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Judicial Council to Hold Public Meeting in San Francisco on Friday, April 27

San Francisco—The Judicial Council of California will hold a public business meeting from 8:30 to 11:15 a.m. on Friday, April 27, 2007, at the Judicial Council Conference Center, Hiram W. Johnson State Office Building, Third Floor, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

Chaired by Chief Justice Ronald M. George, the council is the administrative policymaking body of the California courts. The meeting will be audiocast live on the California Courts Web site at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc/>.

Three reports will be on the council's discussion agenda, as follows.

Trial Court Funding Priorities: The council will consider trial court funding priorities as part of the overall State Appropriations Limit funding adjustment for the judicial branch for fiscal year 2007-2008. Those proposed priorities are staffing and operating costs for new and transferring court facilities to open from July 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008; initiatives that promote access to justice; and staffing resources for conservatorship requirements.

Court Facilities Planning: The council will consider the adoption of an updated Trial Court Capital-Outlay Plan that prioritizes courthouse construction projects throughout the state. Members will also review a fiscal year 2007-2008 funding request for new courthouses in Butte, Los Angeles, Tehama, and Yolo counties, and for land acquisition to expand the Fourth Appellate District courthouse in Riverside.

Court Innovation Awards: Recipients of the Ralph N. Kleps Awards for 2006-2007 will be recommended for the council's review. The awards honor the innovative contributions made by individual courts in California to improve the administration of Justice.

As part of its consent agenda, the Judicial Council will also review various proposals to adopt new and amended court rules and forms. The meeting agenda and reports are available online:

<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc/documents/age042707.pdf>.

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