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Memorandum 87-60

Subject: Informing Local Bar Association of Commission Meeting

Commissioner Stodden has suggested to the staff that we develop a procedure for informing local bar associations when the Commission will be meeting in their locale. This would give members of the bar a convenient opportunity to attend a Commission meeting if desired, either because of interest in a particular topic under consideration or just to see how the Commission operates. It could also provide an opportunity to socialize or otherwise foster Commission-bar relations.

The staff suggests that a simple form letter be sent to the president of the local bar association where the Commission will be meeting informing the association of the meeting. This could be something like:

President  
Local Bar Association

RE: Meeting of California Law Revision Commission

Dear President:

The California Law Revision Commission will be meeting in your area shortly. Enclosed is a tentative agenda for the meeting. Interested members of your association are cordially invited to attend all or part of the meeting. Commission meetings are open to the public, and are conducted as informal working sessions rather than as formal hearings. For further information, please feel free to call the Commission's Executive Secretary, John H. DeMouly, at (415) 494-1335.

Sincerely,

Arthur K. Marshall  
Chairman

This draft assumes that the letter would be sent out at the time the tentative agenda for the meeting is prepared. Whether this would allow sufficient time for the president to get word out to the members

of the bar, we do not know. We could give much further advance notice, without enclosing a tentative agenda or indicating an exact meeting place. However, this would create a greater impediment to rescheduling meetings as freely as we now do.

Respectfully submitted,

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