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Chief Justice Appoints Incoming CJA President to Judicial Council

San Francisco—Chief Justice Ronald M. George today announced the appointment of Judge Keith D. Davis of the Superior Court of San Bernardino County to the Judicial Council of California, the policymaking body for the state courts.

Judge Davis will begin a one-year term as an advisory member of the Judicial Council when he takes office as the new president of the California Judges Association (CJA) on September 26, 2010. He will succeed Judge Michael P. Vicencia of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County.

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 11 advisory members, including the CJA president. Administrative Director of the Courts William C. Vickrey serves as secretary to the council.

Judge Davis was appointed to the Superior Court of San Bernardino County in 1997 and now hears civil cases at the Rancho Cucamonga Courthouse. He has served three terms as presiding judge of the court's appellate division and has participated on the court's Executive, Budget, Rules, and Human Relations Committees. Before joining the bench, he was in private law practice (1987–1997) and served as a deputy district attorney in the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office (1985–1987). Judge Davis received his J.D. degree from Golden Gate University School of Law.

A former president of the California Judges Foundation, Judge Davis is an advisory member of the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission, president of the San Bernardino County Law Library Board of Trustees,

and the Inland Empire chair of the Georgetown University Alumni Admission Program. In 2008, Judge Davis began a three-year term on the CJA executive board and now serves as CJA vice-president.

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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.