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From: Mike McLachlan
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 10:15 AM
To: Jack Komar; jcare@jamsadr.com
Cc: Dan O'Leary; Rowena Walker; Wendy Wang; Jeff Dunn
Subject: RE: Request

Your honor,

I concur, the City of LA is a separate entity so the Inyo matter would not seem to be a disclosure of relevance to the Wood class. I was out yesterday afternoon and will be engaged most of today, but will review the other matters with Dan O'Leary later today or Monday.

In one of the emails with JAMS yesterday I saw your reference to the Supreme Court's Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee. I know nothing about that or how it works but I would guess you do given your years on the bench. If you feel that makes sense here, then I see no reason for you not to consult them. This is a very unusual and circumstance for sure.

There were several emails yesterday on this subject exchanged between the court, JAMS and me. I understand is the only sensible way to handle this given that you do not have a regular chambers and full-time staff. To the extent Ms. Walker is not able to post/serve the emails, I will make sure to go through and have my office post any that are missed so we do not have any ex parte communications. That may not occur until this weekend or Monday.

For current purposes, I'm adding Jeff Dunn and Wendy Wang to this email, since they are counsel for the only remaining party who is directly adverse to the Wood Class. I'm not readily finding Eric Garner's email in my contacts so he is omitted.

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As it seems, after a search by JAMS of its records, it was not L.A. County but rather the city that was involved in the mediation, I have not been able to recall any other mediations or arbitrations, for that matter, in which L.A. County was a party with the exception of the Antelope Coordinated Cases.

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From: Jack Komar <jvkomar@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 5:16 PM
To: Rowena Walker
Cc: Mike McLachlan
Subject: Service Lists for Cases involving some Antelope Lawyers
Attachments: ServiceListbyRep - 1110026664.pdf; ServiceListbyRep - 1110024055.pdf; ServiceListbyRep - 1110023845.pdf; ServiceListbyRep - 1220043690.pdf

Rowena: I think it appropriate that the attached service lists be downloaded to the Antelope Case website. Do you agree?
These are cases I have handled through JAMS,

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These are service lists compiled by JAMS.

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From: Josephine Care <jcare@jamsadr.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 4:48 PM
To: Mike McLachlan; Jack Komar
Cc: Dan O'Leary
Subject: RE: Request
Attachments: ServiceListbyRep - 1110026664.pdf; ServiceListbyRep - 1110024055.pdf; ServiceListbyRep - 1110023845.pdf; ServiceListbyRep - 1220043690.pdf

Attached are the service lists for:

Steinbeck Vineyards # 1, LLC, et al. vs County of San Luis Obispo, et al. - 1110026664
Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition, et al. vs Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, et al. – 1110024055
Santa Barbara Channelkeeper vs State Water Resources Control Board, et al. – 1110023845
City of Los Angeles, et al. vs Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo - 1220043690

From: Mike McLachlan <mike@mclachlan-law.com>
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To: Jack Komar <jvkomar@sbcglobal.net>; Josephine Care <jcare@jamsadr.com>
Cc: Dan O'Leary <dan@danolearylaw.com>
Subject: Re: Request

Just to be clear, it was matters involving the County of Los Angeles or Best Best and Krieger, not the County and BBK.

I do not see the LA County v. Inyo County matter here. Thanks,

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Yes. If there are others I will search my brain but I do not have written records of closed mediation cases. Thank you.

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On Thu, Sep 16, 2021 at 3:00 PM, Josephine Care <jcare@jamsadr.com> wrote:

Hello,

Judge Komar is correct. These three cases pop up in our system:

2021, Mediation, Steinbeck Vineyards # 1, LLC, et al. vs County of San Luis Obispo, et al. - 1110026664

2019, Mediation, Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition, et al. vs Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, et al. – 1110024055

2019, Mediation, Santa Barbara Channelkeeper vs State Water Resources Control Board, et al. – 1110023845

Judge let me know if you'd like me to release the service list to him on these three cases.

Josie



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Cc: mike@mclachlan-law.com
Subject: Fw: Request

Josie:

I don't know if its possible to compile the cases (I think they were all mediations) I have had since 2010 with JAMS that involve the County of Los Angeles (I know one was County of L.A. v. Inyo County) or the Best, Best and Kreiger law firm (Attorneys Jeffry Dunn and Vera Wang and Eric Garner. Other names coming to mind are Los Pasos and the Steinbeck Winery Case. That I think is what Mr. McLachlan has reference to. I know you would not have any listings for Antelope Valley or related cases since those were by assignment and not through JAMS. If you can do a keyword search just using L.A. County (including its subdivisions), Best, Best and Kreiger, Jeffry Dunn, Ms. Wang, and Mr. Garner, it will be a good start and may suffice.

Thanks

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Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021, 01:06:58 PM PDT
Subject: RE: Request

Ms. Care,

I will take a stab at this. The case name, as a consolidated JCCP Proceeding, is "Antelope Valley Groundwater Cases." I attach the caption that has generally been used by the Court. My case is the Wood case at the bottom.

Although the cases were consolidated, generating a full disclosure would be very time consuming I think. Here is a list of the primary parties if you want to see why that would be quite an endeavor and one I would not pursue:

<http://www.avwatermaster.org/cases/parties/partylist.jsp?caseId=19>

I am fine with a disclosure report that deals just with Los Angeles County-affiliated entities and departments and the firm Best, Best & Krieger. If JAMS for some reason feels compelled to be more complete on a case-wide basis, then my suggestion is to limit it to my case, Wood v. Los Angeles County Waterworks et al. That had 9 or 10 defendants and 4-5 counsel. But again, not necessary for our purposes as all but LA County have settled out of the case going forward.

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Good afternoon,

Could I get a case name and all parties and attorneys and then I can run a disclosure report for you?

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Thank you Your Honor. As a small point of clarification, that request should include any Department within the County of Los Angeles, e.g. LA County Department of Public Works, LA Dept of Water and Power, etc. (This arises from the definition of "Party" in C.C.P. 170.1(8)(B)(ii).)

Ms. Care, this clarification is not an instruction by me to you per se, as the below request comes at the instruction of Judge Komar, at my request. I am not intending to countermand his authority in this regard.

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Josie: An attorney in the Antelope Case seeks my JAMS Case history with regard to both the County of Los Angeles and the law firm of Best, Best and Kreiger. Specifically, he requests to know of all cases in which I have acted as a mediator and JAMS has been compensated by either Los Angeles County or the Law Firm, or both, which resulted in fees to me.. This would include all mediations and any arbitrations, with the name of the case, the dates of service, etc., Can you provide that to me with a copy to him ; in any event I will pass it on to him and post it on the Antelope Valley Case website..

I am copying him on this e-mail.

Thanks.