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Memorandum 81-1

Subject: Consultant Contracts

The staff recommends that the Commission make a contract with Professor Jesse Dukeminier, UCLA Law School, to provide expert advice and information at Law Revision Commission meetings on the subjects of real property law and probate law. There really are no funds to cover this contract, so we recommend that the expenditures under the contract be restricted to \$500. The contract would provide reimbursement for travel expenses for attending Commission meetings (subject to the limitations on reimbursement that apply to state employees generally) plus \$50 per day for meetings attended. Professor Dukeminier understands that his attendance will be primarily a public service.

The staff recommends this contract because we are greatly impressed with the communications we have received from Professor Dukeminier on wills and probate law and on real property law. We believe that he will make a significant contribution at meetings and will provide us with information and views that would not otherwise be provided to the Commission. We believe that the Commission's tentative drafts will be significantly better if we have the assistance of Professor Dukeminier. His contribution would far exceed the modest cost of the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

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