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Task Force on Judicial Selection and Retention Meets February 4

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WHAT: A business meeting will be held by the Judicial Council's Task Force on Judicial Selection and Retention, chaired by Associate Justice Ronald B. Robie of the Third Appellate District. The task force will hear public comment and discuss various issues, including government-based evaluation of sitting judges and contested and uncontested elections. The panel is one of four task forces carrying out the work of the Commission for Impartial Courts, which was appointed by Chief Justice Ronald M. George in September 2007 to safeguard judicial quality, impartiality and accountability.

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WHEN: Monday, February 4, 2008, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Administrative Office of the Courts
Southern Regional Office
2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 200
Burbank, CA 91504

AGENDA: The agenda is attached.

CONTACT: News media are welcome to attend the meeting. For more information please call:
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Task Force on Judicial Selection and Retention
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Suite 200, Casablanca/Starwars Room
Burbank, California 91504
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10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 10:00 a.m. Public comment:
Public comments are invited during the 15-minute interval preceding the beginning of the task force meeting. Members of the public who wish to address the task force should submit a request of no more than two pages to the Commission on Impartial Courts at least four business days before the meeting. Please address requests as follows:
- Commission on Impartial Courts**
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- 10:15 a.m. Government-based evaluation of sitting judges:
• Discussion with William C. Vickrey re experience in Utah
- 11:15 a.m. Break
- 11:30 p.m. Government-based evaluation of sitting judges (cont.):
• Review of systems in other states
- 12:30 p.m. Working lunch
- 1:15 p.m. Other evaluation systems
- 1:45 p.m. JNE system
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Other election issues
• Filling of “open seats”
• Contested elections
• Uncontested contestable elections
• “Triggered” retention elections
- 3:25 p.m. Approval of minutes; next steps and next meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Adjournment