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Arbitration Improvements from Other Jurisdictions

Request for Public Comment

The California Law Revision Commission is undertaking a study of whether contractual arbitration procedures in other jurisdictions are appropriate models for improvement of contractual arbitration practice in California. In connection with this study, the Commission seeks public comment on a background study relating to contractual arbitration.

The background study was prepared for the Commission by Professor Roger Alford of Pepperdine University School of Law. It compares California law to the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act (2000) and makes recommendations for revision of California law. It does not address whether an arbitration agreement is unconscionable. The author's recommendations assume a legislative policy that is friendly to arbitration and desires to promote effective judicial assistance to arbitration.

The background study is available from the California Law Revision Commission, 4000 Middlefield Road, Room D-1, Palo Alto, CA 94303-4739. The background study is also available at the Commission's website (www.clrc.ca.gov) through the "Reports" menu.

Persons interested in this matter can electronically subscribe to receive materials relating to the study at the Commission's website through the "Subscribe" menu or the "Projects" menu. Persons who prefer to receive hard copies of the materials should contact the Commission to be added to the Commission's mailing list for its study of arbitration.

The Commission will consider any comments it receives in determining the scope, general direction, and priorities for its study. To be most helpful, comments should be submitted by **February 23, 2005**. The Commission also welcomes comments after that date.

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