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## **State Bar Names Attorney Member to Judicial Council of California**

SAN FRANCISCO—Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye has announced that the State Bar Board of Trustees has appointed a new attorney member to the Judicial Council of California, the policy-making body of state courts.

The new member is James P. Fox of San Carlos.

He was appointed to a three-year term, from September 15, 2012 to September 15, 2015. He joins three other attorney members on the Judicial Council: Angela Joy Davis, of Los Angeles, Mark P. Robinson, Jr., of Newport Beach, and Edith R. Matthai of Los Angeles.

**James P. Fox** is a consultant to the State Bar, assisting Chief Trial Counsel Jayne Kim in reducing a backlog of complaints against California attorneys. Before his retirement on December 31, 2010, Fox was the district attorney of San Mateo County for 28 years.

In 2009, the Judicial Council presented Fox with the Bernard E. Witkin Amicus Curiae Award for his many contributions to the administration of justice through his leadership and service at national, state, and local levels. Fox has also served on the Judicial Council's Criminal Law Advisory Committee and Court Profiles Advisory Committee, as well as the State Bar's Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation.

Chaired by Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye, the [Judicial Council](#) consists of the Chief Justice, 14 additional judicial members appointed by the Chief Justice, 4 attorney members appointed by the State Bar Board of Trustees, 1 member from each house of the state Legislature, and 10 advisory members. The Administrative Director of the Courts serves as secretary to the council.

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