



## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

### JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

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## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE 680<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION DUE TO A LACK OF A QUORUM

The 680<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission was held on March 15, 2007 in Room 140 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California. A list of those present follows:

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bertrum M. CeDillos, Chair  
Nelson L. Atkins, Vice Chair  
Andrew Friedman  
Ann Jackson  
Neal S. Millard

#### **MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Clifton Albright  
Gary Barr  
William J. Galloway  
Paul A. Jacobs  
Thomas Jeffers  
Carol L. Rose  
Sylvia Scott-Hayes

#### **EX OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Heather Aubry, City Attorney's Office  
Captain Samuel Dacus, Los Angeles Sheriff Department  
Laura Green, LA County Office of the Public Defender  
Michael P. Karsch, City of Los Angeles  
Denise Montgomery, Los Angeles Police Department  
Devallis Rutledge, District Attorney's Office  
Honorable Dennis Zine, Independent Cities Association

#### **COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

Zoe Venhuizen, Superior Court  
Honorable John H. Sandoz, Superior Court  
Peggy Shuttleworth, CCJCC

#### **GUESTS**

Tut Hayes

#### **STAFF**

Sandra Barbee, Division Chief  
Rosemary Osuna, Commission Staff  
Martha Arana, Commission Staff

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair CeDillos called the 680<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission (JPC) to order at 12:40 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Captain Samuel Dacus led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions of the Commissioners, Ex Officio Members, Staff and Guests followed. Chair CeDillos introduced Ms. Rosemary Osuna, new Commission Staff member.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT – SPECIAL PROCLAMATION**

Chair CeDillos presented a proclamation to Ms. Peggy Shuttleworth, Executive Director of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee, for her dedication and commitment to the Judicial Procedures Commission (JPC). Additionally, Chair CeDillos thanked Ms. Shuttleworth for her assistance in identifying funds to finance the JPC Safe Child Custody Exchange Program while serving as Co-Chair on the JPC Safe Child Custody Exchange Committee. Chair CeDillos reported that Ms. Shuttleworth will soon retire from County employment, and expressed that Ms. Shuttleworth will be greatly missed.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2007**

Due to a lack of quorum, the minutes for the meeting of February 15, 2007 were deferred to the next JPC meeting for approval.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

*Update Child Custody Exchange committee – Peggy Shuttleworth, Co-Chair*

Ms. Peggy Shuttleworth reported the following:

- Ms. Bea Dieringer's mother passed away in late February 2007 in the state of Virginia. Ms. Dieringer has been on leave, is currently on vacation and is expected to return on March, 19, 2007.
- The Safe Child Custody Exchange Committee held a meeting on March 1, 2007 to discuss funding issues for the *Safe Child Custody Exchange Programs* offered by *Bienvenidos* and *Wings of Faith*. To date, no funding source has been identified to sustain the exchange programs; however, both agencies continue to look for new sources. Ms. Shuttleworth and Ms. Dieringer will schedule a Safe Child Custody Exchange Committee meeting in the near future.
- Chair CeDillos will coordinate a meeting with Supervisors Burke and Antonovich to discuss the funding issues.

### **GUEST SPEAKER, COMMISSIONER NEAL S. MILLARD, PARTNER LAW FIRM OF WHITE & CASE, "PRESENTATION ON UNIVERSAL LAW"**

Chair CeDillos welcomed and introduced Commissioner Neal S. Millard, who currently serves on the Judicial Procedures Commission (JPC), and highlighted Commissioner Millard's accomplishments.

Commissioner Millard currently partners with the White & Case Law Firm, and formerly co-partnered with Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue. He practices law in the area of international real estate, representing foreign and domestic financial institutions.

Commissioner Millard gave an overview of Judicial Systems and reported the following:

- The Judicial system was established by the United States Constitution (U.S. Constitution) with Article III of the constitution establishing the Judiciary. The U.S. Constitution creates one Supreme Court, combines law and equity, sets out criteria for cases that will be under the Supreme Court and inferior courts' jurisdiction, and creates a jury system.
- There are various types of court systems globally. Countries worldwide apply different variations of the theme, *Justice*, and as a result, court proceedings and rulings are not always the same.
- Laws have become specialized and complicated as compared to the year 1787 when the U.S. Constitution was created. Although the United States' current system calls for federal and state Supreme Courts to make decisions based on various sophisticated laws, the United States could benefit from a judicial structure with specialty courts.

**MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Tut Hayes expressed the following:

Although the U.S. Constitution allows everyone a trial by jury, legal representation and/or *in pro per* process, some individuals may not be offered these options or provided with equitable treatment.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the 680<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Judicial Procedures Commission adjourned at 1:31 p.m.