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Commission on Impartial Courts Steering Committee Meets May 20

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WHAT: A business meeting will be held by the Steering Committee of the Judicial Council's Commission on Impartial Courts, chaired by Associate Justice Ming Chin of the California Supreme Court. The Steering Committee will hear public comment and discuss draft reports from the task force chairs of the commission, which was appointed by Chief Justice Ronald M. George to safeguard judicial quality, impartiality and accountability in the California courts.

<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc/tflists/commimpart.htm>

WHEN: Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Administrative Office of the Courts
455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco
Judicial Council Conference Center
Sequoia Room, 3rd Floor

AGENDA: The agenda is on the California Courts Web site at this link:
www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc/tflists/commimpart_steer.htm

CONTACT: News media are welcome to attend the meeting. For more information please call:
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COURTS STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING



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Agenda

- 10:00 – 10:05 a.m. **Welcome and overview of the meeting**
Hon. Ming Chin, Chair
- 10:05 – 10:15 a.m. **Public comment related to Commission or Steering Committee issues (Subject to requests)**
Public Attendees
- 10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Discussion of Interim Reports from Task Forces**
- Judicial Campaign Finance – Hon. William MacLaughlin
 - Judicial Candidate Campaign Conduct – Hon. Douglas Miller
 - Judicial Selection and Retention – Hon. Ronald Robie
 - Public Information and Education – Hon. Judith McConnell
- 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. **LUNCH**
(Subcommittee on Public Hearings meets in Golden Gate Room)
- 12:30 – 12:40 p.m. **Update on Recent Activities in Other States**
Hon. Roger Warren
- 12:40 – 1:00 p.m. **Report from Subcommittee on Public Hearings**
- Status of July 14 Public Forum
- Mr. Joseph Cotchett*
- 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. **Discussion of Interim Reports from Task Forces (cont.)**
- 2:30 – 2:40 p.m. **Discussion of Potential February/March 2009 Final Plenary Session**
- 2:40 – 2:50 p.m. **Report on May 19 Meeting with Public Policy Institute of California**
Hon. Ming Chin, Chair
- 2:50 – 3:00 p.m. **Other Business**
- 3:00 p.m. **ADJOURN**