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Memorandum 81-11

Subject: Consultant Contracts

At the last meeting, the Commission approved contracts with two experts on probate and real property law. The contracts provide for their travel expenses in attending Commission meetings and legislative hearings when these subjects are discussed and for \$50 per day when attending a Commission meeting or legislative hearing.

The staff recommends that we make a similar contract with Professor Susan French of the University of California Davis Law School. Professor French is an expert on probate law and real property law and has been of substantial assistance to the staff in preparing the recommendation on the revision of the powers of appointment statute which is being submitted to the current session. The contract would be on the same terms as the previous two contracts.

The staff makes this recommendation because we believe that it will be of great value to the Commission to have present at our meetings experts who will no doubt have diverse views as to the solution to particular problems. Their presentation of differing views will give the Commission the information it needs to make the best decision on the problems. The contract is based on the assumption that the contractor is basically providing a public service and is designed to provide reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses. Professor French is willing to attend our meetings and assist the Commission on this basis. The total amount under the contract would not exceed \$1,500.

We have sufficient funds to cover this contract. We also plan to recommend a consultant to prepare an index for Volume 15 when we have the material for that volume in page form. This contract for the indexing will substantially exhaust the funds available in the 1980-81 fiscal year for research consultants.

Respectfully submitted,

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