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## **Chief Justice George Appoints Advisory Member to Judicial Council**

San Francisco—Chief Justice Ronald M. George today announced the appointment of Judge Terry B. Friedman, recently retired from the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, as an advisory member of the Judicial Council of California, the policymaking body for the state courts.

Elected to the bench in 1994, Judge Friedman is a former member of the California State Assembly (1986–1994), executive director of Bet Tzedek Legal Services (1978–1986), and staff attorney for the Western Center on Law and Poverty (1976–1978). He is a past judicial member and advisory member of the Judicial Council and has actively served on numerous council committees, including the Task Force on Judicial Selection and Retention of the Commission for Impartial Courts, the Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care, the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission, the Probation Services Task Force, and the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee.

Chaired by the Chief Justice, the Judicial Council consists of 14 judicial members appointed by the Chief Justice, 4 attorney members appointed by the State Bar Board of Governors, 1 member from each house of the Legislature, and 8 advisory members, including the president of the California Judges Association. Administrative Director of the Courts William C. Vickrey serves as secretary to the council.

More information on the Judicial Council is posted on the California Courts Web site at [www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc).

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