



Cy Pres Awards

California law authorizes “cy pres” awards of unclaimed class action funds to nonprofits that provide “civil legal services to the indigent” in California. (Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 384(b).)

Why the Public Law Center (PLC)?

Public Law Center (PLC) is a qualified cy pres recipient, because it provides free civil legal services to low-income Orange County, CA residents. PLC assists low-income individuals, small/micro businesses, and nonprofit entities with legal issues relating to housing, consumer protection, healthcare, immigration, veterans’ issues, and more.

<i>Focus Areas</i>	<i>Examples of Impact</i>
Housing & Homelessness Prevention	Eviction defense, landlord-tenant disputes, unsafe housing
Consumer Protection	Debt collection defense, fraud, predatory lending
Immigration	Deportation, DACA, asylum, victims of crime (including domestic violence and human trafficking)
Small Business & Nonprofits	Business startup, governance, liability minimization
Veterans & Federal Tax Issues	Benefits access, discharge upgrades, low-income taxpayer representation
Family Law	Custody, domestic violence restraining orders

How to Designate PLC for a Cy Pres Award

When distributing residual funds, include PLC as a proposed recipient. Highlight how PLC’s mission aligns with the interests of the class and serves the public benefit. **PLC can assist in preparing justification language or budgets for court filings.**

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