Memorandum 82-35

Subject: Consultants' Contracts

The Commission's Handbook of Practices and Procedures requires the Executive Secretary to make a report approximately every six months on the status of consultants' contracts.

The Commission has the following outstanding contracts providing for travel expenses of consultants in attending Commission meetings. The expiration date, amount of the contract, and balance available is shown below.

- Paul E. Basye Real Property and Probate. Expires June 30, 1982 (\$1,500.00) (Bal. \$1,385.20).
- Gail B. Bird Probate. Expires June 30, 1984 (\$1,000.00) (Bal. \$1,000.00).
- James L. Blawie Real Property and Probate. Expires June 30, 1982 (\$1,500.00) (Bal. \$1,156.50).
- Carol S. Bruch Community Property. Expires June 30, 1983 (\$1,500.00) (Bal. \$1,500.00).
- Thomas M. Dankert Eminent Domain, Inverse Condemnation, Evidence. Expires June 30, 1982 (\$300.00) (Bal. \$300.00).
- Jesse Dukeminier Real Property and Probate. Expires June 30, 1983 (\$1,500.00) (Bal. \$667.62).
- Garrett H. Elmore Real Property. Expires June 30, 1982 (\$750.00) (Bal. \$700.00).
- Susan French Real Property and Probate. Expires June 30, 1983 (\$1,500.00) (Bal. \$1,193.75).
- Russell Niles Real Property and Probate. Expires June 30, 1983 (\$1,500.00) (Bal. \$1,229.50).
- William A. Reppy Community Property and Creditor's Remedies. Expires
 June 30, 1983 (\$2,000.00) (Bal. \$2,000.00).
- Bruce Wolk Community Property. Expires June 30, 1982 (\$500.00) (\$500.00).

The expenses of Professors Bruch and Reppy in attending the January 1982 meeting have not been deducted from the amounts shown above as the remaining balance.

The contracts of Professors Basye, Blawie, and Wolk and Mr. Dankert and Mr. Elmore will expire on June 30, 1982. The staff suggests that an addendum be made to Professor Wolk's contract to extend the expiration date to June 30, 1983 (this being the time when the funds under this encumbrance would revert as a matter of law to the General Fund). We suggest that new contracts be made with Professors Basye and Blawie to cover travel expenses and \$50 per meeting attended. Each contract would be in an amount not to exceed \$500. These recommendations would permit us to pay the travel expenses of these consultants after June 30, 1982, at meetings at which real property or probate law will be discussed.

We do not recommend any action with respect to the contracts that expire in later years; the funds provided for travel expenses under such contracts are adequate at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

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