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Memorandum 82-61

Subject: Consultant Contract

The Commission has retained a number of law professors as expert consultants to attend Commission meetings and legislative hearings in connection with the study of probate law. The contracts with these consultants provide \$50 per day compensation for each day attending a meeting or hearing and, in addition, travel expenses at the rate allowed state employees. Because the rate allowed state employees for travel expenses is not adequate to cover the expenses when a meeting is held in San Francisco or Los Angeles, the total amount allowed (including the \$50 compensation) is actually approximately equal to the out-of-pocket expenses in attending the meeting. No compensation is provided for reviewing the material before the meeting, although that can be a substantial task. The Commission is fortunate that these law professors are willing to assist the Commission in its effort to reform probate law.

The funds provided in the contract to pay the expenses of Professor Jesse Dukeminier of UCLA Law School in attending Commission meetings on the probate law study are almost exhausted. So that he can continue to attend our meetings, the staff recommends that a new contract be made with him on the same terms as the existing contract. We recommend that the amount of the contract be \$1,500 and that the contract terminate on June 30, 1984.

Sincerely,

John H. DeMouilly
Executive Secretary