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LOOKING AHEAD TO 2012: MAKING COURT FUNDING A PRIORITY

The Daily Journal published an article by Brian Kabateck, the founding partner of Kabateck Brown Kellner LLP in Los Angeles, on legislative priorities for the Consumer Attorneys of California. Kabateck, the president elect of the association, said that with this year's court budget cut by \$350 and the courts enduring 30 percent cuts overall in the past three years, access to the courts has been significantly curtailed. That's because the courts has resulted in layoffs, court and clerks' desk closures, furloughs, and increasing civil case backlogs. And these cuts have had direct and measurable affects on the most vulnerable litigants: children, seniors and indigent consumers. In response, the Consumer Attorneys of California will intensify their activities in 2012 to preserve access to justice.

"The simple truth is that the courts need more funding because we need them," Kabateck said.