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## Commission on Judicial Appointments to Consider Appointment to Court Of Appeal

### *Public Hearing Set for April 18 in San Francisco*

San Francisco—A public meeting has been scheduled by the Commission on Judicial Appointments for Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at 4:00 p.m., in the Supreme Court Courtroom, Earl Warren Building, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco, to consider the appointment by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger of Judge Brad R. Hill as associate justice of the Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District (Fresno).

Judge Hill, of the Superior Court of Fresno County, was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Associate Justice Tim S. Buckley.

The state Constitution specifies that a gubernatorial appointment to the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeal is "effective when confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments." The members of the commission who will consider the appointment of Judge Hill are Chief Justice Ronald M. George, chair; Attorney General Bill Lockyer; and Presiding Justice James A. Ardaiz of the Fifth Appellate District.

All communications to the commission by persons who wish to comment on the appointment should be received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2006.

The commission's address is:

Commission on Judicial Appointments
c/o Chief Justice of California
Supreme Court of California
350 McAllister Street
San Francisco, California 94102
Attention: Ms. Gale Tunnell, Secretary to the Commission

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Anyone wishing to testify before the commission must state that request in writing and include a summary of the facts on which any testimony or opinion will be based. A request to be included on the speakers' list must be received by the commission by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2006.

The guidelines for the Commission on Judicial Appointments are published as an appendix to the California Rules of Court and are available on the California Courts Web site at *http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/rules/appendix/appdiv4.pdf.* The guidelines also can be obtained by calling the Public Information Office of the Judicial Council of California at 415-865-7740/26.

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