  
19 Budget as the Administration develops its relief  
20 request to Congress.

21          Last week, at OMB's request, we provided  
22 updated information about what our grantees estimate

1 recovery efforts to cost. And based on the best  
2 information we had available, we said that we thought  
3 an additional \$1 million was necessary for programs in  
4 New York and New Jersey to provide assistance to Sandy  
5 victims. Our focus has been to emphasize the need for  
6 legal assistance to be considered and viewed as a key  
7 component of disaster relief funding.

8           It's not clear at this point what form an  
9 appropriation related to legal assistance might take.  
10 It's possible that other agencies, such as FEMA or HUD,  
11 might be given the authority to provide grants to legal  
12 services providers on application as part of a disaster  
13 relief package, and LSC grantees could be eligible for  
14 those funds.

15           In our discussions with appropriators in OMB,  
16 we've learned that Congress is waiting for the White  
17 House to submit an emergency aid package before moving  
18 forward. OMB is currently gathering information  
19 government-wide about the impact of the storm and the  
20 amount of the funding necessary, not only currently but  
21 in 2013, '14, and beyond. And the timing of  
22 legislation is very unclear at this point. Everybody's

1 attention seems to be focused on fiscal cliff issues.

2 So in all of our dealings, we'll continue to  
3 emphasize the importance of including legal services in  
4 any emergency aid bill.

5 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Any questions from the Board?

6 Thank you, Jim. Questions for Jim or for John from  
7 the Board?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Public comment?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Any other business?

12 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: This is Gloria.

13 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Yes?

14 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: I was wondering if  
15 through the other board members network of information  
16 they had seen something, a short two-page report called  
17 "Economic Benefits of Civil Legal Aid," prepared by  
18 Laura K. Abel of the National Center for Access to  
19 Justice at Cardozo Law School.

20 DEAN MINOW: No. I haven't seen it.

21 MR. EIDLEMAN: We haven't.

22 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: All right. I will

1 send it to everybody. It's probably the most succinct  
2 set of reasons why there is economic benefit to civil  
3 legal aid, with a very impressive set of citations that  
4 others have called "best evidence." I will put it on  
5 our mailing.

6 DEAN MINOW: Great.

7 CHAIRMAN LEVI: And this is from Cardozo Law  
8 School?

9 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: Yes. Laura K.  
10 Abel, A-b-e-l. And it's called "Economic Benefits of  
11 Civil Legal Aid."

12 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Jim, do you know her? Have  
13 you heard of her?

14 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: I believe -- I'm familiar  
15 with something that I believe she wrote in 2010, that  
16 there is -- that's what I'm familiar with.

17 PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: Okay. This has a  
18 production date of September 4, 2012. It was put on  
19 the access to justice and other pro bono servs that I'm  
20 on in the last three weeks. And I will send this to  
21 everybody.

22 PRESIDENT SANDMAN: Thank you.

1           CHAIRMAN LEVI: Well, that makes me think that  
2 maybe we should consider inviting her to talk about  
3 this work at the April meeting. But that's something  
4 to think about.

5           PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: I think that's a  
6 worthwhile proposition, looking at this.

7           CHAIRMAN LEVI: Anyway, I'll just throw that  
8 out there. So, any other business?

9           (No response.)

10          CHAIRMAN LEVI: Hearing none, can I have a  
11 motion to adjourn, and wish everybody a very happy  
12 holiday?

13          DEAN MINOW: You, too.

14          PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: Yes.

15                           M O T I O N

16          DEAN MINOW: Motion to adjourn.

17          PROFESSOR VALENCIA-WEBER: I'll second.

18          CHAIRMAN LEVI: All in favor?

19          (A chorus of ayes.)

20          CHAIRMAN LEVI: Thanks so much, everyone.

21          (Whereupon, at 5:31 p.m., the Board meeting

22 was adjourned.)           \* \* \* \* \*