

**District Court of Appeal Budget Commission
Conference Call Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2008**

DCABC Members Present:

Judge Stevan Northcutt, Chair
Judge Paul Hawkes
Judge Juan Ramirez
Judge Robert Gross
Judge David Monaco

Judge Edwin Browning Jr., Vice Chair
Judge David Gersten
Judge George Shahood
Judge William Palmer

Others Present:

Marshal Don Brannon
Marshal Dottie Munro
Marshal Ty Berdeaux

Marshal Jo Suhr
Marshal Glen Rubin
OSCA Staff

Absent

Judge Carolyn Fulmer
Lisa Goodner

Judge Darryl Casanueva

Judge Stevan Northcutt called the District Court of Appeal Budget Commission (DCABC) meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Judge Northcutt recognized Judge Gersten to discuss the 3rd DCA recurring cuts for FY's 2008-09. Judge Gersten provided the members with background information and the reductions proposed were as follows:

9.0 FTE's (4.0 in the clerk's office; 1.0 FTE in the marshal's office; 3.0 FTE's in central staff; 1.0 FTE in maintenance staff; addition of a security screener and security officer, pursuant to the Chief Justices' approval; decertification of one judgeship, effective January 5, 2009; 22,862 in the Expense category; 17,845 in the Operating Capital Outlay category; 95,760 in the Law Library category; and 119,500 in the Security category) totaling \$808,237. The total represents a 29.5% reduction from the base budget for FY 2008-09.

Judge Gersten also outlined reductions for FY 2009-2010 consisting of: the remaining dollars from decertification of 1.0 FTE judge; 2.0 FTE's career attorneys; and 1.0 FTE appellate judicial assistant totaling 221,167. The total represents a 37.6% reduction from the base budget for FY 2009-2010 and a 14.9% total reduction in FTE's for both fiscal years equaling \$1,029,404.

An additional \$1,933,122 in reductions to the appellate courts recurring base budgets is necessary from the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th DCA's for FY 2008-09. The commission agreed to conduct a follow up meeting for next Tuesday, May 6, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. to continue reduction exercises for FY 2008-09.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.