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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

For business meeting on: August 23, 2013

Title	Agenda Item Type
Judicial Council Distinguished Service Awards: Recipients for 2013	Action Required
Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected	Effective Date
None	August 23, 2013
Recommended by	Date of Report
Hon. Marvin R. Baxter, Chair Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee	July 24, 2013
Hon. Douglas P. Miller, Chair Executive and Planning Committee	Contact Claudia Fernandes, 415-865-7799 claudia.fernandes@jud.ca.gov
Hon. Harry E. Hull, Jr., Chair Rules and Projects Committee	

Executive Summary

The chairs of three Judicial Council internal committees, the Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee, Executive and Planning Committee, and Rules and Projects Committee, recommend that the council approve the recommended recipients of the 2013 Judicial Council of California Distinguished Service Awards. These annual awards, the highest honors bestowed by the judicial branch, recognize individuals who exemplify the leadership strengths that create significant and positive contributions to court administration in California. Following council approval, the awards will be presented on a date and at an event to be determined.

Recommendation

The chairs of the Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee, the Executive and Planning Committee, and the Rules and Projects Committee recommend that the Judicial Council approve

the recipients of the 2013 Distinguished Service Awards—the Ronald M. George Award for Judicial Excellence, the William C. Vickrey Leadership in Judicial Administration Award, the Bernard E. Witkin Amicus Curiae Award, the Stanley Mosk Defender of Justice Award, and the Richard D. Huffman Justice for Children & Families Award—according to the recommendations distributed at this meeting.

Previous Council Action

This is the 20th year that the Judicial Council will award the Distinguished Service Awards for significant and positive contributions to court administration in California.

Rationale for Recommendation

Award recipients are selected for the following qualities and achievements:

- The Ronald M. George Award for Judicial Excellence honors members of the judiciary for their extraordinary dedication to the highest principles of the administration of justice statewide.
- The William C. Vickrey Leadership in Judicial Administration Award honors individuals in judicial administration for significant statewide contributions to and leadership in their profession.
- The Bernard E. Witkin Amicus Curiae Award honors individuals other than members of the judiciary for their outstanding contributions to the courts of California.
- The Stanley Mosk Defender of Justice Award honors individuals from federal, state, and local government for significant contributions to advancing equal access to fair and consistent justice in California.
- Richard D. Huffman Justice for Children & Families Award honors individuals for significant contributions to advancing justice for children and families in California.

The invitation seeking nominations for the awards is attached.

Comments, Alternatives Considered, and Policy Implications

The invitation to nominate for these awards is posted on www.courts.ca.gov, the judicial branch's public website. All nominations received in response to the invitation are evaluated by the membership of the recommending Judicial Council internal committees prior to selecting the recommended recipients.

Attachments

1. Attachment A: Distinguished Service Awards Invitation to Nominate