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CIRCULATING ORDER MEMORANDUM TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Circulating Order Number: CO-11-03

Title	Action Requested
Recognition of Retiring Administrative Director of the Courts William C. Vickrey	VOTING MEMBERS ONLY: Vote and return by fax. Additionally, return original signature page.
Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected	Please Respond By
N/A	August 22, 2011
Recommended by	Date of Report
Hon. Douglas P. Miller, Chair Executive and Planning Committee	August 11, 2011
	Contact
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Executive Summary

The Executive and Planning Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve the renaming of the judicial administration award and naming of the Judicial Council Conference Center in honor of William C. Vickrey and approve the presentation of a Judicial Council resolution recognizing his exceptional leadership and contributions as Administrative Director of the Courts and Secretary to the Judicial Council.

Recommendation

In order to recognize the leadership contributions of retiring Administrative Director of the Courts William C. Vickrey, the Executive and Planning Committee recommends that the Judicial Council:

1. Rename the Judicial Council's Distinguished Service Award for Judicial Administration as the William C. Vickrey Award for Leadership in Judicial Administration;
2. Name the Judicial Council Conference Center which contains the Malcolm M. Lucas Board Room, on the third floor of the Ronald M. George State Office Complex, at 455

Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, in his honor, as the William C. Vickrey Judicial Council Conference Center; and

3. Approve the presentation to Mr. Vickrey of a Judicial Council resolution.

This formal approval will facilitate the announcement of this recognition at the August 25, 2011, retirement event for Mr. Vickrey and the presentation of the resolution at the August 26, 2011, Judicial Council business meeting.

Previous Council Action

The council has presented Distinguished Service Awards for the past 17 years. California Rules of Court, rule 10.5(h) states that the council may act between council meetings on urgent matters if the Chief Justice or the Administrative Director approves.

Rationale for Recommendation

This recognition was proposed and supported by a group of Judicial Council members, including Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, and Judges James E. Herman, Ira R. Kaufman, Winifred Younge Smith, Kenneth K. So, Sharon J. Waters, and Erica R. Yew. It honors Mr. Vickrey's exceptional service to the judicial branch and the mission and goals of the Judicial Council for improving the quality and advancing the consistent, independent, impartial, and accessible administration of justice.

In 39 years of public service, 19 as California's Administrative Director of the Courts, William C. Vickrey has played a pivotal role in implementing Judicial Council policies to equal access to justice and excellence in judicial administration. Throughout his distinguished career with the judicial branch of government, Mr. Vickrey has devoted himself with passion and extraordinary administrative skills to achieving historic reforms that have benefited the courts and the people of California. Serving as the fourth Administrative Director of the Courts under three California Chief Justices, he has been a vital partner in the fundamental restructuring of the state's court system, the revamping of the funding and administrative infrastructure for the judicial branch, and the preservation of access to justice and judicial independence during some of the most challenging economic times for the state and the courts.

As Mr. Vickrey retires from his statewide leadership position as Administrative Director of the Courts on September 9 of this year, it is appropriate that he receive this honor and recognition.

Comments, Alternatives Considered, and Policy Implications

Input on the proposal for the recipients was invited from council members in a May 19, 2011, e-mail from Judge Winifred Younge Smith.

Implementation Requirements, Costs, and Operational Impacts

This recognition will have minimal fiscal impact, and none to the trial courts.

Attachments

1. Voting instructions
2. Vote and signature pages

Instructions for Review and Action by Circulating Order

Voting members

- Please indicate your **vote, sign, and FAX** the signature pages to the attention of **Secretariat Unit, Executive Office Programs Division**, at 415-865-4586 by **10 a.m.**, August 22, 2011, if possible.
- If you are unable to reply by August 22, 2011, please do so as soon as possible thereafter.
- Additionally, **return the original** signature page to the Secretariat Unit, Administrative Office of the Courts, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, 94102-3688. **Please keep a copy for your records.**

Advisory members

The circulating order is being faxed to you for your information only. There is no need to sign or return any documents.

**CIRCULATING ORDER
Judicial Council of California
Voting and Signature Pages**

Effective immediately, the Judicial Council approves the Recognition of Retiring Administrative Director of the Courts William C. Vickrey.

My vote is as follows:

Approve Disapprove Abstain

Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Chair

Judith Ashmann-Gerst

Stephen H. Baker

Marvin R. Baxter

Noreen Evans

Mike Feuer

James E. Herman

Harry E. Hull, Jr.

Ira R. Kaufman

Miriam A. Krinsky

Edith R. Matthai

Joel S. Miliband

Douglas P. Miller

Mary Ann O'Malley

James N. Penrod

Burt Pines

My vote is as follows:

Approve

Disapprove

Abstain

_____/s/
Winifred Younge Smith

_____/s/
Kenneth K. So

_____/s/
Sharon J. Waters

_____/s/
David S. Wesley

Erica R. Yew

Date: August 23, 2011

Attest: 

Chief Deputy Director