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## **Juvenile Court Judges Award William Vickrey for Foster Care Work**

### ***AOC Director Honored for Commitment and Service to Children and Families in California***

San Francisco—The Juvenile Court Judges of California has honored Administrative Director of the Courts William C. Vickrey for his “continuing commitment and unique service to the children and families of California.”

The special award acknowledges Mr. Vickrey for helping to create and sustain the Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care, among the most comprehensive state panels of its kind in the country. Appointed by Chief Justice Ronald M. George in 2006, the commission has developed sweeping recommendations to help the courts and their child welfare partners improve outcomes for children in foster care.

“It was especially rewarding to see the Judicial Council step forward with aggressive recommendations to challenge the state to reduce the number of children entering foster care and, for those children who must be placed in foster care, to reduce the time that they remain in foster care before being placed with a permanent, stable, nurturing family that will support their opportunity to achieve their full potential.” said Mr. Vickrey. “Our children deserve much better. I will be glad when California no longer has the distinction of having the highest number of children in foster care.”

The award was presented last week by retired Judge Leonard P. Edwards, of the Superior Court of Santa Clara County, who now serves as judge-in-residence at the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

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Mr. Vickrey was a member of the national Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care, which issued national recommendations to reform foster care in 2004. After that commission proposed that each state establish its own foster care panel, Mr. Vickrey was instrumental in ensuring that the Blue Ribbon Commission was created in California.

For more information on the commission, go to:

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

The Blue Ribbon Commission is chaired by California Supreme Court Justice Carlos R. Moreno. The Juvenile Court Judges of California is a section of the California Judges Association.

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