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at the Annual Meeting of the
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**Bench-Bar Coalition Annual Fall Meeting
Friday, September 30, 2016**

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Bench-Bar Coalition Fall Meeting

Friday, September 30, 2016

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina,
Grand Ballroom 4**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introduction** **10:00–10:05 a.m.**
Ms. Melissa L. White, Cochair, Bench-Bar Coalition (BBC)
Northern/Central Region
- II. Opening Remarks** **10:05–10:15 a.m.**
Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California and
Chair of the Judicial Council of California
- III. Recognition and Update from the** **10:15–10:25 a.m.**
California Judges Association
Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye and BBC Leadership
Hon. Eric C. Taylor, President, California Judges Association and
Judge, Superior Court of California, Los Angeles County
- IV. Recognition and Update from the** **10:25–10:35 a.m.**
State Bar of California
Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye and BBC Leadership
Mr. David Pasternak, President, State Bar of California
- V. Recognition of Outgoing and Installation of Incoming** **10:35–10:50 a.m.**
BBC Executive Committee Members
Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye and BBC Leadership
- VI. Update from the Judicial Council of California** **10:50–11:05 a.m.**
Mr. Martin Hoshino, Administrative Director,
Judicial Council of California
Mr. Cory T. Jaspersen, Director, Governmental Affairs,
Judicial Council of California

VII. Presentation: Fines, Fees, Penalties, and Assessments 11:05–11:55 a.m.

Overview

- Definitions/types of fines, fees, penalties, and assessments
- Distinguishing the difference between criminal fines and civil fees
- Revenue and distribution

Criminal Fines and Assessments

- Role of the courts
- Role of the Legislature
- Impact of change in court filings statewide
- Futures Commission actions
- Trends and predictions for legislative action in 2017

Questions and Answers

VIII. BBC Activities and Announcements 11:55 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Ms. Melissa L. White, Cochair, Bench-Bar Coalition (BBC)
Northern/Central Region

IX. Closing Remarks and Adjournment 12:00 p.m.

Ms. Melissa L. White, Cochair, Bench-Bar Coalition (BBC)
Northern/Central Region

CHIEF JUSTICE TANI G. CANTIL-SAKAUYE

—Leadership, Vision, Transformation

In her six years in office, Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye has led the transformation of California’s judicial branch and has emerged as one of the country’s leading advocates for equal access to justice for all, the rule of law, and the reformation of state funding models for courts that have had an unfair impact on the poor.



As the Chief Justice of California, she not only heads the Supreme Court, she is also chair of the Judicial Council and the Commission on Judicial Appointments.



The Chief Justice’s initiatives are guided by her [Vision for Access 3D](#), a three-dimensional access to our justice system. Access to justice should be physical, remote, and equal: safe and secure courthouses open for the peoples’ business; effective use of technology to efficiently expand hours and compress distances; and the removal of barriers that might prevent any Californian from accessing the court system.

She currently sits on a national advisory board to help develop effective tools and resources that assist state court leaders in engaging disenfranchised communities to ensure equal access to justice and to improve trust and confidence in the justice system. She also encouraged Administrative Director Martin Hoshino to take a leadership role on another national advisory board studying [fines, fees, and bail practices](#).



When the Chief Justice took office in January 2011, the state was still in the grip of a fiscal crisis that arose out of the Great Recession of 2008. The judicial branch was absorbing the single largest budget cut in its history. Courts throughout the state had closed courthouses and courtrooms, reduced hours and services, and downsized their workforces. Staff at the judicial branch’s policy-making body, the Judicial Council of California, was cut by 30 percent.



From her very first months in office, she began to sound the alarm about the impact of the cuts on access to justice. The Chief Justice traveled 30,000 miles during the first year of her term meeting with community and business groups, students, elected representatives, judges, and attorneys. The meetings resulted in the broad-based [Open Courts Coalition](#)—the first coalition of its kind to advocate on behalf of the public who rely on the courts. By 2016, she had helped secure [more than \\$600 million in new investment](#) for the judicial branch.

The Chief Justice’s commitment to transformation began within the first few months of taking office, when she surveyed all California judges to ask how the Judicial Council staff agency could be more efficient. She then appointed judges and government experts—the [Strategic Evaluation Committee](#)—to thoroughly evaluate the staff agency. By 2016, the committee’s work, including a [successful restructuring](#), was fully implemented.

The Chief Justice appointed a [committee](#) to oversee the court facilities program, which led to more efficiencies and cost reductions in that program. In another push for efficiency, the Chief Justice supported, and the Judicial Council adopted, a plan by one of the council’s advisory committees to revamp the funding allocation methodology for trial courts. The move will result in more equitable funding for the trial courts.

Under her leadership, the Judicial Council streamlined its advisory committee structure. The council also discontinued the development of a costly case management system that had been in development for almost 10 years.

In her first year of office, the Chief Justice opened to the public previously closed council meetings and invited public comment at the meetings. The council then adopted rules that also opened up to the public its advisory committee meetings. The council meetings are now webcast live, as are [Supreme Court oral arguments](#), making California one of the most transparent state judicial branches in the country.



The Chief Justice also appointed a working group to develop a plan to provide a consistent statewide approach to ensure language access for all limited English proficient court users in California. The Judicial Council adopted the language access plan in January 2015. The Chief Justice appointed Supreme Court Associate Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar to chair [a task force](#) to implement the plan.

Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye has also created the [Futures Commission](#)—chaired by Associate Supreme Court Associate Justice Carol A. Corrigan—to take a fresh look at the state’s legal infrastructure in order to deliver justice and court services more efficiently without compromising fairness or due process.

She has also championed civic engagement and civic learning as primary goals of her term. She launched the [Power of Democracy](#) initiative to promote civics literacy in California’s schools. The committee overseeing the initiative includes representatives from all three levels of the California courts, the State Bar, and local bar associations, as well as local and state education organizations. One of the primary goals of the committee was fulfilled in July 2016 when the state Board of Education unanimously approved an instructional framework that encourages civic learning.



In addition, the Chief Justice, in collaboration with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, annually presents the [Civic Learning Award](#) to schools with model civic education programs.



Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye is also an honorary board member of the [Foundation for Democracy & Justice](#), which promotes the principles of democracy through education and public outreach, and the critical need for a strong, independent, and adequately funded judiciary.

Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye has also convened leaders to address issues of implicit bias; raise awareness about the financial impacts of fines, fees, and bail in our justice system; and tackle the problem of truancy, which is part of a national movement to keep kids in school and out of the criminal justice system.

—“*The strength of our democratic institutions relies on the public’s understanding of those institutions.*”

—“*Has our system of fines and fees morphed from a system of accountability to a system that raises revenue for essential government services? Does bail really ensure public safety? Does bail assure people’s appearance in court? Would a risk assessment tool be more effective in some cases? There are many access questions, but we must not penalize the poor for being poor.*”

Learn more @ www.courts.ca.gov/chiefjustice.htm

MARTIN HOSHINO
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR, JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA



Martin Hoshino became the Administrative Director of the Judicial Council of California on October 1, 2014. In this role, he oversees the Judicial Council staff and serves as Secretary to the Judicial Council, a nonvoting role.

Mr. Hoshino brings to the position more than 17 years of administrative leadership experience in California state government, and more than 27 years in public service. His career experience encompasses a broad mix of statewide policymaking, oversight of budget and operations, and collaboration with the justice system and Legislature.

Before his appointment as Administrative Director by the Judicial Council, he was Undersecretary for Operations at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), by appointment of Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. In this role, he was responsible for leading one of the CDCR's two principal divisions, where he oversaw a \$10 billion budget, 60,000 employees, 34 prisons, and a host of other facilities.

Between 2003 and 2014, Mr. Hoshino served in various leadership capacities at the CDCR by appointment of three different Governors. Besides undersecretary of operations, he served as undersecretary of administration and offender services, executive director at the Board of Parole Hearings, and assistant secretary at the Office of Internal Affairs.

In 2012–2013, he was appointed by Governor Brown to the joint executive California Trial Court Funding Workgroup, established by the Chief Justice and the Governor to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the state's progress in achieving the goals outlined in the Trial Court Funding Act of 1997.

Before joining CDCR, Mr. Hoshino served with the California Office of the Inspector General and the State Controller's Office.

Mr. Hoshino earned a master's degree in public administration and political science from the University of California at Davis.

CORY T. JASPERSON
DIRECTOR, JUDICIAL COUNCIL GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS



Cory T. Jasperson, was chosen to lead the Judicial Council’s legislative and executive advocacy efforts in December 2012.

Mr. Jasperson worked in the State Capitol for twelve years, serving in senior staff positions in both the Assembly and Senate with a key policy focus on education, budget, insurance, pensions, and privacy. He was instrumental in the drafting and passage of well-known legislation to increase California’s minimum wage; make human trafficking a felony; limit the use of “gay panic” strategies by criminal defendants; equalize revenue limit funding for school districts; change the kindergarten entry-age and create California’s first new grade-level since 1891; and establish the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority.

Former chief of staff to California State Senator Joe Simitian (Palo Alto), Cory’s key policy focus was education, budget, and privacy. He also served as the principal consultant to the Senate Select Committee on Privacy. As former chief of staff to Assembly Speaker pro Tempore Sally Lieber (Mountain View), he was responsible for managing and coordinating all aspects of the Speaker pro Tem’s legislative agenda.

Prior to his legislative service, he worked at the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Office of the Dean of Graduate Policy & Research at Stanford University, Federal Bureau of Investigation (Hmong linguistic consultant), and at the Greenlining Institute—a statewide multi-ethnic public policy and advocacy center in Berkeley, where he was the recipient of the Greenlining Institute’s *2007 Big Foot Award* for exceptional leadership in stepping forward to pioneer new trails to empower California’s underserved communities.

Born in Afton, Wyoming, he has lived in California since 1989. Cory received his bachelor’s degree in international relations with an emphasis in world politics and China/Asia/Pacific Rim, and a minor in linguistics from the University of California, Davis.

Hon. Holly J. Fujie
Bench-Bar Coalition Cochair—Elect, Southern Region



Judge Holly J. Fujie will be installed as cochair of the Bench-Bar Coalition (BBC) representing the Southern Region on Friday, September 30, 2016. She has been an active BBC member since 2005.

In 2008-2009 she was the third woman and the 1st Asian American to serve as President of the State Bar of California. She currently serves on the State Bar's Council on Access & Fairness, on the Judicial Council's Commission on the Future of California's Courts and its Joint State-Federal Courts Committee, and as Vice Chair of the California Supreme Court's Trustee Nominations Committee. She also serves as Vice Chair of the Los Angeles Superior Court's Community Outreach Committee and as a member of the Board of Governors of the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles and of the Advisory Board of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Los Angeles. Judge Fujie is a member of the American Law Institute and serves as an Advisor to the Restatement of the Law: Children and the Law.

Judge Fujie has received many awards for her service to the profession, including the Distinguished Jurist Award of the California Women Lawyers Association, the Leadership Institute for Women of Color Attorneys' Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award, the M. Ashley Dickerson Diversity Award of the National Association of Women Lawyers, the American Bar Association General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Division's Difference Makers Award, the California Bench-Bar Coalition's Leadership Award and the Trailblazer Award of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Since 1992, she has served on Senator Dianne Feinstein's Advisory Committee for the Central District of California for federal judicial and U.S. Attorney appointments.

Before her appointment to the bench, Judge Fujie was a shareholder in the Los Angeles-based law firm of Buchalter Nemer, specializing in complex litigation and was named by the Daily Journal as one of the Top 100 Most Influential Lawyers in California and one of the Top 50 Women Lawyers in Southern California. Judge Fujie was appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court by Governor Jerry Brown in December 2011, and currently sits in the Civil Division of the Court. She received her B.A. degree in 1975 from U.C. Berkeley and her J.D. degree in 1978 from U.C. Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law.

Hon. Joan P. Weber

***Member at Large-elect, Bench-Bar Coalition Executive Committee
Southern Region***



Judge Joan P. Weber has been a trial judge in San Diego for over 26 years. She is the Immediate Past President of the California Judges Association. She also recently served a one-year term as an advisory member of the California Judicial Council. She sits as a trial judge doing primarily criminal trials. On the San Diego Court, she has served as the Supervising Judge of the Criminal Courts, Supervising Judge of the North County Court and Presiding Judge of the Appellate Department. She is a frequent instructor for California Judicial Education programs with an emphasis on death penalty trials and how to preside over high profile cases. From 2004 to 2013 she was a member of the Federal/State Judicial Council where she chaired the Capital Habeas Subcommittee. She is also a member of the American Law Institute. In 2016, she was awarded the Pursuit of Justice Award from the Tort, Trial and Insurance Section of the American Bar Association. In 2004 she received an award as Outstanding Jurist by the San Diego County Bar Association. Her prior legal experience before she became a judge includes serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for San Diego and as an associate for a civil litigation law firm in Phoenix, Arizona. She started her legal career as a law clerk for 9th Circuit Judge J. Clifford Wallace from 1980-1981. Judge Weber received her J.D. with highest distinction from the University of Arizona in 1980 and her B.A. cum laude from the Ohio State University in 1977.

Mr. James O. Heiting

***Member at Large-elect, Bench-Bar Coalition Executive Committee
Southern Region***



James Heiting is past-president of the State Bar of California and served on the State Bar Board of Trustees, occupying several leadership positions in addition to the presidency. He has been a member of multiple federal and state litigation, ethics, and trial associations. He received awards for the promotion of diversity and for instigating the State Bar's "Pipeline" program. Mr Heiting has been a member of the Bench-Bar Coalition for many years, and has participated in many BBC programs. He was appointed by Chief Justice Ronald George to the Supreme Court's State Bar Court Judge

Evaluation and Nomination Committee, and the Advisory Commission on "Brown vs. Board of Education". He also has served as president of the Riverside County Bar Association, was a co-founder of the Leo A. Deegan Inn of Court (training younger or less experienced members of the bar), and is a charter member of the Inland Empire Federal Bar Association. As the managing partner of Heiting and Irwin, Mr. Heiting has been practicing law since receiving his doctorate degree in law in 1976. He has served as a judge pro tem in superior court and as a privately requested and court appointed arbitrator and mediator in state courts and the California Court of Appeal. His practice includes handling prosecution and defense in personal injury cases, wrongful death, and medical malpractice matters. Mr. Heiting has a deep and abiding commitment to access to the courts and to justice and fairness for all California citizens.

Bench-Bar Coalition *2016 Honorees*

Hon. James M. Mize - Outgoing Past Cochair, BBC Executive Committee,

Northern/Central Region: Judge James Mize served as cochair of the Bench-Bar Coalition (BBC) from October 2013 to October 2015. He has participated in BBC Day in Sacramento and Day in the District legislative outreach activities for many years and has been instrumental in rallying support for numerous pieces of legislation with significant impact on the judicial branch. Judge Mize has served in a myriad of leadership positions both as an attorney, leading local bar associations, and as a judge, acting as president of the California Judges Association and the Anthony M. Kennedy Inn of Court. He served on the Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee and the Council's Court Technology Advisory Committee. Judge Mize received his undergraduate and master's degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and received his juris doctorate from the University of San Francisco.

David J. Pasternak – Outgoing President, State Bar of California: David Pasternak was elected as the 91st president of the State Bar of California on July 24, 2015. He was sworn in at the State Bar's Annual Meeting in October in Anaheim, California to lead the largest state bar in the country. Mr. Pasternak's work on the Board of Trustees has included serving as an active member of multiple committees and task forces, including the Executive Committee; the Regulation, Admissions and Discipline Oversight Committee; Senior Lawyers Working Group; Planning and Budget Committee; and the Task Force on Admissions Regulation Reform, among others. He is the first Supreme Court appointee to the board. Mr. Pasternak previously served as president of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, president of Bet Tzedek Legal Services and president of the Chancery Club. He is a member of Pasternak & Pasternak, a law corporation in Los Angeles and has practiced civil litigation since 1982. Mr. Pasternak has been appointed as a state and federal court receiver in over 100 cases. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Los Angeles and a law degree from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

Hon. Harold W. Hopp – Outgoing Cochair, BBC Executive Committee, Southern Region:

Judge Hopp has been an active BBC member since 2006. He was installed as cochair of the BBC representing the Southern Region on September 12, 2014 and prior to that, he served for two years as a member at large on the executive committee. He has consistently participated in legislative visits to Sacramento, quarterly conference calls, and in-person planning meetings and has been instrumental in bringing bar and court officials together to work on issues that face the judicial branch during a period of severe budget reductions. Judge Hopp is the presiding judge of

the Riverside County Superior Court and serves on the Judicial Council's Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee. He served on the Civil Jury Instructions Advisory Committee for five years and the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee for three years. Judge Hopp earned his undergraduate degree at Pacific Union College in Napa Valley and his juris doctorate from University Southern California Law School. He was appointed to the bench in 2005.

Jerrilyn T. Malana – Outgoing Member at Large, BBC Executive Committee, Southern

Region: Jerrilyn (Jerri) Malana serves as Chief Deputy and Special Advisor with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, where she advises on human resources matters and civil litigation issues. Prior to joining the DA's Office, Jerri spent over 16 years as an employment law attorney and shareholder with Littler Mendelson. She has served in multiple leadership positions for various organizations, and devotes a significant portion of her volunteer time on community and civic matters. Jerri is a past president of the San Diego County Bar Association, and a former member of the State Bar of California's Council on Access and Fairness. She is active with the California Civic Learning Partnership for San Diego County, which seeks to improve civic learning in grades K to 12. Jerri is a founding advisory board member for the Academy of Law at Crawford High School. She also serves as a trustee for the University of California San Diego Foundation. She received a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from University of California San Diego; Master of Business Administration from Chaminade University; and Juris Doctorate from California Western School of Law. Jerri plans to remain engaged in BBC activities following the conclusion of her term on the BBC Executive Committee.

Toby J. Rothschild - Outgoing Member at Large, BBC Executive Committee, Southern

Region: Toby Rothschild graduated from University of California at Los Angeles School of Law in 1969 and has worked in legal aid programs since graduation. He recently retired after serving 13 years as general counsel of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA). Prior to that, he served as interim executive director of LAFLA. For 28 years, he was the executive director of the Legal Aid Foundation of Long Beach. Toby served as chair of the Professional Responsibility and Ethics Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar, and as liaison on access to justice issues to the commission which drafted the proposed new California Rules of Professional Responsibility. He serves as a member of the new Rule Revision Commission which is scheduled to submit its revised rules to the Board of Trustees by March 2017. He has been the president of the Long Beach Bar Association and was vice chair of the California Commission on Access to Justice. Toby currently serves as a

member of the State Bar Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission. He frequently serves as a trainer on ethics, negotiation, and management skills. Toby has been an active Bench-Bar Coalition member for many years, participating in monthly conference calls and legislative outreach activities.

Hon. Eric C. Taylor – Outgoing President, California Judges Association (CJA): Judge Eric Taylor became the 84th president of the California Judges Association in June of 2015. Judge Taylor is the supervising judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County. He was appointed to the court system in 1998 and over the years, has served on numerous court committees in Los Angeles, including the Legislative, Civil Grand Jury, Court Security, and the Court’s Executive Committee, among others. Judge Taylor previously was elected as president of CJA in 2003 after serving on the board for two years. While president, he served on the Judicial Council of California and was appointed by Justice Ronald George to serve on the Council’s Access and Fairness Committee. Prior to the bench, Judge Taylor worked as a civil litigator as Deputy County Counsel for Los Angeles County and practiced litigation with several Los Angeles area firms. Judge Taylor received his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College and his juris doctorate from University of Virginia School of Law.



Background on the Bench-Bar Coalition

The statewide Bench-Bar Coalition (BBC) was formed in 1993 under the leadership of the California Association of Local Bars (CALB), the State Bar of California, and the Judicial Council to enhance communication and coordinate the activities of the judicial community with the state, local, and specialty bars on issues of common interest—particularly in the legislative arena. Securing adequate, dependable, and stable funding for the trial courts has been a primary focus for the BBC. BBC membership is open to members of the bench and bar, including judges and the presidents, past-presidents, presidents-elect, executive directors, or other person(s) designated by the president, of state, local, minority or specialty bar associations; legal services organization; or statewide organization dedicated to improving the justice system.

The BBC is currently cochaired by Ms. Melissa L. White, General Counsel, Trinity Fruit Company of Fresno and Judge Holly J. Fujie, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. Ms. White represents the Northern/Central California region and Judge Fujie represents the Southern California region. Members of the BBC's Executive Committee support the cochaairs in carrying out leadership responsibilities on quarterly conference calls, meetings, working groups, and related coalition activities.

In addition to its quarterly conference calls, the Bench-Bar Coalition holds meetings in conjunction with the State Bar of California and the judicial branch. The statewide BBC also participates in Day in Sacramento events, in which groups of judges and bar leaders meet with their legislators to discuss issues of mutual interest, with emphasis on the judicial branch budget. Judicial Council members and leaders of special commissions and task forces also are invited to participate in this event, which is held annually in conjunction with the State of the Judiciary address by the Chief Justice of California.

The BBC has been successful in the development of strong working relationships and increased communication between the judiciary and members of the bar, as well as enhanced advocacy efforts with the legislative and executive branches. Subject areas of joint interest include the judicial branch budget and the need for stable, adequate funding; access to justice; court technology; new judgeships; and courthouse construction.

For more information about the BBC, please contact Laura Speed, the Judicial Council's liaison to the BBC, at (916) 323-3121 phone, (916) 323-4347 fax, or email to laura.speed@jud.ca.gov.

**BENCH-BAR COALITION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
2016 - 2017**

BENCH-BAR COALITION (BBC) COCHAIRS

1. **Ms. Melissa L. White**, BBC Cochair, Northern/Central Region
2. **Hon. Holly J. Fujie**, BBC Cochair, Southern Region
3. **Hon. Harold W. Hopp**, BBC Past Cochair, Southern Region

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

4. **Martin N. Hoshino**, Administrative Director, Judicial Council of California
5. **Ms. Jody Patel**, Chief of Staff, Judicial Council of California
6. **Hon. Kenneth K. So**, Liaison to the Judicial Council (San Diego)
7. **Mr. Cory T. Jasperson**, Director, Judicial Council Governmental Affairs
8. **Ms. Laura E. Speed**, Principal Manager, Judicial Council Governmental Affairs

STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

9. **Ms. Kelli Evans**, Senior Director Administration of Justice, State Bar of California (San Francisco)

BENCH-BAR COALITION MEMBERS AT LARGE (2 per region)

10. **Mr. Pelayo A. Llamas**, BBC Member at Large, Northern/Central Region (Oakland)
11. **Ms. Windie O. Scott**, BBC Member at Large, Northern/Central Region (Sacramento)
12. **Mr. James O. Heiting**, BBC Member at Large, Southern Region (Riverside)
13. **Hon. Joan P. Weber**, BBC Member at Large, Southern Region (San Diego)

Bench-Bar Coalition
Membership Roster Contact Form

Please add me to the Bench-Bar Coalition membership roster:

Mr. Ms. Hon.

Name: _____

Title/Position (e.g., Judge, President, Liaison): _____

Bar Association Category: Local Minority Specialty Women's

Bar Association: _____

Law Firm or Court: _____

Address: _____

City and Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail
address: _____

If you would like to have your secretary or assistant copied on BBC e-mails, please fill in this section:

Secretary/Assistant's Name: _____

Secretary/Assistant's E-mail: _____

Please return this form by e-mail or fax to Katie Asher:

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**Bench-Bar Coalition
2016-2017 Planning Calendar *
Meetings, Conference Calls, and Key Events**

| Date/Time | Location | Activity |
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| 2016 | | |
| Friday, January 1, 2016 | | Statutes enacted on or before October 11, 2015, take effect. |
| Monday, January 4, 2016 | | Legislature reconvenes. |
| Sunday, January 10, 2016 | | Budget Bill must be submitted by the Governor |
| Friday, January 22, 2016 | | Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel |
| Monday, January 11, 2016, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Conference Call | BBC Executive Committee Conference Call prior to Quarterly Membership Conference Call |
| Monday, January 25, 2016, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Conference Call | BBC Quarterly Membership Conference Call |
| Friday, February 19, 2016 | | Last day for bills to be introduced |
| Tuesday, March 8, 2016 | State of the Judiciary | State of the Judiciary and BBC Day in Sacramento Legislative Visits |
| Thursday, March 17, 2016 | | Legislative Spring Recess begins at end of this day's session |
| Monday, March 28, 2016 | | Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess |
| Monday, April 11, 2016, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Conference Call | BBC Executive Committee Conference Call prior to Quarterly Membership Conference Call |
| Monday, April 18, 2016, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Conference Call | BBC Quarterly Membership Conference Call |
| Friday, June 3, 2016 | | Last day for bills to be passed out of the house of origin |
| Wednesday, June 15, 2016 | | Budget must be passed by midnight |
| Friday, July 1, 2016 | | Summer Recess begins provided Budget Bill has been passed |
| Monday, July 11, 2016, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Conference Call | BBC Executive Committee Conference Call prior to Quarterly Membership Conference Call |
| Monday, July 18, 2016, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Conference Call | BBC Quarterly Membership Conference Call |
| Friday, September 30, 2016 | 2016 Annual Meeting of the State Bar of California, San Diego, California | BBC Fall Meeting (no charge; registration required) |
| Monday, October 17, 2016, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Conference Call | BBC Executive Committee Conference Call prior to Quarterly Membership Conference Call |
| Monday, October 24, 2016, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Conference Call | BBC Quarterly Membership Conference Call |

| Date/Time | Location | Activity |
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| Tuesday, November 8, 2016 | | General Election |
| Monday, December 5, 2016 | | Legislature reconvenes for the 2017-2018 Session |
| 2017 | | |
| Sunday, January 1, 2017 | | Statues take effect |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Conference Call | BBC Executive Committee Conference Call prior to Quarterly Membership Conference Call |
| Monday, January 23, 2017, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Conference Call | BBC Quarterly Membership Conference Call |
| Monday, April 10, 2017, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Conference Call | BBC Executive Committee Conference Call prior to Quarterly Membership Conference Call |
| Monday, April 17, 2017, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Conference Call | BBC Quarterly Membership Conference Call |
| Monday, July 10, 2017, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Conference Call | BBC Executive Committee Conference Call prior to Quarterly Membership Conference Call |
| Monday, July 17, 2017, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Conference Call | BBC Quarterly Membership Conference Call |
| Friday, August 25, 2017 (Tentative) | 2017 Annual Meeting of the State Bar of California, Anaheim, California | BBC Fall Meeting (no charge; registration required) |
| Monday, October 16, 2017, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Conference Call | BBC Executive Committee Conference Call prior to Quarterly Membership Conference Call |
| Monday, October 23, 2017, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Conference Call | BBC Quarterly Membership Conference Call |

* Note: Legislative dates are **tentative** and subject to change.

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BENCH-BAR COALITION (BBC)
SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR
THE 2015-2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fall 2015 through Fall 2016 Activities

1. The Bench-Bar Coalition held its 2015 fall meeting at the Anaheim Marriott on Friday, October 9, 2015, during the Annual Meeting of the State Bar of California. Over 80 BBC members and judicial branch stakeholders attended. Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye extended welcoming remarks and joined Administrative Director Martin Hoshino and BBC leadership in recognizing the outgoing presidents of the State Bar of California and the California Judges Association for their support of the BBC. Ms. Melissa L. White, General Counsel, Trinity Fruit Company, was installed as the BBC Northern/Central Region cochair. Mr. Pelayo A. Llamas, deputy with the Oakland City Attorney's Office, and Ms. Windie Scott, Sacramento County Bar Association, were installed to the Executive Committee as Northern/Central Region members at large. The fall meeting agenda included two presentations on Access to Justice through Efficiencies. Judge James M. Mize presented information on two efficiencies recently implemented at the Sacramento Superior Court, One Day Divorce Program and Five-minute Formal Order After Hearing (FOAH). Both programs in Sacramento have been praised by litigants as expediting the time it takes to process these civil proceedings using computer templates and data imports. Alan Carlson and Salvador Reynoso from Orange Superior Court presented information about self-help programs such as Holistic Remote Services for Self-represented Litigants, utilizing self-help portals and other technological tools to reduce amount of time in court and the accuracy of paperwork submitted.
2. The BBC held its final quarterly membership conference call of 2015 on Monday, October 19, 2015. Martin Hoshino, the Judicial Council's Administrative Director, updated BBC members on the 2016 Judicial Council meetings in Sacramento and the Commission on the Future of California's court system. Cory Jaspersen, the Judicial Council's Director of Governmental Affairs, provided BBC members with the status of several court-related legislative reports and the budget priorities for 2016 as well as information about upcoming advocacy plans. BBC executive committee members recapped the fall meeting presentations regarding access to justice through efficiencies. The meeting adjourned after updates from the legal community, including from the State Bar, the California Judges Association, legal services and California Commission on Access to Justice, and the American Bar Association.
3. The BBC held its first quarterly membership conference call of 2016 on Monday, January 25, 2016. There were approximately 45 participants on the call. Martin Hoshino provided an overview of the Governor's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 as well as a recap of the Governor's remarks at the State of the State Address on Thursday, January 21, 2016. Cory Jaspersen briefed BBC members on Judicial Branch legislative and budget priorities in 2016 emphasizing the focus on how budget reductions are impacting court users and the need to demonstrate innovations and efficiencies that will improve access to justice.
4. The BBC held a special conference call on March 2, 2016 in preparation for the March "Day in Sacramento" legislative visits. Discussion topics included a walkthrough of the itinerary, a status of legislative appointments confirmed to-date, judicial branch funding talking points, current political and policy issues, and the availability of updated Budget Impact Snapshots to be referenced and shared with legislators and key staff during appointments.

5. Chief Justice's State of the Judiciary Address and Bench-Bar Coalition Day in Sacramento Legislative Visits: On March 8, 2016, Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye delivered her fifth State of the Judiciary Address to a joint session of the California Legislature. Citing transition within the judiciary amid severe budget reductions, the Chief emphasized themes of self-assessment, transparency, accountability, and reengineering to achieve the Judicial Council's goals of access, fairness and diversity in the California court system. In conjunction with the Chief Justice's State of the Judiciary Address, 40 representatives from the Bench-Bar Coalition (BBC), Open Courts Coalition, and Judicial Council participated in the Bench-Bar Coalition Day in Sacramento (DIS) activities. Members of the BBC teams met with over 105 Senators, Assembly Members, and legislative staff over a four hour period to deliver key messages about judicial branch budget and legislative priorities. BBC members cited many productive discussions with their local representatives and noted their legislators were interested in making court visits to see first-hand the impact of budget reductions on the courts.
6. In April 2016, BBC members were invited to participate in a survey to determine what topics they would like to discuss at the fall meeting on September 30, 2016. A list of topics including fines, fees, penalties and assessments, court funding and WAFM, court technology/new technology, facilities and courthouse construction, language access plans, criminal realignment and Proposition 47 workload impacts, and judges/judgeships, were voted on via the survey. BBC members indicated they would like to explore the topic of fines, fees and assessments. As a result, meeting participants will receive an overview of the topic describing types of fines, fees, penalties and assessments, distinguishing differences between criminal fines and civil fees, and a segment on revenues and distribution.
7. As the hearings and negotiations on the judicial branch budget began in earnest during May and June, BBC members traveled to Sacramento to testify at Senate and Assembly budget subcommittee hearings.
8. On May 16, 2016, BBC members participated in a special conference call to hear updates to the Governor Brown's proposed budget as a result of the May 13 release of the Budget Revise. BBC members received information about funding for the judicial branch.
9. A special conference call was held on Monday, August 29, during which Judge Holly J. Fujie, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, was ratified as the next BBC Southern Region cochair. She succeeds Presiding Judge Harold W. Hopp, Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, who will continue his service as immediate past cochair. Judge Joan P. Weber, Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, and Mr. James O. Heiting of Riverside, were ratified as incoming Southern Region members at large. All new members of the executive committee will be installed at the BBC's 2016 Fall Meeting in San Diego on September 30, 2016.

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: 2017-2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- 1. Support funding priorities for the Judicial Branch.** The Judicial Council will continue advocacy seeking investment in the courts to advance solutions to improve access to justice for all Californians, including a stable funding source for court operations as well as court facilities maintenance and construction. BBC members are encouraged to articulate their personal experiences with the impacts of reduced court funding in their communities.
- 2. Support efforts to address the shortage of judgeships statewide.** The judicial branch is significantly impacted by the statewide need for additional judgeships to meet the courts' workload demands and to improve access to justice in the trial courts. BBC members can be instrumental in educating legislators about the ongoing need for judgeships.
- 3. Educate the community, the public, legislators, and the Governor on the contributions of the judicial branch to our government.** Too often the public is unaware of the judicial branch's role and function as a separate branch of government and does not understand its contributions to our democracy. By meeting with community and business leaders and obtaining firsthand accounts of how reduced access to the courts has affected them, BBC members can not only educate and inform stakeholders, but also gain support from an additional constituency.

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