

## **CJER Advisory Committee**

### **Developing Curriculum-Based Education With Curriculum Committees**

The responsibility for planning, conducting, and overseeing judicial branch education is directed by the Judicial Council of California through its staff at the Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER), with recommendations from the CJER Advisory Committee.

#### *Curricula and Audiences*

An effective structure for developing a judicial education plan must be curriculum-based and accommodate the many audiences who desire continuing education. California judicial branch education consists of the following broad content areas that reflect the needs of the branch's many audiences:

- Appellate Practice
- Civil Law
- Criminal Law
- Family Law
- Judicial Branch Access, Ethics & Fairness
- Judicial Branch Leadership Development
- Juvenile Law
- Probate Law
- Trial Court Operations

#### *Curriculum Committees*

In an effort to meet the needs of these varied audiences, the CJER Advisory Committee has created a curriculum committee for each broad area, comprised of members from the key audiences who require education in that area. The CJER Advisory Committee recommends the membership of the curriculum committees to the Chief Justice, who makes the appointments. This approach is intended to bring together multiple perspectives to each substantive area, which, in turn, will enrich the curriculum for that area. The primary role and responsibility of the curriculum committee is to develop a two-year education plan for its respective curriculum area, in partnership with CJER staff, for approval by the CJER Advisory Committee and ultimately the Judicial Council.