

First Supplement to Memorandum 2015-17

Recognition of Tribal and Foreign Court Money Judgments (Stakeholders)

At its October 2014 meeting, the Commission¹ gave the staff the following direction:

When inviting stakeholder participation in a new study, the staff should provide Commissioners with a list of the groups and individuals that were invited to participate.²

This memorandum was prepared to provide such information for the *Recognition of Tribal and Foreign Court Money Judgments* study, which was first introduced in October 2014.

Existing Mailing List

The Commission has a number of separate mailing lists for different subject areas. Generally, if a new study falls within the subject area covered by an existing mailing list, then that list is used as a starting point for distribution of materials in the new study.

The Commission has a mailing list for “Debtor-Creditor Relations,” with approximately 70 subscribers. The topic of the current study (recognition of tribal and foreign money judgments) falls under the broad umbrella of Debtor-Creditor issues. Although this study addresses a narrow issue, some groups or individuals who are interested in Debtor-Creditor Relations generally would likely be interested in recognition of money judgments of other jurisdictions. **For that reason, the staff is using the mailing list described above as a starting point for distribution of materials in this study.**

This memorandum does not disclose the identity of individual subscribers to that mailing list. Doing so would appear to violate state privacy policy, which

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). Other materials can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s staff, through the website or otherwise.

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 presented without staff analysis.

2. Minutes (Oct. 2014), p. 3.

generally prohibits the disclosure of personally identifiable information collected by state agencies.³

New Additions

The staff contacted a number of potentially interested organizations, to inform them of this study and invite them to subscribe and participate. For the most part, the organizations contacted by staff fall into at least one of the following categories:

- Organizations that participated in the legislative process for Senate Bill 406 (Evans) (2014) (which assigned the Commission the present study).
- Organizations that participated in the Commission's study of tribal law issues in connection with the study of the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act (UAGPPJA).
- Associations of tribal governments or courts that operate primarily in California.

The staff also tried to identify organizations of foreign governments or courts of foreign nations, but did not find any that are active in California. However, the staff contacted the California State Bar. The Bar's International Law Section likely includes practitioners who have experience with foreign judgment recognition issues.

The staff contacted the following groups to inform them of the study and invite their participation:

- Blue Lake Rancheria
- California Association of Tribal Governments
- California Indian Legal Services
- California Judges Association
- California State Bar Association (which includes the International Law Section)
- Dehesa Valley Community Council
- Governor's Office of the Tribal Advisor
- Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake
- Inter-Tribal Council of California
- Intertribal Court of Northern California
- Intertribal Court of Southern California

3. Gov't Code § 11019.9(b)(3).

- Judicial Council (which includes the Tribal Court-State Court Forum, an advisory body to the Judicial Council)
- Northern California Tribal Court Coalition
- Stand Up for California
- Stop Graton Casino
- Uniform Law Commission
- West Bank Homeowners Association

Suggestions

The staff welcomes suggestions from Commissioners of other persons or groups who should be contacted about this new study.

Respectfully submitted,

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