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MEMORANDUM

Date	Action Requested
June 5, 2014	Submit nomination information by requested deadline
To	Deadline
Justices of the Supreme Court Justices of the Courts of Appeal Clerk/Administrators of the Courts of Appeal	June 30, 2014
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On behalf of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Co-chair of the California State-Federal Judicial Council (State-Federal Judicial Council), we are soliciting nominations to fill a vacancy on the State-Federal Judicial Council. The vacancy is for a justice of the Supreme Court or Courts of Appeal.¹

The State-Federal Judicial Council provides a vehicle for direct and personal communication between judges of the California state and federal courts concerning matters of mutual interest and concern, including (a) elimination of actual or potential conflicts between the two judicial systems; (b) development of methods to improve the operation of the two systems; (c) improving the quality of representation and ethics of attorneys practicing in the two systems; (d) exploring and developing methods to utilize scarce judicial assets so as to benefit the two systems and the citizens of the state; (e) sharing materials and information that may have application or impact on the two systems; and (f) fostering closer cooperation on resolution of joint problems.

¹ The State-Federal Judicial Council Charter provides that the state court delegation consist of at least four state trial court judges—one from each of the four federal districts—and two appellate court justices. The current trial court vacancy is for a justice from the Supreme Court or Courts of Appeal.

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State-Federal Judicial Council Vacancy

Nominations are sought to fill one position for a justice of the Supreme Court or Courts of Appeal.

Membership and members' terms and responsibilities

The Chief Justice will appoint a member to the vacant position. Prior service on judicial branch and court committees is desirable, as is experience in both the state and federal court systems. Membership terms are for three years. Members attend two meetings per year, locations for which alternate between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Each member is also appointed to one or more subcommittees of the State-Federal Judicial Council, which may require participation in additional meetings by telephone. The subcommittees address the following matters: Capital Habeas Corpus, Civil and Prisoner Pro Se Litigation, Coordination of Large Cases/Resources, Education, Jury Improvements Recommendations, Public Confidence in the Judiciary, and Tribal Court Relations.

How to Apply

Please complete and return the attached nomination form and submit it along with the nominee's biography or curriculum vitae (no longer than two pages) by **June 30, 2014**, to:

Administrative Office of the Courts
Judicial Council Support Services
455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102-3688
Attn: Maria Kwan
Fax: 415-865-4391

Alternatively, the nomination form can be completed online or downloaded from the California Courts website at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/18093.htm>. Before nominating someone, please ensure that the nominee is interested in the position and is available to serve if selected. Self-nominations are encouraged. We very much appreciate your contribution to this important process. If you have any questions, please contact Susan McMullan or Maria Kwan at the telephone numbers and e-mail addresses listed on the preceding page.

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Attachment