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OPEN MEETING AGENDA

Open to the Public (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.75(c)(1))

THIS MEETING IS BEING CONDUCTED BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED

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**Date:** February 16, 2017  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Judicial Council of California  
455 Golden Gate Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boardroom  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
**Public Call-In Number** 1-877-820-7831 and enter Listen Only Passcode: 4133250

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Agenda items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in the indicated order.

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**I. OPEN MEETING (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(C)(1))**

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**Call to Order and Roll Call**

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**II. PUBLIC COMMENT (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(K)(2))**

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**Public Comment**

This meeting will be conducted by teleconference. As such, the public may only submit written comments for this meeting.

**Written Comment**

In accordance with California Rules of Court, rule 10.75(k)(1), written comments pertaining to any agenda item of a regularly noticed open meeting can be submitted up to one complete business day before the meeting. For this specific meeting, comments should be e-mailed to [forum@jud.ca.gov](mailto:forum@jud.ca.gov) or mailed or delivered to 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102, attention: Jennifer Walter. Only written comments received by 9:30 a.m. on February 15, 2017 will be provided to advisory body members.

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**III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-8)**

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**INVOCATION**

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Approve Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2016

*Hon. Abby Abinanti, Co-Chair, Chief Judge of the Yurok Tribal Court*

*Hon. Dennis M. Perluss, Co-Chair, Justice of the Court of Appeal,  
Second Appellate District, Los Angeles*

*Jenny Walter, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**SESSION 1: FORUM MEMBER PROJECT UPDATES**

**Educational Projects—Report on California Civic Learning Summit**

*Hon. Abby Abinanti*

**Partnerships—Enforcement of Tribal Protection Orders - Making Full Faith and Credit a Reality**

*Olin Jones, Forum Member and Director of Native American Affairs,*

*Office of the Attorney General, California Department of Justice (DOJ)*

*Kathleen “Kate” Alice Kenealy, Chief Deputy Attorney General of the Civil Law*

*Division, Office of the Attorney General, California DOJ*

**Policies**

- Child Welfare: Protecting Children and Tribal Access to the Child Abuse Central Index
- Child Welfare: Tribal Access to Juvenile Court File - Rule 5.552
- Child Support: Transfer Between Tribal and State Courts - Rule 5.372
- Civil Money Judgments: Lifting the Sunset on SB 406

**SESSION 2: PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CALIFORNIA SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION CENTER (CalSWEC)**

*Virginia Rondero Hernandez, PhD, LCSW, Executive Director CalSWEC*

*Michelle Rainer, Coordinator, SERVE and Pathway*

- Pathway for Tribal Social Workers
- Seeking Judicial Input into Education for Child Welfare Workers

**SESSION 3: INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (ICWA) LEGISLATIVE AND RULE DISCUSSION**

**Facilitators:**

*Hon. Leonard P. Edwards, Ret., Judge-in-Residence, Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

*Hon. Patricia Lenzi, Chief Judge, Cedarville Rancheria of the Northern Paiute Indians Tribal Court*

**WORKING LUNCH: TRIBAL JUSTICE DOCUMENTARY (1.5 hours) AND PANEL DISCUSSION**

*Hon. Suzanne Kingsbury, Presiding Judge, El Dorado Superior Court*

*Hon. Sunshine Sykes, Judge, Riverside Superior Court*

*Hon. Christopher G. Wilson, Judge, Humboldt Superior Court*

- What State Court Can Learn from Tribal Courts
- Developing Curriculum to Complement the Documentary
- Educating Foundations

**PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HONORING:**

*Anthony Hakl, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, California DOJ*

*Olin Jones*

*Kathleen "Kate" Alice Kenealy*

**SESSION 4: TRIBAL/STATE/COURT DATA EXCHANGES IN CHILD WELFARE CASES**

*Karen Hanna, County Consultant (Los Angeles), Child Welfare Digital Services*

*Amit Rai, Interfaces Lead, Child Welfare Digital Services*

*Mary Jane Risling, Tribal Consultant, Child Welfare Digital Services*

**BREAK**

**SESSION 5: JUDGE TO JUDGE COMMUNICATIONS IN NON-MONEY JUDGMENT CASES**

*Hon. Joseph Wiseman, Chief Judge, Northern California Intertribal Court System*

**SESSION 6: INCREMENTAL APPROACH TO RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF NON-MONEY JUDGMENTS - WHICH CASE TYPES?**

*[Note: SB 406 survey respondents recommended the following case types: probate case, trespass cases, conservatorship cases, contract cases, and family law cases.]*

*Hon. Lester Marston, Chief Judge, Blue Lake Rancheria Tribal Court*

*Hon. Mark Radoff, Chief Judge, Chemehuevi Tribal Court*

**SESSION 7: ENHANCING TRIBAL-STATE COLLABORATION**

*Jerry Gardner, Director, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*

**SESSION 8: FORUM PRIORITIES 2017-2018 AND ANNUAL AGENDA/WORK PLAN**

*Hon. Abby Abinanti*

*Hon. Dennis M. Perluss*

*Jenny Walter*

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**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Adjourn**