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Chief Justice Appoints New Members to State Probate Conservatorship Task Force

***Public Meetings Scheduled for Rest of 2006;
Next Meeting to Be Held May 24 in San Francisco***

San Francisco—Chief Justice Ronald M. George has announced the appointment of six new members to the Judicial Council's Probate Conservatorship Task Force, which was named earlier this year to improve the management of probate conservatorship cases in California trial courts.

In conservatorship cases, a court assumes oversight of persons who are unable to take care of themselves or their property—one of the most vulnerable populations in our society.

The new members, listed below, represent advocacy groups and professional conservators, guardians, and fiduciaries. The complete roster is available at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc/tflists/probcons-roster.htm.

- Judith Chinello, retired Professional Conservator, Chinello & Mandell
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- Margaret G. Lodise, Sacks Glazier Franklin & Lodise LLP
- Patricia L. McGinnis, Executive Director, California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform
- Richard L. Narver, Assistant Public Guardian/Administrator, Yolo County Public Guardian's Office
- Jacquie Paige, Executive Council Member, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) – California

The 22-member task force is chaired by Administrative Presiding Justice Roger W. Boren of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District (Los Angeles).

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The task force also has released its meeting schedule through the end of the year. All meetings are open to the public and agendas are posted in advance at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc/tflists/probcons.htm. The meeting schedule for 2006 follows:

Wednesday, May 24 (San Francisco)
Friday, June 23 (San Francisco)
Friday, August 4 (Burbank)
Friday, September 15 (San Francisco)
Friday, October 13 (Burbank)
Wednesday, November 29 (San Francisco)

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