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Memorandum 86-68

Subject: Consultants' Contracts

The Commission has made contracts with the following consultants who are experts in the field of probate law:

Russell D. Niles - Hastings College of Law  
Susan F. French - School of Law U.C. Davis  
Edward C. Halbach, Jr. - School of Law, Boalt Hall, U.C. Berkeley  
Paul E. Basye - Hastings College of Law  
Gail B. Bird - Hastings College of Law  
Jesse Dukeminier - UCLA Law School

The contracts provide that the consultant is to attend Commission meetings upon request of the Commission to provide expert advice. The contracts provide for payment of travel expenses subject to the same limitations that apply to members of the Commission. All of the contracts expire on June 30, 1986.

Some of these consultants have attended meetings fairly frequently. Others have not recently attended meetings. In light of the frequency of attendance, the staff recommends that the contracts be renewed for the period July 1, 1986 to June 1, 1989, in the following amounts:

Russell D. Niles - \$1,000	Paul E. Basye - \$500
Susan F. French - \$1,000	Gail B. Bird - \$500
Edward C. Halbach, Jr. - \$1,500	Jesse Dukeminier - \$500

If and when the amount indicated is exceeded for a particular contract, the Commission can determine whether to increase the amount.

The legislatively approved budget for the 1986-87 fiscal year has \$17,000 allotted for contracts with expert consultants. The staff recommends that contracts be made with the consultants indicated in the amounts indicated (totaling \$5,000) and that the Executive Secretary be directed to execute the contracts on behalf of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary