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## **Chief Justice George Appoints Alameda Commissioner to Judicial Council**

San Francisco—Chief Justice Ronald M. George today announced the appointment of Commissioner Sue Alexander as an advisory member of the Judicial Council of California, effective January 3, 2011.

She will complete the term of Commissioner Lon F. Hurwitz, of the Superior Court of Orange County, who was elected as a judge of that court effective January 3, 2011. Her three-year term will expire on September 14, 2014.

Commissioner Alexander, who has served on the Superior Court of Alameda County since 1997, is known for her expertise in family law, domestic violence and civil harassment, elder abuse, and traffic and small claims. Active in statewide court administration, she is currently a member of the Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, the Elkins Family Law Implementation Task Force, and the Family Law Curriculum Committee for the Governing Committee for the Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER).

She participated on the Elkins Family Law Task Force and the Joint Advisory Task Force on the Legal Representation Pilot Project in 2007. A frequent contributor to judicial education, Commissioner Alexander is the faculty team leader for next January's Family Law Primary Assignment Orientation Course. She served on the executive board of the California Judges Association from 2007 to 2010 and is a current board member of the California Court Commissioners Association. Before her appointment to the bench, Commissioner Alexander was a mental health hearing officer for Alameda and Santa Clara Counties. She was in private practice for 14 years, focusing on family law, probate and estate planning and juvenile dependency.

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. The Administrative Director of the Courts serves as secretary to the council.

*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. The Administrative Office of the Courts carries out the official actions of the council and ensures leadership and excellence in court administration.*

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