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Chief Justice Appoints New Chair of Presiding Judges Group to Judicial Council

San Francisco—Chief Justice Ronald M. George today announced the appointment of Presiding Judge Kevin A. Enright of the Superior Court of San Diego County as chair of the Judicial Council’s Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee, effective September 15, 2010.

When his one-year term begins, Presiding Judge Enright will become an advisory member of the Judicial Council, succeeding Presiding Judge Mary Ann O’Malley of the Superior Court of Contra Costa County.

Chaired by Chief Justice George, the Judicial Council is the administrative policymaking agency for the state courts, comprising 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 11 advisory members. Administrative Director of the Courts William C. Vickrey serves as secretary to the council.

Presiding Judge Enright has served as a trial court judge for 15 years. He was appointed to the San Diego Municipal Court in 1995 and was elevated to the superior court two years later. He served as assistant presiding judge, 2008–2009. Presiding Judge Enright chairs the San Diego Superior Court’s Executive Committee. Prior to joining the court, he was in private law practice in San Diego, 1985–1995, and a deputy district attorney in Mendocino County, 1979–1984.

Presiding Judge Enright is a member of the Judicial Council’s Trial Court Budget Working Group and, until September of 2010, will serve as vice chair of the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee. He has served on the Civil Law Education Committee of the Administrative Office of the Courts, Education Division/Center for Judicial Education and Research, 2005–2008. He is president of the American Inns of

Court, William B. Enright Chapter, and is a former board member of the California Defense Counsel and the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel. He is a member of the California Judges Association (CJA) and was a member of CJA's Judicial Ethics Committee, 2005–2008.

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The Judicial Council is the policymaking body of the California courts, the largest court system in the nation. Under the leadership of the Chief Justice and in accordance with the California Constitution, the council is responsible for ensuring the consistent, independent, impartial, and accessible administration of justice.