

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: District Attorney

SUBMITTAL DATE:
7-25-2006

SUBJECT: Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Institute for the Advancement of Criminal Justice for the Chapman University School of Law/CDAALM. Authorizing a One-Time Expenditure.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Riverside, District Attorney's office (hereinafter "County") and the Institute for the Advancement of Criminal Justice for the Chapman University School of Law/CDAALM. and authorize the District Attorney to sign the MOU on behalf of the Board.

2. Approve the District Attorney's request for a one-time asset forfeiture expenditure of \$100,000 to the Institute for the Advancement of Criminal Justice from the District Attorney's State Adjudicated Asset Forfeiture Fund to implement a Master of Prosecutorial Science Degree Program in cooperation with Chapman University's School of Law. Because this expenditure enhances prosecution and law enforcement efforts and training as well as the criminal justice system within the community, it is an appropriate use of the funds pursuant to §11489 H & S.

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GROVER C. TRASK II
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 100,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0.00	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0.00	For Fiscal Year:	2007

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Riverside County District Attorney's State Adjudicated Asset Forfeiture Fund 11018	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature



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 Per Exec. Ofc.:

COUNTY COUNSEL

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Departmental Concurrence

BACKGROUND: Approval of the MOU at this time enables the District Attorney to provide funding for the CDAA Board of Directors and Chapman University approved program designed as a post-Juris Doctor, low residency, distance learning Master of Prosecutorial Science (MPS) Degree Program. It is to be administered and maintained under the exclusive auspices of CDAA in direct relationship with the Chapman University of Law, a California ABA/AALS accredited law school. Chapman University will be the degree granting institution. County Counsel has approved the MOU as to form.

This one-time expenditure of \$100,000 will be 100% funded by the District Attorney's State Adjudicated Asset Forfeiture Fund 11018.

The establishment of this program further anticipates the parallel establishment of a permanent CDAA Conference and Training Center.

This innovative new continuing legal education for prosecutors is the first of its kind in the nation and supports the District Attorney's vision of developing and maintaining a career prosecutor's office.

The California District Attorney's Association (CDAA) was originally composed of county counsels and district attorneys and has been in existence for over 90 years. In 1974, CDAA was incorporated with the mission to serve the needs and promote the interests of California's prosecutors. CDAA serves as a source of continuing legal education and legislative advocacy for its membership of over 2,500 and provides a forum for the exchange of information and innovation in the criminal justice field.

Many prosecutors describe their law school experience as one in which their interest in becoming a prosecutor was discouraged by both faculty and peers. Clinical education was infrequently, if ever, centered in a district attorney's office. Courses centered on specialized skills for criminal law practitioners, aside from trial advocacy, were not a part of the curriculum. Yet, prosecutors lacking the positive recognition their profession deserves are of paramount importance to the criminal justice system.

Nationwide, there is currently no law school offering a Master of Legal Letters (LL.M.) program specializing in prosecutorial science. Therefore, the CDAA Board of Directors recently approved the establishment of a Master's Program in conjunction with the Chapman University School of Law (CUSOL). District Attorney Grover Trask was appointed by CDAA to chair the Prosecutors Advisory Board to assist in the development of the master's program.

The District Attorney is requesting \$100,000 from the District Attorney's State Adjudicated Asset Forfeiture Funds Balance for a one-time expenditure to the Institute for the Advancement of Criminal Justice (IACJ), the non-profit arm of the CDAA, to implement a Master of Prosecutorial Science Degree Program in cooperation with Chapman University's School of Law. The State Asset

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Forfeiture Program is an effective law enforcement tool from which federal, state and local law enforcement agencies share the proceeds of seized/forfeited property and assets from criminal enterprises. Because this expenditure will enhance prosecution and law enforcement efforts and training, as well as criminal justice within the community, it is an appropriate use of those funds pursuant to Health and Safety Code §11489 (a). San Diego, Orange, and Solano Counties have already approved similar requests from their district attorneys. Per the MOU, the IACJ will apply \$100,000 toward the funding of tuition scholarships.

This Master's Program, requiring the completion of 24 credits, will be offered to working prosecutors from district attorney's offices, the California Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of Justice, as well as criminal prosecutors nationwide. Admission will be limited to those who possess five or more years experience in criminal prosecution and are active prosecutors. The curriculum will be designed so that classes are concentrated in the evenings, weekends, summers, via live distance-oriented Internet classes, and distance-friendly Directed Research projects. In addition, CUSOL has agreed to produce an annual publication of a scholarly law journal, the Chapman Journal of Criminal Justice, to be available to district attorney's offices nationwide.