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

### ***Confirmation Hearings Set for July 30 in San Francisco***

San Francisco—A public meeting has been scheduled by the Commission on Judicial Appointments for Thursday, July 30, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in the Supreme Court Courtroom, Earl Warren Building, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco, to consider three appointments by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District (San Francisco). The appointments are as follows:

- Judge Robert L. Dondero, of the Superior Court of San Francisco County, as an Associate Justice of Division One. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Douglas E. Swager.
- Judge Terence L. Bruiniers, of the Superior Court of Contra Costa County, as an Associate Justice of Division Five. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Linda M. Gemello.
- Judge Kathleen M. Banke, of the Superior Court of Alameda County, as an Associate Justice of Division One. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice William Stein.

The confirmation hearing for Judge Dondero will begin at 1:00 p.m. The hearings on the other appointees will immediately follow.

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 J. Anthony Kline, senior presiding justice of the First Appellate District.

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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 Thursday, July 23, 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 Thursday, July 23, 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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