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October 19, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENSE APPOINTMENT PROGRAM
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the attached contract amendment between the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) to increase by \$80,000 the annual compensation paid for administration of the Los Angeles Countywide Capital Case and Indigent Criminal Defense Appointment (ICDA) programs.
2. Instruct the Chair, Board of Supervisors, to sign the attached contract amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this contract amendment is to provide funding to offset the additional administrative workload resulting from expansion of the ICDA program to Alhambra, Downey, Southeast, West Covina and Pomona Courts.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

This public/private partnership between the County of Los Angeles and LACBA supports Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Service Excellence, by providing quality public service and Goal No. 3, Organizational Effectiveness, by enhancing organizational effectiveness across jurisdictional boundaries.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Under the Lockyer-Insenberg Trial Court Funding Act of 1997, the County of Los Angeles is responsible for criminal indigent defense costs. Funding to cover this cost is available in the Trial Court Indigent Defense Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In December 1998, the County entered into a multi-year contract with LACBA to provide adult criminal indigent defense services for third-tier conflicts and other lawful unavailability cases. The contract originally provided ICDA attorneys with set hourly rate compensation based upon case type and \$250,000 for administrative coordination of the Countywide Capital Case and ICDA programs. In July 2000, the administrative compensation was increased to \$275,000 annually. LACBA currently has three ICDA program staff to assign and supervise independent attorneys who handle criminal defense services for clients the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender are unable to represent because of a conflict of interest or other lawful unavailability. ICDA program staff also maintains an information database containing the qualifications and court assignments of all panel attorneys.

In 2003-04, the contract expanded to provide third-tier ICDA attorneys at Alhambra, Downey, Southeast, West Covina and Pomona Courts, increasing the number of independent attorneys providing service from 220 to 343. This represents a 36 percent increase in administrative workload.

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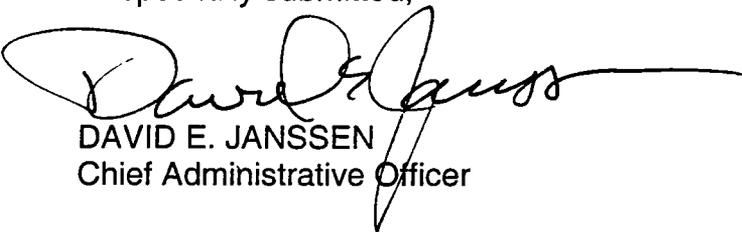
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended administrative compensation increase will allow ICDA to maintain the service level of administrative support to the Indigent Criminal Defense Appointment Program.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval of the recommendations by the Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the Executive Officer, Clerk of the Board return two fully executed copies of the contract to the Chief Administrative Office.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

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RMG:lbm

Attachment

c: County Counsel
Los Angeles County Bar Association

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION (LACBA)
INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENSE APPOINTMENT PROGRAM (ICDA)
CONTRACT EXTENSION – COUNTYWIDE INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES
SYN #58 OF 11/10/98**

**EXTENSION # 2 – AMENDMENT # 1
JULY 1, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2005**

Whereas, on July 1, 2004, the existing agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Indigent Criminal Defense Appointment Program (ICDA) was extended one-year on the same terms set forth in both the original contract and in subsequent contract extensions; and

Whereas, said agreement provides a cost-effective program for third-tier criminal defense services for clients the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender are unable to represent because of a conflict of interest or other lawful unavailability; and

Whereas, the Los Angeles County Bar Association provides complete administrative coordination of Los Angeles County's Countywide Capital Case and ICDA panel attorney programs; and

Whereas, on August 1, 2003, ICDA services were expanded to Alhambra, Downey, Southeast, West Covina Court and Pomona Courts, resulting in a significant increase in administrative support requirements.

Effective the day after Board of Supervisors approval, this Contract is amended to add the following language to Paragraph 4 of the original contract:

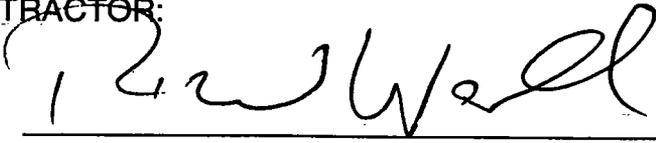
“...Beginning with contract year 2004-2005, said administrative fee shall be increased to \$355,000 annually.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES has caused this contract to be subscribed by its Chair and the seal of said Board to be hereto affixed and attested by the Executive Officer-Clerk thereof, and has caused this contract to be subscribed in its behalf by its authorized officer, on the day, month, and year indicated.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By: _____
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

CONTRACTOR:

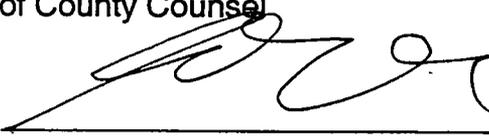
By: 
Los Angeles County Bar Association
Indigent Criminal Defense Appointments Program (ICDA)

ATTEST:

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of County Counsel

By: 
GORDON TRASK
Principal Deputy County Counsel