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## California Supreme Court Appoints State Bar Court Hearing Judge

SAN FRANCISCO—The California Supreme Court today announced the appointment of Judge William Kearse McGill to the position of State Bar Court Hearing Judge (Los Angeles). Judge McGill's term will commence as soon as he takes his oath of office and extend to October 31, 2016.

He currently serves as the Presiding Judge of the Division of Workers' Compensation in Stockton. He was first appointed as a workers' compensation judge in 2005 and previously worked as both applicant counsel and defense counsel in private practice.

Judge McGill received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Clemson University and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

The procedures for appointments to the State Bar Court and for the Applicant Evaluation and Nomination Committee, which assists the court in making such appointments, are governed by <u>Rule 9.11</u> of the California Rules of Court.

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

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The Supreme Court of California is the state's highest court and its decisions are binding on all other California state courts. The court's primary role is to decide matters of statewide importance and to maintain uniformity in the law throughout California by reviewing matters from the six districts of the California Courts of Appeal and the fifty-eight county superior courts (the trial courts). Among its other duties, the court also decides all capital appeals and related matters and reviews both attorney and judicial disciplinary matters.