Confidential Evaluation of Judicial Nominees
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CONFIDENTIAL COMMENT FORM

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. has asked this Commission to evaluate for judicial appointment the person whose **name appears in the box below**. If you know the candidate, please complete the questionnaire, rating the candidate individually, not as compared to other candidates. Please attach an extra page if you wish to supply additional information.

The confidential information you provide will be available to the full JNE Commission, but disclosure of your identity will be limited to the investigating commissioners, unless you authorize release of your identity to the full Commission. Thank you for your assistance.

Send the completed form, a.s.a.p., marked "**PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL**" to:

Please Return By _____

Candidate:	
Court:	
Your relationship with candidate: ☐ Professional ☐ Social ☐ Reputation only	Years known _____
Your evaluation based on: ☐ Worked with ☐ Opposed ☐ Appeared before ☐ Other	

Instructions: ✷ ✷ ✷ ✷ **DISCARD FORM IF YOU DO NOT KNOW THE CANDIDATE**. ✷ ✷ ✷ ✷
Circle the performance level most applicable for the factor being rated.

O–Outstanding	**VG**–Very Good	**S**–Satisfactory
BA–Below Average	**U**–Unsatisfactory	**UNK**–Unknown

Professional Ability   O   VG   S   BA   U   UNK
(*Includes intellectual capacity, written and oral communication skills*)
Comments:_____
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Legal Experience   O   VG   S   BA   U   UNK
(*Includes litigation and non-litigation experience, legal work for a business or nonprofit entity, experience as a law professor or other academic position, legal work in any of the three branches of government, legal work before administrative agencies, and legal work in dispute resolution; case complexity; length of practice*)
Comments:_____
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Judicial Temperament   O   VG   S   BA   U   UNK
(*Includes objectivity, patience, judgment, decisiveness, collegiality, impartiality*)
Comments:_____
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Professional Reputation		O	VG	S	BA	U	UNK

Professional Reputation
(*Includes honesty, integrity, community respect*)

Comments:_____

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Work Ethic		O	VG	S	BA	U	UNK

Work Ethic
(*Includes industry*)

Comments:_____

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Bias   ❑ **No**   ❑ **Yes**

(*Includes cultural sensitivity and commitment to equal access to justice; does candidate exhibit, or to your knowledge has candidate exhibited, any bias which may be perceived as based on race, sex, sexual orientation, religion, political affiliation, etc.?*)

Comments:_____

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Overall Rating

❑ Exceptionally Well Qualified — Possessing qualities and attributes of remarkable or extraordinary superiority that enable the candidate to perform the judicial function with distinction.

❑ Well Qualified — Possessing qualities and attributes indicative of a superior fitness to perform the judicial function with a high degree of skill and effectiveness.

❑ Qualified — Possessing qualities and attributes sufficient to perform the judicial function adequately and satisfactorily.

❑ Not Qualified — Possessing less than the minimum qualities and attributes listed above.

Your identity will be strictly protected and not disclosed to the full JNE Commission without your consent. Please mark one.

❑ I understand that my identity can be disclosed to the investigating JNE Commissioners, to the Chair, and to the Vice Chair. I do not consent to disclosure of my identity to the full JNE Commission.

❑ I consent to disclosure of my identity to the full JNE Commission.

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Print Name

_____

Signature

(_____)_____

Phone

(_____)_____

Phone After Hours

Please check appropriate boxes

Judge	**Attorney**
❑ Magistrate/Commissioner	❑ Public Defender
❑ Federal	❑ District Attorney
❑ Appellate	❑ Other Public Office
❑ Superior	❑ Private Practice
❑ Retired	❑ Other _____

Other_____

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