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RE: Suggestions for Consideration in Allocating Judicial Branch Budget Reductions

"On behalf of the California Commission on Access to Justice, we are writing to you to express our appreciation to you, as Chief Justice, and to the Judicial Council for your strong support for key access projects and services that have been established over the past 15 years to ensure the accessibility of our judicial system for California's most vulnerable residents....The Commission includes appointees from the Governor, the Attorney General, the President Pro Tem of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, the California Judicial Council, California Judges Association, the State Bar of California, and other business and civic organizations.

In pursuing long-term solutions, the Access to Justice Commission has been extremely gratified that so many creative mechanisms have been instituted in our statewide judicial system that improved access for low-income Californians. Examples of the statewide improvements recognized across the country include..":

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<http://www.corporationwiki.com/California/Riverside/ramon-c-alvarez-P4353397.aspx>

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Court house News 5.13.11 by Maria Dinzeo

<http://www.courthousenews.com/2011/05/13/36587.htm>

L.A. Judges Fire Back in AB1208 Melee SAN FRANCISCO (CN) - A letter from a Santa Barbara judge [James Herman] sent on apparently fake letterhead earlier this week to California's chief justice attacked the influence of Los Angeles judges on a controversial bill pending in the state legislature, and it brought a swift and strong reaction from Los Angeles late Friday.

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**3.30.11 MetNews AOC
Regional Director Sheila Calabro
Announces Retirement** *In the wake of long-time Administrative Director of the Courts William C. Vickrey's announced retirement, another high-level official with ties to the embattled California Case Management System project has said she [Sheilia Calabro] will be stepping down as well.*

<http://www.metnews.com/articles/2011/aoc033011.htm>

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“Frank leads CalChamber's Legal Affairs Department, which participates in court cases having a broad impact on California's economy and business climate—including workers' compensation reform, labor and employment, taxation, litigation reform and commercial free speech. As CalChamber's subject matter expert on California and federal employment law, she oversees and contributes to CalChamber's labor law and human resources compliance publications”.

“On the front lines of California's regulatory environment, Frank and her team are first to know when and how changes in law affect employers. She uses her employment law expertise to develop and facilitate training courses for HR professionals, and she is a sought-after speaker at industry events.

<http://www.calchamber.com/headlines/pages/06062011-jobkillerbillsfailtomove.aspx>

(June 6, 2011) A number of California Chamber of Commerce-opposed “job killer” bills are likely dead for the year, having missed the legislative deadline to pass the house in which they were introduced. Missed Deadline The following “job killer” bills failed to pass their house of origin: AB 1208 (C. Calderon; D-Montebello) Court Inefficiency Creates uncertainty, inefficiency and unpredictability for litigants, further aggravating California's reputation as a bad place to do business, by decentralizing control of trial court funds.”

California Labor Federation????

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MetNews May 4, 2011

Assembly Judiciary Committee's Vote Advances AB 1208

Liebert reported...that many groups had joined the Judicial Council in opposition, including the California Commission on Access to Justice, the Civil Justice Association of California, te Consumer Attorneys of California, the California Defense Counsel, and the California Chamber of Commerce. <http://www.metnews.com/articles/2011/ab050411.htm>

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