

California Legislature

How Can California Improve Access to Justice For Unrepresented Litigants?

An Informational Hearing of the Assembly Committee on Judiciary And the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on Public Safety

Tuesday, February 25, 2020
10 am to Noon
State Capitol, Room 437

Agenda

Opening Statements

- Assemblymember Mark Stone, Chair, Assembly Committee on Judiciary
- Assemblymember Shirley Weber, Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on Public Safety

Panel 1: The Importance of Access to Justice in California

- Hellen Hong, Director, Office of Access & Inclusion, State Bar of California
- Judge Bunmi Awoniyi, Presiding Family Law Judge, Sacramento Superior Court
- Leah Simon-Weisberg, Directing Attorney, Shelter Client Advocates Program, Eviction Defense Collaborative

Panel 2: Existing Programs to Help Unrepresented Litigants

- Bonnie Hough, Principal Managing Attorney, Center for Families, Children, & the Courts, Judicial Council of California
- Anne Bernardo, Director, Tulare County Public Law Library and President, California Library Services Board

Panel 3: Innovative Programs and What More Can be Done to Improve Access to Justice

- Judy Louie, Director of the ACCESS (Assisting Court Customers With Educational and Self-Help Services) Center of the San Francisco Superior Court
- Sandra Levin, Executive Director, Los Angeles County Law Library and President, Council of California County Law Librarians
- Charlene Depner, Director, Center for Families, Children, & the Courts, Judicial Council of California
- Judge Kevin Brazile, Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court and Co-Chair, Judicial Council of California Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness

Public Comment

Closing Statements