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New Judicial Branch Task Force to Develop Strategic Plan for Court Technology

Group will work in partnership with courts and branch stakeholders

SAN FRANCISCO—The [Judicial Council of California](#) announced the members of a new task force charged with addressing and making recommendations on the governance, strategy, and financial support for judicial branch technology. The council's new Technology Planning Task Force will work in partnership with the courts and with input from branch stakeholders to:

- Develop a plan for technology governance within the branch;
- Devise a tactical plan for technology that defines the steps needed to achieve the goals defined in the strategic plan;
- Collaborate with the courts to develop administrative and technical guidelines;
- Identify and promote opportunities for court collaboration on technological issues; and
- Make recommendations for stable, long-term funding sources for judicial branch technology.

“A comprehensive and collaborative technology plan update and redesign, grounded in the technology needs of the courts, is the key to branch technology progress and funding,” said Santa Barbara Judge James E. Herman, who will chair the new task force. “The success of the planning project is grounded in the broad coalition of constituencies represented by the task force membership, including presiding judges, court executive officers, court information officers, lawyers, and the Judicial Council’s Technology Committee and Court Technology Advisory Committee.”

Following the Judicial Branch Technology Summit, which took place October 23-24, 2012, Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye authorized the creation of this new task force, which will report directly to the Judicial Council’s broader [Technology Committee](#). The [members of the task force](#) were appointed February 1, 2013, and their terms expire February 1, 2014.

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