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**Report**

TO: Members of the Judicial Council

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SUBJECT: Judicial Council Appointment to the California Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision (Action Required)

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Issue Statement

The California Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision (state council) was created by Senate Bill 2023 (Stats. 2000, ch. 658). Under SB 2023, the Judicial Council is to appoint one superior court judge to serve on the state council. (Pen. Code, § 11181(c).) In April 2005, the Judicial Council appointed Judge Rebecca S. Riley of the Superior Court of Ventura County to serve as the judicial representative on the state council. Judge Riley recently resigned from the state council. Thus, a new appointment must be made by the Judicial Council.

Recommendation

The Executive and Planning Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective February 22, 2008, appoint Judge Stephen W. White of the Superior Court of Sacramento County to the California Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision.

Rationale for Recommendation

Senate Bill 2023 created the state council in conjunction with the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (the compact), which superseded the 1937 interstate compact for the supervision of parolees and probationers. (Pen. Code, § 11180.) Generally, the compact (1) helps states administer the supervision of adult parolees and probationers that cross state lines; (2) updates rules and regulations of interstate supervision; and (3) provides for a national oversight board, the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (the national commission).

The state council's primary responsibility is to "exercise oversight and advocacy concerning its participation" in the national commission's activities (Pen. Code, §

11181(b)) and includes the “development of policy concerning operations and procedures of the compact within the state.” (*Ibid.*)

The primary role of the superior court judge representative is to act as a liaison between the state council and state judges in an informational and educational capacity. The judge also will participate in developing the administrative and procedural aspects of California’s implementation of the compact. As such, a judge with experience in the supervision of criminal offenders would be preferable.

Judge White was appointed to the superior court in 2003. Before joining the bench, he served as a deputy district attorney and a chief assistant attorney general and was appointed inspector general of California by Governor Gray Davis. As inspector general, Judge White was responsible for overseeing the Department of Corrections; Board of Prison Terms; Youth Authority; Youthful Offender Parole Board; Prison Industry Authority; and Youth and Adult Correctional Agency. Judge White currently presides over a juvenile delinquency court, and past assignments include felony trials for four years and supervising judge of felony pretrial proceedings.

#### Alternative Actions Considered

The Executive and Planning Committee proposes the nomination of Judge White from a list of three nominees reviewed by the committee.

#### Comments From Interested Parties

Not applicable.

#### Implementation Requirements and Costs

Travel costs.