

## MEMORANDUM 2026-22

### **Antitrust Law: Status Report (Consultant Update)**

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This memorandum<sup>1</sup> provides a status update on the Commission's Antitrust consultant contract.<sup>2</sup> At the Commission's October 19, 2023, meeting the Commission approved<sup>3</sup> the staff recommendation to hire Cheryl Lee Johnson in that capacity. The Commission approved the contract in the amount of \$10,000 for an initial six months, ending on June 30, 2024.<sup>4</sup> The Commission subsequently approved extending Ms. Johnson's contract for fiscal years 2024-25<sup>5</sup> and 2025-26.<sup>6</sup> This Memorandum seeks the Commission's approval to extend the contract for fiscal year 2026-27 to support the Antitrust Study and related Commission legislation.

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 2026-27 fiscal year, ending June 30, 2027. The cost would be \$20,000.00 plus travel expenses.

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

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<sup>1</sup> 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](http://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.

<sup>2</sup> Memorandum [2023-37](#), pp. 2-4 discusses Cheryl Johnson's qualifications for this role.

<sup>3</sup> [Minutes](#) (Oct. 2023), p. 5.

<sup>4</sup> Memorandum [2023-37](#), pp. 3-4.

<sup>5</sup> [Third Supplement](#) to Memorandum 2024-24; [First Supplement](#) to Memorandum 2026-16, p. 4.

<sup>6</sup> Memorandum [2025-33](#); [Minutes](#) (June 2025), p. 6.

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

**The Commission needs to decide whether to approve the amendment to extend the contract with Ms. Johnson.**

If approved, the staff will handle the formalities.

Respectfully submitted,

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