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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

For business meeting on: October 29, 2010

Title

Judicial Council Resolution: Commendation of Leadership and Achievements of Ms. Judy Johnson, Executive Director, State Bar of California

Agenda Item Type

Action Required

Effective Date

October 29, 2010

Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected

None

Date of Report

September 30, 2010

Recommended by

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Executive Summary

The Administrative Office of the Courts recommends that the Judicial Council commend the leadership and achievements of Ms. Judy Johnson and extend to her the appreciation of the judicial branch of government for her leadership of the State Bar of California and her contributions to strengthening public trust and confidence in the justice system.

Recommendation

The Administrative Office of the Courts recommends that the Judicial Council approve the attached resolution. The resolution commends the leadership and achievements of Ms. Judy Johnson and expresses the appreciation of the judicial branch of government for her leadership and contributions to California's legal system over the past 23 years, including her service as executive director of the State Bar of California for the past 10 years.

Previous Council Action

From time to time, the Judicial Council approves resolutions related to judicial branch matters.

Rationale for Recommendation

Ms. Judy Johnson has provided leadership and tireless service to the State Bar of California as its executive director for the past 10 years. In her statewide leadership role, she forged a strategic direction for the nation's largest bar, which serves the interests of the legal profession, the justice system, and the public. Several months ago, Ms. Johnson announced her retirement.

Under Ms. Johnson's tenure as executive director, the partnership between the State Bar and the Judicial Council to advance common goals for improving the administration of justice has been significantly strengthened. Ms. Johnson's sustained support for and participation in the statewide Bench-Bar Coalition have been critical to increasing the visibility and effectiveness of that body in developing working relationships and enhancing effective advocacy with the Legislature for the purpose of improving the fair administration of justice for all Californians.

The courts also have benefited from Ms. Johnson's earlier State Bar efforts, including her contributions as chief trial counsel (1994–2000), as a member of the Board of Governors (1990–1993), as a member of the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (1982–1985), and as a member for four years of the Committee of Bar Examiners, for which she also served as chair (1987–1988).

Comments, Alternatives Considered, and Policy Implications

This proposal was not circulated for comment. No alternatives were considered. There are no policy implications with this proposal.

Implementation Requirements, Costs, and Operational Impacts

The proposal does not involve any implementation efforts. There are no costs or operational impacts from the approval of this proposal.

Attachments

1. Resolution honoring Ms. Judy Johnson, at page 3



JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Resolution

— HONORING —

Ms. Judy Johnson

Whereas the Judicial Council of California wishes to recognize Ms. Judy Johnson for her leadership and contributions to California's legal system over the past 23 years, including her tireless service as Executive Director of the State Bar of California for the past 10 years;

Whereas in this statewide leadership role, Ms. Johnson has forged a strategic direction for the nation's largest bar that will serve the interests of the legal profession, the justice system, and the public into the future;

Whereas the partnership between the State Bar and the Judicial Council to advance common goals for improving the administration of justice has been significantly strengthened during Ms. Johnson's tenure as Executive Director—from initiatives such as bringing California's judges and lawyers together for the first bench-bar conference and working to increase diversity in judicial appointments to improving equal access to fair and consistent justice;

Whereas Ms. Johnson's sustained support for and participation in the statewide Bench-Bar Coalition have been critical to increasing the visibility and effectiveness of that body in developing productive working relationships and enhancing effective advocacy with the Legislature for the purpose of improving the fair administration of justice for all in California;

Whereas beyond her dedicated leadership as Executive Director, the State Bar and the courts have benefited from her contributions as Chief Trial Counsel, 1994–2000, and her service as a member of the Board of Governors, 1990–1993; a member of the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation, 1982–1985; and four years as a member of the Committee of Bar Examiners, serving as chair, 1987–1988;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Ronald M. George, Chief Justice of California, on behalf of the Judicial Council of California, do hereby commend the leadership and achievements of Ms. Judy Johnson and extend to her the appreciation of the judicial branch of government for her leadership of the State Bar of California and her contributions to strengthening public trust and confidence in the justice system.

Presented on the 29th day of October, 2010.

Attest:

RONALD M. GEORGE
Chief Justice of California and
Chair of the Judicial Council of California

WILLIAM C. VICKREY
Administrative Director of the Courts

