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State Panel to Consider Governor's Appointments to Courts of Appeal

San Francisco—Public meetings have been scheduled by the Commission on Judicial Appointments on Friday, December 10, 2010, in the California Supreme Courtroom, Earl Warren Building, Fourth Floor, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco, to consider six appointments by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the state Courts of Appeal.

Public meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. on four appointments to the Third Appellate District (Sacramento), and at 2:00 p.m. on two appointments to the Fifth Appellate District (Fresno). The names and positions of the appointments follow.

Third Appellate District (Sacramento)

- Associate Justice Vance W. Raye, of the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District (Sacramento), as Presiding Justice of the Third Appellate District. He would fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Presiding Justice Arthur G. Scotland on September 30, 2010.
- Judge Elena J. Duarte, of the Superior Court of Sacramento County, as Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District. She would fill the vacancy created by the elevation of Justice Raye as Presiding Justice on December 10, 2010, if Justice Raye is confirmed to his new position.
- Judge William J. Murray, Jr., of the Superior Court of San Joaquin County, as Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District. He would fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Rodney Davis on February 16, 2009.
- Ms. Andrea Hoch, the Governor's Legal Affairs Secretary, as Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District. She would fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Rick Sims on November 30, 2010.

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The members of the commission who will consider the appointments to the Third Appellate District are Chief Justice Ronald M. George, chairperson; Attorney General Edmund G. Brown, Jr.; and Acting Administrative Presiding Justice Arthur Scotland.

Fifth Appellate District (Fresno)

- Associate Justice Brad R. Hill, of the Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District (Fresno), to an interim appointment as Presiding Justice of the Fifth Appellate District from December 28, 2010, to January 2, 2011. At a public meeting on August 11, 2010, the nomination of Justice Hill was confirmed as Presiding Justice of the Fifth Appellate District, to fill a vacancy created by the decision of Presiding Justice James A. Ardaiz, not to seek another term; his present term expires on January 2, 2011. As required by the state Constitution, once confirmed by the commission, Justice Hill's name appeared on the statewide ballot on November 2, 2010; on that date he was elected to the office of Presiding Justice for the term beginning January 3, 2011. The interim appointment allows Justice Hill to begin serving as Presiding Justice on December 28, due to the early retirement of Presiding Justice Ardaiz.
- Judge Donald R. Franson, Jr., of the Superior Court of Fresno County, as Associate Justice of the Fifth Appellate District. He would fill the vacancy created by the interim appointment of Associate Justice Brad R. Hill as Presiding Justice, beginning December 28, 2010.

The members of the commission who will consider the appointments to the Fifth Appellate District are Chief Justice George, chairperson; Attorney General Brown; and Administrative Presiding Justice James Ardaiz, of the Fifth Appellate District.

All communications to the commission by persons who wish to comment on the appointments should be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 3, 2010. The commission's address is:

Commission on Judicial Appointments
c/o Chief Justice of California
Supreme Court of California
350 McAllister Street
San Francisco, California 94102
Attention: Secretary to the Commission

Anyone wishing to testify before the commission must state that request in writing; include a statement whether the witness will be testifying in support or opposition to the appointee; and provide a summary of the proposed testimony, the facts upon which it is based, and its

relevance to the appointee's qualifications. A request to be included on the speakers' list must be received by the commission by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 3, 2010.

The guidelines for the Commission on Judicial Appointments are published as an appendix to the California Rules of Court and are available on the California Courts Web site at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/documents/guidelinescja.pdf>.

The guidelines also may be obtained by calling the Public Information Officer of the Judicial Council of California at 415-865-7726/7740.