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California Supreme Court Reappoints State Bar Court Judges

SAN FRANCISCO—The California Supreme Court today announced the reappointments of Presiding Judge Joann M. Remke and Hearing Judge Patrice E. McElroy to the State Bar Court. Judge Remke's new term is from November 1, 2012 to October 31, 2018. McElroy's term is from November 1, 2012 to October 31, 2018.

California is the only state in the nation with independent professional judges dedicated to ruling on attorney discipline cases. The State Bar of California investigates complaints of attorney misconduct. If the State Bar determines that an attorney's actions involve probable misconduct formal charges are filed with the State Bar Court.

Remke was first appointed as a State Bar Court Hearing Judge by the Senate Committee on Rules in 2000, and was reappointed by the same committee in 2004 to a six-year term. She was appointed State Bar Court Presiding Judge by the Supreme Court in 2006.

McElroy was first appointed as a judge of the State Bar Hearing Department by the Supreme Court effective 2001. The court reappointed McElroy to a new six-year term as a Judge of the State Bar Court Hearing Department in 2006.

For more information on the State Bar Court, see http://www.statebarcourt.ca.gov/.