Supreme Court

No. 2001-08

EXECUTIVE ORDER

At my request, the Rhode Island Bar Association endorsed the creation of a Task Force for Increasing Affordable Legal Services ("Task Force") to examine mechanisms to increase affordable services for all Rhode Island citizens, and to make recommendations regarding the implementation of programs to achieve this goal.

As a result, it is hereby ordered that a Task Force is created consisting of the following membership:

Robert D. Oster, Esquire, Chair
Presiding Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court or his designee
Chief Judge of the Rhode Island Family Court or his designee
Chief Judge of the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court or his designee
The Honorable Dominic F. Cresto, retired Associate Justice of the Superior Court
The Honorable Robert K. Pirraglia, District Court, as acquiesced by the Chief Judge of the District Court
The Honorable Elaine T. Bucci, District Court, as acquiesced by the Chief Judge of the District Court
Representative from the Traffic Tribunal as designated by the Chief Judge of the District Court
Senator John Patterson
The Honorable John B. Harwood, Speaker of the House or his designee
The Honorable William V. Irons, Senate Majority Leader or his designee
The Honorable Robert A. Watson, House Minority Leader or his designee
The Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee or his designee
The Honorable Robert E. Flaherty, Chairperson, House Judiciary Committee or his designee
The Honorable Robert L. Carl, Jr., Director, Department of Administration or his designee
The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse, Attorney General or his designee
John Hardiman, Public Defender or his designee
Gail M. Valuk, Esquire, Deputy State Court Administrator

Robert M. Barge, Esquire, Rhode Island Legal Services or his designee
Jametta O. Alston, Esquire
David A. Cooper, Esquire
Carl Krueger, Esquire
Scott K. Keefer, Esquire
Joseph J. Roszkowski, Esquire
David M. Zlotnick, Esquire
Lise M. Iwon, Esquire
Richard W. MacAdams, Esquire
John A. Tarantino, Esquire
Helen Desmond McDonald, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Bar Association
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island (ex-officio)

Other members may be appointed by further order of the Chief Justice. The first meeting of the plenary session of the Task Force is scheduled for July 11, 2001 at 12:30 p.m. in the lawyers' lounge on the 7th floor of the Licht Judicial Complex. The Task Force shall present its interim report to the Chief Justice on or before December 31, 2001

The Supreme Court appreciates the interest of all who are willing to serve on this Task Force.

Entered as an Order of this Court on this 5th day of July, 2001.

ENTERED: BY ORDER:

Frank J. Williams
Chief Justice

Clerk