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Commission Confirms Appointments to Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District

Two Appointments Confirmed Today to Fresno-based Court

San Francisco—Chief Justice Ronald M. George, Chair of the Commission on Judicial Appointments, announced that the commission today confirmed the following appointments by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District (Fresno):

- Associate Justice Brad R. Hill, of the Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District, to an interim appointment as Presiding Justice, from December 28, 2010, to January 2, 2011. At a public meeting on August 11, 2010, the commission confirmed the nomination of Justice Hill as Presiding Justice of the Fifth Appellate District, to fill a vacancy created by the decision of Presiding Justice James A. Ardaiz, not to seek another term. The interim appointment allows Justice Hill to begin serving as Presiding Justice on December 28, due to the early retirement of Presiding Justice Ardaiz, whose term does not expire until January 2, 2011.
- Judge Donald R. Franson, Jr., of the Superior Court of Fresno County, as Associate Justice of the Fifth Appellate District. He would fill the vacancy created by the interim appointment of Associate Justice Hill as Presiding Justice, beginning December 28, 2010.

The appointments were each approved by a unanimous vote at public hearings held in the Supreme Court Courtroom, Earl Warren Building, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco.

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