

normally would have been a one-day hearing extended over a period of eight months.

Geraldine's attorney requested a fee of approximately \$4,000 from Eugene's estate for his services in opposing Eugene's petition. Not only was Eugene's estate subjected to the \$4,000 claim--which the court disallowed upon objection by the Department's amicus--but also to fees charged by Eugene's attorney and by Mr. Hollowell, who filed a claim for about \$6,000. Although he requested compensation as a conservator, Hollowell's charges covered time spent in attending court proceedings to which he had been subpoenaed and services rendered as an attorney. It is not permissible, under California law, for a conservator to charge fees for legal work. Despite objections by the Department's amicus, Judge Brown awarded Hollowell a fee of \$5,500.

E. Fee Splitting and Double Charging

These subjects have been discussed under Section II. C., pages 27, 28, 30, 33, 39, 41, in connection with specific situations and individuals.

F. Indian Dissatisfaction

The majority of the adult members of the tribe were interviewed. With few exceptions, they expressed serious dissatisfaction with the program. Primary objections centered around:

1. Lack of knowledge about their estates.
2. Confusion and misunderstanding about their rights.
3. Failure of the program to train them to handle their own affairs.