

Superior Court  
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State of California  
San Diego

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Ms. Jacquelyn Finney  
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**Re: Finney v. California Department of Managed Care, Case No. GINO24734**

Dear Ms. Finney:

I am in receipt of your letter dated August 15, 2003, regarding your complaints about Judge Nugent's handling of your case. For reasons that will follow, I have not reviewed the file.

My power to review your case is limited. Although I am the Presiding Judge of this court, my duties are limited to those set forth in the California Rules of Court at rule 6.603. In general, these rules relate to the assignment of judges and management of the court. A presiding judge does not have any oversight or disciplinary authority over the other judges, nor does he/she have the authority to review individual cases. Each Superior Court judge is a co-equal constitutional officer and none have review authority over any other. Review is a function performed by the Courts of Appeal and various state agencies.

If, as you say, Judge Nugent erred in your case, there are established legal procedures for addressing claims such as yours. However, I am precluded by law from giving you legal advice. If you cannot afford an attorney, there is a public law library and each law school in town has a law library. You can find resources and people there to help you. There are also many legal aid and lawyer referral services in the greater San Diego area.

Very truly yours,



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