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Re: Payments to Court-Appointed Counsel

To: Appellate Court-Appointed Counsel:

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) received word today from the Office of the State Controller (SCO) that payments to court-appointed counsel will be held at their office, and not paid, for at least 30 days. All compensation claims submitted by the AOC to the SCO on or after January 29 are being held at least 30 days before they will be paid.

Any compensation claims transmitted from the appellate projects to the AOC on or after January 27, 2009 will be held at SCO for at least 30 days. Please contact your project, if you have questions about whether your claim will be paid or held for at least 30 days.

As the AOC receives more information, we will pass it on to you. We know the current situation imposes an extreme hardship on you and your families and we are in daily communication with the SCO to get more definite information about the budget impasse's effect on appellate court-appointed counsel.

Thank you for your continued work on behalf of indigent appellants in California.

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