



California Fair Political Practices Commission

September 19, 1989

Shirley Wechsler
Campaign Treasurer
Committee to Elect Charles G. Rubin
11783 Laurelcrest Drive
Studio City, CA 91604

Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. A-89-509

Dear Ms. Wechsler:

You have requested advice on behalf Judge Charles G. Rubin regarding the campaign disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").^{1/}

QUESTION

May campaign funds received prior to January 1, 1989, which are within the limitations of Proposition 73, be used to pay for Judge Rubin's participation in an event sponsored by the California Judges Foundation?

CONCLUSION

There is nothing in the Political Reform Act which would prohibit the use of funds received prior to January 1, 1989 to be used for participation in this event. However, the Attorney General's office should be consulted concerning the propriety of this expenditure under the "personal use" law.

^{1/} Government Code Sections 81000-91015. All statutory references are to the Government Code unless otherwise indicated. Commission regulations appear at 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18000, et seq. All references to regulations are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations.

ANALYSIS

The Political Reform Act does not prohibit campaign funds received prior to January 1, 1989 from being used to support Judge Rubin's future election or for his current officeholder expenses.^{2/} However, California Elections Code Section 12400, et seq. prohibits personal use of campaign funds and sets out the permissible uses of campaign funds. The Fair Political Practices Commission does not interpret this statute. The California Attorney General is responsible for its interpretation and enforcement. A determination of whether Judge Rubin may use campaign funds for participation in an event sponsored by the California Judges Foundation must be addressed by the Attorney General's office.

I hope this information is helpful to you. Please call me at (916) 322-5662 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kathryn E. Donovan
General Counsel



By: Sandra L. Taylor
Political Reform Consultant

^{2/} On September 15, the United States District Court, Eastern District, California, ordered the Commission to cease enforcement of Section 85306 because that statute is unconstitutional. (Service Employees International Union v. Fair Political Practices Commission, No. CIVS 89-0433 LKK-JRM.) Section 85306 prohibited expenditure of campaign funds held on January 1, 1989 to support or oppose a candidacy for elective office.

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I.D. 820920

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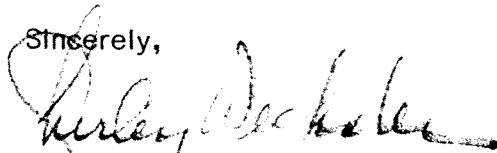
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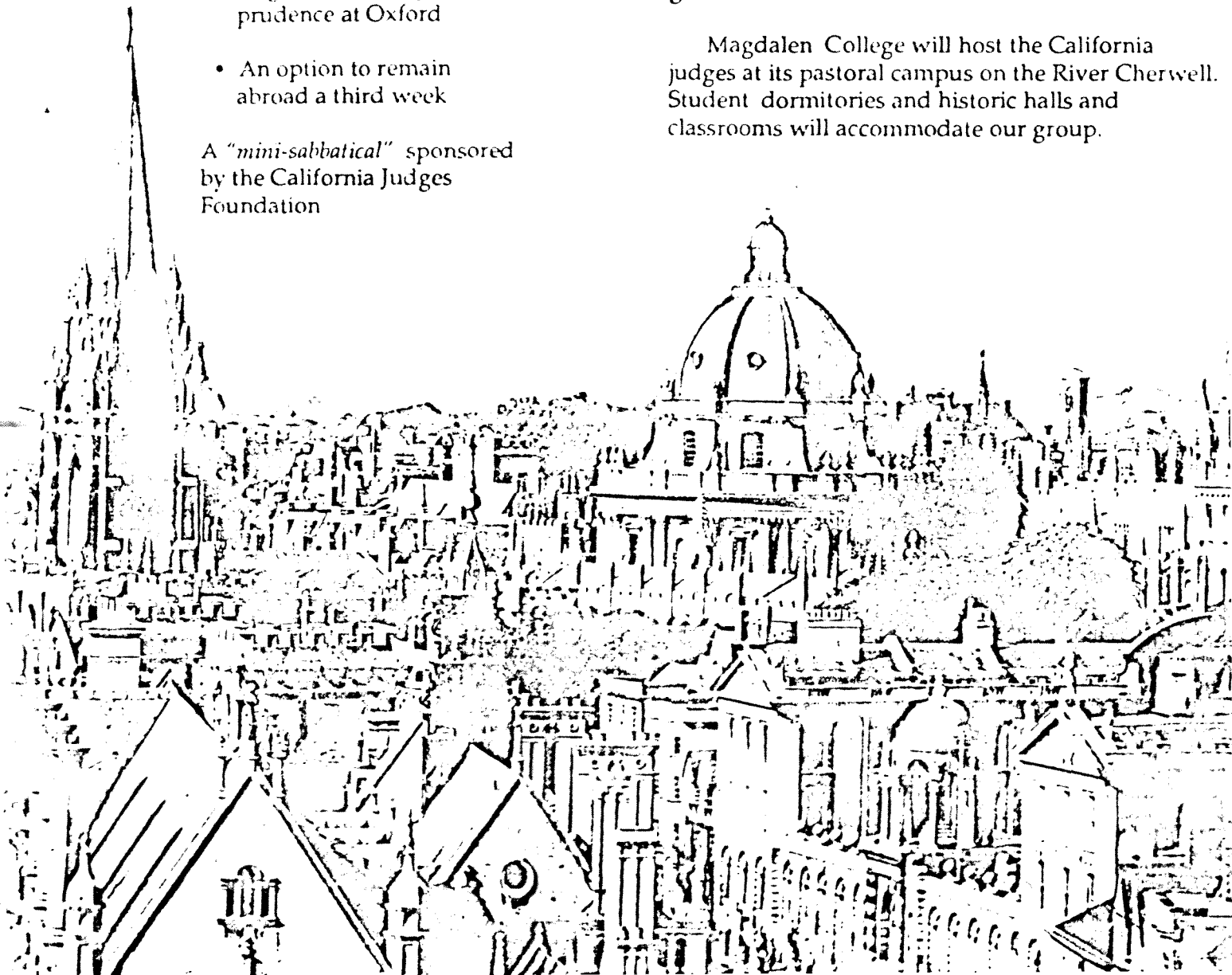
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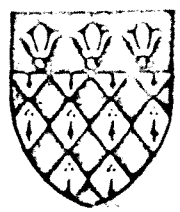
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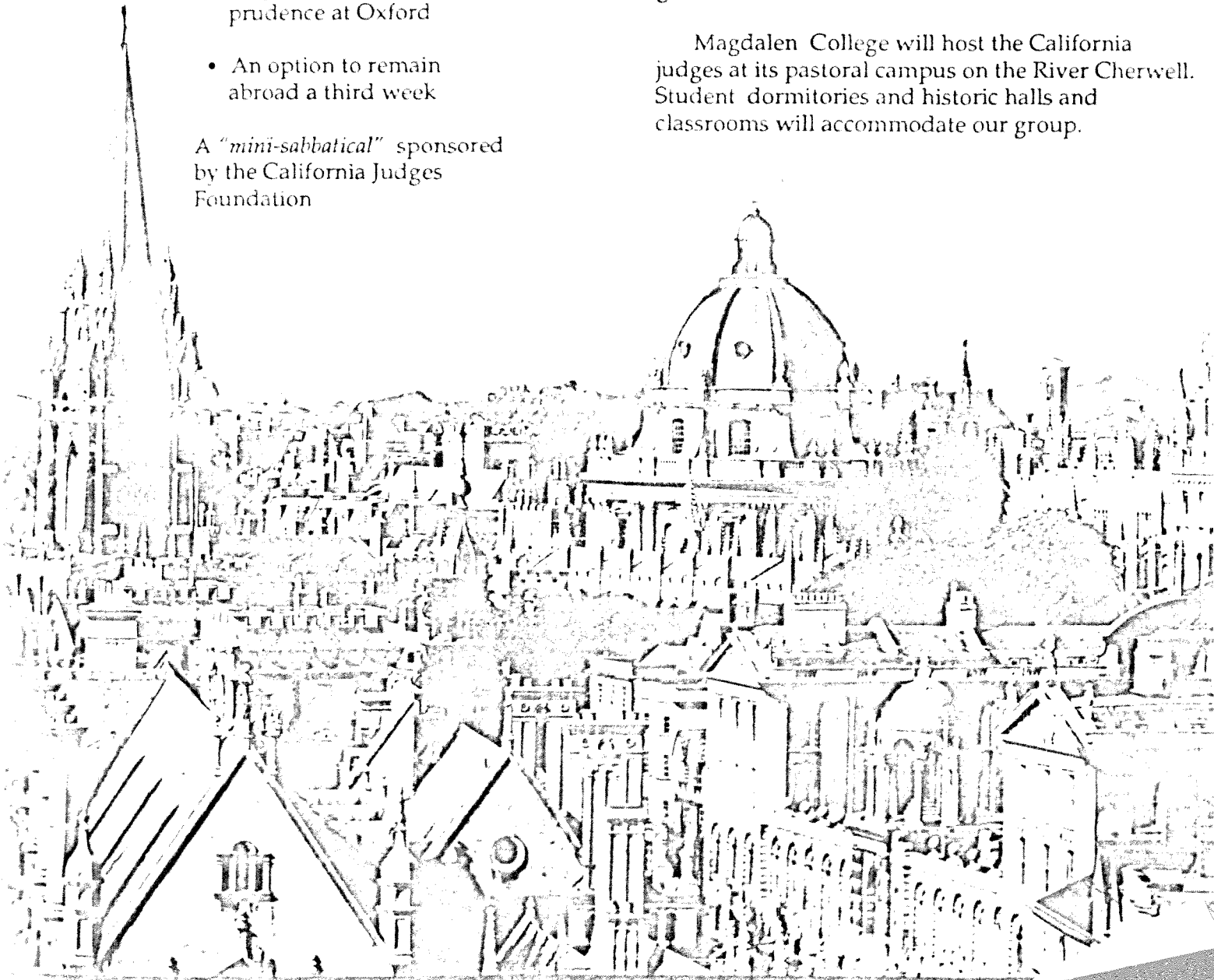
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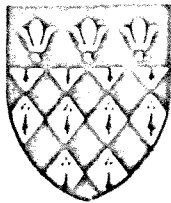
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You also should be aware that your letter and our response are public records which may be disclosed to the public upon receipt of a proper request for disclosure.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne Pritchard".

Jeanne Pritchard
Chief Technical Assistance
and Analysis Division

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