

Meeting

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Subject: Distribution of Commission's Unpublished Studies.

Our annual report contains a list of topics currently under study. This report receives a rather wide distribution among legislative service agencies in other states. We frequently receive requests for any available material on a particular topic before we have published anything on that topic. For example, in Ohio, the State Bar is engaged in preparing a comprehensive study of condemnation practice and procedure. In Oregon, a legislative interim committee on criminal law is studying such problems as arson and notice of alibi. The New York Law Revision Commission has requested copies of particular studies. In addition, public agencies and private individuals in California may be aware we have a consultant's study and may request a copy of the study. We have had several requests for Chadbourn's memos. Felix Stumpf would like to obtain, as soon as they are mimeographed, a copy of each study submitted by a consultant. Just this week we received a request from an appraiser who wanted a copy of the Nibley studies on Condemnation.

We make available to each consultant a reasonable number of copies of his study and I know that the consultants make these available to interested persons. For example, Sherry made copies of his study available to the Governor's Committee working on the problem of the right to counsel in juvenile

court proceedings. Other consultants have done the same thing.

Rather than bring each of these questions to the Commission for decision, it is suggested that the Commission establish a general policy to guide the staff in this matter.

The following paragraph can be added to the cover page of mimeographed studies if it is decided to distribute studies not considered or acted upon by the Commission:

This study was made for the California Law Revision Commission by _____. The study has not been considered or acted upon by the Commission. No portion of this study is to be published without the written consent of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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