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## **Commission on Judicial Appointments to Consider Appointment to the Supreme Court of California**

*Confirmation Hearing Set for Monday, December 22, 2014*

SAN FRANCISCO—A public hearing has been scheduled by the Commission on Judicial Appointments for Monday, December 22, 2014, beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Supreme Court Courtroom, Earl Warren Building, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California to consider the appointment by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., of Ms. Leondra R. Kruger to the Supreme Court of California.

The state Constitution specifies that a gubernatorial appointment to the Supreme Court is “effective when confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments.”

The commission members who will consider the appointment of Ms. Kruger are Chief Justice of California Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye (Chair), California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris, and Senior Presiding Justice Joan Dempsey Klein of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Three.

### **Appointee Summary Biography**

Ms. Kruger would fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Associate Justice Joyce L. Kennard on April 5, 2014. Ms. Kruger has served as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General at the United States Department of Justice, Office of Legal Counsel since 2013. Before that, she was an Assistant to the Solicitor General and Acting Principal Deputy Solicitor General in the United States Department of Justice, Office of the Solicitor General from 2007 to 2013.

Ms. Kruger was a visiting assistant professor at the University of Chicago Law School in 2007, an associate at Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr LLP from 2004 to 2006, and an associate at Jenner and Block LLP from 2001 to 2002. She also served as a law clerk to Associate Justice John Paul Stevens of the United States Supreme Court from 2003 to 2004 and to Judge David S. Tatel of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit from 2002 to 2003.

### **Testimony and Comment**

Persons who wish to testify or comment on the appointment must submit their information for receipt by the commission no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2014.

Anyone wishing to testify before the commission must state that request in writing and include a summary of the facts on which any testimony or opinion will be based.

The commission's address is:

Commission on Judicial Appointments  
c/o Chief Justice of California  
Supreme Court of California  
350 McAllister Street  
San Francisco, California 94102  
Attention: Secretary to the Commission

The guidelines for the Commission on Judicial Appointments are published as an appendix to the California Rules of Court and are available on the California Courts [website](#).

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*The Governor appoints candidates to the Supreme Court and the Courts of Appeal, however, the appointees must be confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments. The commission convenes after the Governor nominates or appoints a person to fill a vacancy on either the Supreme Court or a Court of Appeal. The commission holds one or more public hearings to review the appointee's qualifications and may confirm or reject the appointment. No appellate appointment is final until the commission has filed its approval with the Secretary of State. The commission is comprised of three members: the Chief Justice of California, the Attorney General of California, and the Senior Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeal of the affected district. When a Supreme Court appointee is being considered, the third member of the commission is the state's Senior Presiding Justice of the Courts of Appeal.*