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CAOC reacts to Blueprint for Access to Justice

Chief Justice's proposal is "a step in the right direction"

SACRAMENTO (Jan. 14, 2014) – The following is a statement by Consumer Attorneys of California president John M. Feder on the Blueprint for Access to Justice unveiled today by California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye:

"We strongly support the restoration of adequate funding to California's court system. For the past six years, as court funding has shriveled, California consumers and businesses have faced increasing obstacles to resolving disputes that can be fairly handled only by the courts. The long waits and travel inconveniences that have been created by closing courthouses, cutting staff and reducing service hours must end. The Chief Justice's proposal addresses the reality of what it will take to have a fully functioning judicial branch, and we think it is a step in the right direction toward restoring the access to justice that California citizens deserve in a society of laws."

Consumer Attorneys of California is a professional organization of plaintiffs' attorneys representing consumers seeking accountability against wrongdoers in cases involving personal injury, product liability, environmental degradation and other causes.

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