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Supreme Court Appoints New Member of Commission on Judicial Performance

San Francisco – The California Supreme Court today announced the appointment, by unanimous vote, of Judge Erica R. Yew, of the Superior Court of Santa Clara County, to succeed Judge Katherine Feinstein, of the Superior Court of San Francisco, as a member of the Commission on Judicial Performance (CJP). Judge Feinstein resigned in light of her imminent assumption of the position of Presiding Judge of the San Francisco Superior Court; the term in which she was serving ends on February 28, 2011.

Judge Yew has been appointed as of December 10, 2010, to the remainder of the term and to a new four-year term beginning March 1, 2011, and ending February 28, 2015.

Judge Yew has served on the Santa Clara court since her appointment in 2001. She is assigned to the court's Juvenile Dependency division and presides over the Family Wellness Court, a federally-funded project to serve children whose families are struggling with addiction, homelessness, poverty, and other issues.

A member of the Judicial Council since 2009, Judge Yew has received numerous awards for community service as both a judge and a lawyer, including the San Jose Business Journal's 2009 Women of Influence honor in the Silicon Valley.

She also received an Opening Doors to Justice Award from the Public Interest Clearinghouse and an Unsung Heroes Award from the Santa Clara County Bar Association. She is the immediate past president of the California Asian-American Judges Association. Before joining the bench, she was in private law practice, and served as a member of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of California.

The CJP is an independent state agency responsible for investigating complaints of judicial misconduct and judicial incapacity and for disciplining judges, under Article VI, section 18 of the California

Constitution.

The commission is composed of 11 members: 3 judges appointed by the California Supreme Court, 4 members appointed by the Governor (2 attorneys and 2 nonattorney public members), 2 public members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, and 2 public members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. Appointments are for four-year terms.

For more information about the commission, see the CJP's Web site at <http://cjp.ca.gov> .

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