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SUBJECT: Aranda Access to Justice Award

******* Nomination Deadline: October 12, 2001 *******

Dear Colleague:

Please use the attached form to nominate a California judge for the annual Benjamin Aranda III Access to Justice Award.

The award honors one California trial judge or appellate court justice who deserves recognition for his or her efforts to improve access to our judicial system for low and moderate income persons. The award will be made jointly by the Judicial Council, the State Bar of California and the California Judges Association and will be presented at the California Judicial Administration Conference early in 2002.

This annual award honors the judge who has demonstrated a long-term commitment to equal access to our courts, and who has personally done significant work in improving access to our courts for low and moderate income Californians. The award is named in honor of the late Judge Aranda who was known for his tireless efforts to promote fairness and access in the courts. The award has been presented three times; in 1999 to Judge Judith McConnell of San Diego Superior Court, in 2000 to Judge Veronica S. McBeth of Los Angeles Superior Court, and in 2001 to Judge Charles Campbell of Ventura County Superior Court.

The California Commission on Access to Justice will select the award recipient in consultation with the Judicial Council, the State Bar and CJA. The Commission, whose membership includes appointees from each of those three entities, as well as from the business, labor, education and religious communities, is dedicated to pursuing long term strategies designed to make significant progress toward the goal of improving access to justice. The Commission is addressing a number of important issues such as the increase in pro per litigants, involvement of the judiciary in encouraging pro bono and the study of successful models for systemic improvement in our judicial system in order to provide increased access to justice for all Californians, regardless of financial resources.

Thank you for your interest, and for considering a deserving judge for this prestigious award. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Mary C. Viviano, Director, Legal Services Outreach,
State Bar of California, on behalf of the California Commission on Access to Justice

Nomination Deadline: October 12, 2001

BENJAMIN ARANDA III ACCESS TO JUSTICE AWARD

**PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF
THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL, THE CALIFORNIA JUDGES ASSOCIATION,
AND THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA**

**Nominations are being sought for the Benjamin Aranda III Access to Justice Award
by the California Commission on Access to Justice.**

Presented for the first time in 1999 by Chief Justice Ronald George to Judge Judith McConnell of the San Diego Superior Court, in 2000 to Judge Veronica S. McBeth of the Los Angeles Superior Court, and in 2001 to Judge Charles Campbell of Ventura County Superior Court, this annual award honors the judge who has demonstrated a long-term commitment to improving access to our courts, and who has personally done significant work in improving access for low and moderate income Californians.

The California Commission on Access to Justice will select the award winner in consultation with the Judicial Council, the State Bar and CJA. The Commission, whose membership includes appointees from each of those three entities, as well as from the business, labor, education and religious communities, is dedicated to pursuing long term strategies designed to make significant progress toward the goal of improving access to justice.

Criteria for Award:

- ◆ Criteria to be used in the selection of the award recipient include one or more of the following:
- ◆ Demonstrated dedication to improving access to our judicial system for low and moderate income Californians;
- ◆ Demonstrated commitment to increasing the involvement of volunteer attorneys in the representation of the indigent;
- ◆ Successful establishment of a model system for providing assistance to self-represented litigants;
- ◆ Successful establishment of a model cooperative effort with local legal services programs or bar associations designed to improve available representation for low or moderate income litigants;
or
- ◆ Other significant activities demonstrating a long-term commitment to improving the accessibility of our judicial system for all Californians, regardless of income.

Nomination Process:

- ◆ Nomination forms are due on October 12, 2001 to Mary Viviano at the State Bar of California. A completed Nomination Form and supporting materials described on the Nomination Form should be included.
- ◆ The award recipient will be selected by the California Commission on Access to Justice, in consultation with the Judicial Council, the State Bar and CJA. The award will be presented at the California Judicial Administration Conference in February 2001 in San Diego.

**For more information, call Mary Viviano, State Bar Director of Legal Services Outreach
(415) 538-2251**

**BENJAMIN ARANDA III ACCESS TO JUSTICE AWARD
2002 NOMINATION FORM
Nominations due: October 12, 2001**

Nominee's Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ () _____ FAX: _____ () _____

Name of Nominee's Clerk: _____

Phone No. of Nominee's Clerk: _____

Please include the following supporting materials with this nomination form:

- Description of how the nominee meets the award criteria
- The nominee's resume
- Three additional references
- Letters of support (up to five letters will be accepted)

Nominator's Name: _____

Court/Firm/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ () _____ FAX: _____ () _____

Nominator's Signature: _____

Mailed nominations are preferred. Please submit one (1) copy of the nomination form and accompanying materials by October 12, 2001 to:

*Mary Viviano, Director, Legal Services Outreach
State Bar of California
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-1639*

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