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Report

TO: Members of the Judicial Council

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SUBJECT: Judicial Council appointment to the the California Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision (action required)

Issue Statement

The California Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision (“state council”) was created in 2001 by Senate Bill 2023 (Stats. 2000, ch. 658). Under Senate Bill 2023, the Judicial Council is to appoint one superior court judge to serve on the state council. (Pen. Code, § 11181(c).) In December 2003, the Judicial Council appointed Judge J. Richard Couzens to serve as the judicial representative on the state council. Judge Couzens has recently retired. Thus, the Judicial Council should make a new appointment.

Recommendation

The Executive and Planning subcommittee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective April 15, 2005, appoint Judge Rebecca S. Riley, of the Superior Court of California, County of Ventura, to the California Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision.

Rationale for Recommendation

The state council has three primary responsibilities. First, the state council is to appoint California’s commissioner, who will also act as the compact administrator. (Pen. Code, § 11181(a).) The second duty of the state council is to develop “policy concerning operations and procedures of the compact within the state.” (Pen. Code, § 11181(b).) Third, the state council “shall exercise oversight and advocacy concerning [the state’s] participation in Interstate Commission activities.” (*Ibid.*)

The primary role of the superior court judge representative is to act as a liaison between the state council and the state judges in an educational capacity. The judge will also participate in developing the administrative and procedural aspects of California’s implementation of the compact. Because a significant portion of the judicial appointee’s

work would be to educate the judiciary on the procedures of the compact, a judge with judicial education experience or ability would be preferable.

Judge Riley is well respected in judicial education and criminal law. She is an instructor in judicial education programs and has been a seminar leader at both the Orientation Program for New Trial Court Judicial Officers; the Criminal Law and Procedure Institute; and at the Continuing Judicial Studies Program. Additionally, she serves on the Judicial Council's Criminal Law Advisory Committee and CJER's Criminal Law Education Committee.

Alternative Actions Considered

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

Comments From Interested Parties

Not Applicable

Implementation Requirements and Costs

Travel costs.