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## **State Bar Names Two Attorney Members to California Judicial Council**

San Francisco—Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye has announced that the State Bar Board of Governors has appointed two new attorney members to the Judicial Council of California, the policymaking body of state courts.

The new members are Ms. Angela Joy Davis, of Los Angeles, and Mr. Mark P. Robinson, Jr., of Newport Beach.

Each was appointed to a three-year term beginning September 15, 2011, and expiring September 14, 2014. The new members join two other attorneys on the Judicial Council: Ms. Miriam A. Krinsky, a lecturer at University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Affairs, and Ms. Edith R. Matthai, of Los Angeles.

**Angela Joy Davis** is an assistant U.S. attorney in the major frauds section of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Central District of California, where she has served since 1995. She is responsible for complex federal fraud investigations, trials, and Ninth Circuit appeals and has held several leadership roles in the U.S. Department of Justice, including service as an instructor for judicial reform courses taught, in Spanish, to public officials in Mexico—as part of an initiative sponsored by the U.S. and Mexico governments—and service as a senior supervisory attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Trustee Office. Before joining the public sector, she was a civil litigator for major law firms based in Los Angeles from 1986–1993.

Ms. Davis is currently completing a three-year term, has served on the State Bar Board of Governors, was president of California Women Lawyers from 2006 to 2007, was Chair of the Editorial Board for the official journal of the L.A. County Bar Association from 2008–2009, and was a member of the American Bar Association House of Delegates from

2007 to 2009. She earned her J.D. degree from UCLA School of Law in 1986 where she was a Law Review editor, and received her B.A. from Stanford University.

**Mark P. Robinson, Jr.** is the senior partner in the Newport Beach law firm of Robinson Calcagnie Robinson Shapiro Davis, Inc. He has handled thousands of products liability cases in more than 20 states. His landmark Ford Pinto verdict has been recognized by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America as one of the most significant civil trials of the past millennium. In 1999, he obtained a verdict as co-trial counsel in *Anderson v. General Motors*. In 2006, Mr. Robinson obtained a verdict in *Barnett v. Merck*, the only plaintiffs' win in the national Vioxx Multi District Litigation. Mr. Robinson is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a member of the International Society of Barristers, and a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. In 1999, he was elected president of the Consumer Attorneys of California. He is currently the national treasurer of the American Board of Trial Advocates and teaches Trial Advocacy at the University of California at Irvine School of Law. In 2008, Mr. Robinson was named California ABOTA Trial Lawyer of the Year, and was also honored by the Anti-Defamation League with one of two jurisprudence awards in Orange County. In 2011, he was inducted by the California Bar Litigation Section into the Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame. Mr. Robinson graduated cum laude from Loyola Law School and received his B.A. degree from Stanford University.

Chaired by Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye, the Judicial Council consists of 14 judicial members appointed by the Chief Justice, 4 attorney members appointed by the State Bar Board of Governors, 1 member from each house of the Legislature, and 11 advisory members. The Administrative Director of the Courts serves as secretary to the council.

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*The Judicial Council is the policymaking body of the California courts, the largest court system in the nation. Under the leadership of the Chief Justice and in accordance with the California Constitution, the council is responsible for ensuring the consistent, independent, impartial, and accessible administration of justice. The Administrative Office of the Courts carries out the official actions of the council and promotes leadership and excellence in court administration.*