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Commission on Judicial Appointments To Consider Governor's Proposed Appointment to California Supreme Court

Public Hearing Set for August 31, 2011, in San Francisco

San Francisco—A public hearing has been scheduled by the Commission on Judicial Appointments on Wednesday, August 31, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. in the California Supreme Court Courtroom, Fourth Floor, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco, to consider the proposed appointment by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. of Professor Goodwin Liu as Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court.

The appointment of Professor Liu, professor of law at University of California Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), has been proposed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Associate Justice Carlos R. Moreno. Justice Moreno retired from the high court effective February 28, 2011.

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

The members of the commission who will consider the proposed appointment of Professor Liu are Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, chairperson; Attorney General Kamala Harris; and Presiding Justice Joan Dempsey Klein, of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Three (Los Angeles), senior presiding justice of the state Courts of Appeal.

All communications to the commission by persons who wish to comment on the proposed appointment should be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2011. The commission's address is:

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

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. A request to be included on the speakers' list must be received by the commission by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2011.

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 at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/5367.htm> . The guidelines also can be obtained by calling the Public Information Officer for the commission at 415-865-7726/40.

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