

MEMORANDUM 2025-33

Antitrust Law: Status Report (Consultant Update)

This memorandum¹ provides an update on the status of the Commission's consultant contract relating to the Antitrust Study.² At the Commission's October 19, 2023, meeting the Commission approved the staff recommendation to hire Cheryl Lee Johnson in that capacity.³ The Commission approved the contract for an initial six months (ending on June 30, 2024) in the amount of \$10,000.⁴ As indicated in Memorandum 2023-37,⁵ the staff anticipated that the Commission could decide whether to extend the agreement into the 2024-25 fiscal year prior to the end of the initial term. At its June 20, 2024, meeting, the Commission approved the extension of Ms. Johnson's contract for fiscal year 2024-25.⁶ This Memorandum seeks the Commission's approval to extend the contract for fiscal year 2025-26, as the Antitrust Study is ongoing.

The staff has found Ms. Johnson's expertise and contributions to the study process very helpful.

The staff recommends the consultant contract with Cheryl Lee Johnson be extended through the 2025-26 fiscal year, ending June 30, 2026. The cost would be \$20,000.00 plus travel expenses.

DECISION

The Commission's approval is required before the Executive Director can execute an amendment to this contract.⁷ In the past, the Executive Director has sought the Commission's approval before entering into a contract for expert consulting services.

The Commission needs to decide whether to approve the amendment to extend the

¹ Any California Law Revision Commission document referred to in this memorandum can be obtained from the Commission. Recent materials can be downloaded from the Commission's website (www.clrc.ca.gov).

The Commission welcomes written comments at any time during its study process. Any comments received will be a part of the public record and may be considered at a public meeting. However, comments that are received less than five business days prior to a Commission meeting may be posted after the meeting and/or without staff analysis.

² See [Memorandum 2023-37](#), pp. 2-4 for a discussion of Cheryl Johnson's qualifications and the terms of the contract.

³ [Minutes \(Oct. 2023\)](#), p. 5.

⁴ *Id.*; [Memorandum 2023-37](#), pp. 3-4.

⁵ *Id.* at 3.

⁶ Third Supplement to Memorandum [2024-24](#).

⁷ California Law Revision Commission, [Handbook of Practices and Procedures](#) § 900.

contract with Ms. Johnson. If approved, the staff will take care of the formalities.

Respectfully submitted,

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