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

### ***Confirmation Hearings Set July 1 in Los Angeles***

San Francisco—A public meeting has been scheduled by the Commission on Judicial Appointments for Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the Supreme Court Courtroom, Ronald Reagan State Office Building, 300 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, to consider two appointments by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District (Los Angeles). The appointments are as follows:

- Judge Victoria Gerrard Chaney, of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, was appointed as an Associate Justice of Division One. She fills the vacancy created by the elevation of Justice Robert M. Mallano as Presiding Justice of that division.
- Judge Jeffrey W. Johnson, a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court, Central District of California, was appointed as an Associate Justice of Division One. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Miriam A. Vogel.

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 appointments are Chief Justice Ronald M. George, Chairperson; Attorney General Edmund G. Brown, Jr.; and Presiding Justice Joan Dempsey Klein, senior presiding justice of the Second Appellate District.

The hearing on Judge Chaney’s appointment will begin at 10:00 a.m., and consideration of Judge Johnson’s appointment will immediately follow.

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All communications to the commission by persons who wish to comment on the appointment should be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2009.

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: Secretary to the Commission

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 Wednesday, June 24, 2009.

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/reference/documents/guidelinescja.pdf>.

The guidelines also can be obtained by calling the Public Information Office of the Judicial Council/Administrative Office of the Courts at 415-865-7740/7726.

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