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MEMORANDUM

Date	Action Requested
March 13, 2014	Submit nomination information
To	Deadline
Justices of the Courts of Appeal Judges, Commissioners, and Referees of the Superior Courts Court Executive Officers of the Superior Courts Clerk/Administrators of the Courts of Appeal Judicial Council Members Judicial Council Advisory Committee and Task Force Members Specialty Bar Associations Law-Related Community Organizations Interested Others	April 11, 2014
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Subject	
2014 Judicial Council Nominations	

The Executive and Planning Committee of the Judicial Council of California is soliciting nominations to fill vacancies on the Judicial Council.

The Judicial Council is the policymaking body of the California courts. Under the leadership of the Chief Justice and in accordance with the California Constitution, the council establishes policies and sets priorities for the judicial branch of government. It is responsible for ensuring the consistent, independent, impartial, and accessible administration of justice on behalf of the public and the court system as a whole.

Goal 1 of *Justice in Focus: The Strategic Plan for California's Judicial Branch, 2006–2012*, focuses on access, fairness, and diversity in the courts. “The makeup of California’s judicial branch will reflect the diversity of the state’s residents.” The Judicial Council continues to promote broad diversity among the membership of the Judicial Council and its advisory bodies in order to ensure diverse perspectives and an inclusive environment. (Goal 1, Policy 8.)

Judicial Council Vacancies

Nominations are sought to fill three voting positions for superior court judges, and two non-voting positions for a court commissioner and a court administrator on the council.

Council membership and responsibilities

The Chief Justice appoints council members to these positions on recommendations from the Executive and Planning Committee as provided in the California Rules of Court.¹ Prior service on Judicial Council advisory committees and task forces is desirable. A description of the council’s mission, guiding principles, membership, and terms of service appears in the California Rules of Court (title 10, Judicial Administration Rules), rules 10.1 through 10.14. Additional information about the function and membership of the council can be found in article VI, section 6 of the California Constitution.

Members’ terms and time commitment

Voting members and most advisory members of the Judicial Council serve for three years.

Members attend approximately 7 one- to three-day council meetings per year. Each member is also appointed to an internal committee of the council, which requires participation in an additional 10 to 20 committee meetings per year (in person or by phone). Current members estimate that, in addition to attending meetings, they spend three to four days per month on council-related tasks.

Appointees will be asked to attend an orientation on Wednesday, June 25, and the Judicial Council meetings on Thursday and Friday, June 26-27, 2014.

How to Apply

The nomination form has two parts: Part I and Part II. Part I can be completed by the nominee or nominator. Part II is to be completed by the nominee, only. Please complete and return the attached nomination forms along with the nominee’s biography or curriculum vitae by Friday, **April 11, 2014**, to:

¹ This year, two vacancies for the attorney positions will be filled by the State Bar of California Board of Trustees.

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Alternatively, the nomination form, Part I and Part II, can be completed online or downloaded from the California Courts Web site at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/4650.htm>.

Before nominating someone, please ensure that your nominee is interested in a 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 the Judicial Council Support Services at 415-865-4543.

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Attachment