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BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE III.F

DATE: July 16, 2020

TO: Members, Board Executive Committee
Members, Board of Trustees

FROM: Mark Broughton, Appointments Liaison, Board of Trustees
Juan De La Cruz, Appointments Liaison, Board of Trustees
Ruben Duran, Acting¹ Appointments Liaison, Board of Trustees

SUBJECT: Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation – Annual Appointment of
Officers, Members, and Alternates

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE) is an agency of the State Bar created by Government Code section 12011.5² for the purpose of evaluating judicial candidates who are under consideration for appointment by the governor. Pursuant to statute, prior to exercising judicial appointment authority, the governor is required to submit the names of candidates to the JNE Commission for an investigation and evaluation of the candidates' judicial qualifications. The JNE Commission must report back to the governor within 90 days of the date of submission its rating of the candidate as one of the following: exceptionally well qualified, well qualified, qualified, or not qualified. The JNE Commission must also provide the reasons for its rating.

This agenda item recommends the annual appointments for the 2021 JNE Commission including: (1) reappointment of current members; (2) appointment of new members and alternates; and (3) appointment of the chair and vice-chair.

¹ Appointments Liaisons Mark Broughton and Juan De La Cruz conducted the JNE Officer interviews. On account of a conflict in Trustee Mark Broughton's schedule, Trustee Ruben Duran acted in his place for purposes of reviewing the applications for membership and making recommendations, along with Trustee Juan De La Cruz, regarding reappointment of current members, and appointment of new members and alternates.

² See Attachment A – JNE Commission Resource Material: Statutory Authority, Rules of the State Bar, and Officer Duties.

BACKGROUND

The JNE Commission is composed of both public (nonlawyer) and lawyer members, up to a maximum of 38 members. See Attachment B – Current 2020 JNE Commission. The JNE Commission meets approximately six times each JNE year, which begins in June and ends in April. The first meeting of the new 2021 JNE Commission will be in June 2021, and the final meeting will be in April 2022. Each meeting is two days long.

Commissioners serve three consecutive one-year terms, pending satisfactory annual evaluations from the JNE Commission Chair. Only the chair may serve a fourth year. Each year, commissioners must reapply and confirm that they will be able to keep up with the demands of the JNE Commission workload. Commissioners seeking reappointment have preference over new applicants because of the steep learning curve involved in mastering the JNE software and developing a firm understanding of the candidate investigation and evaluation process.

New commissioners are required to participate in a two-day orientation on January 15–16, 2021, “shadow” a candidate investigation, attend the April 23–24, 2021 meeting (the final meeting of the 2020 JNE Commission) for observational purposes only, and participate in their first meeting as full-fledged commissioners at the June 25–26, 2020 meeting (the first meeting of the 2021 JNE Commission). Biannually, JNE commissioners are provided presentations on antibias and judicial diversity.

Ideal candidates are leaders in their respective areas of practice or employment, and represent a diversity of background, perspective, and experience. The criteria used to consider the lawyer applicants include length of time in practice, type of practice, and area of specialty. Every year, the State Bar strives to add at least one former member of the judiciary to the incoming class.

DISCUSSION

The recommendations of the appointments liaisons for reappointment of members and appointment of new members, alternates, and officers for the 2021 JNE Commission follow. See Attachment C – Proposed 2021 JNE Commission.

Reappointment of Current Members to the 2021 JNE Commission

All 25 members of the current JNE Commission have applied for reappointment: 13 members of the first year class, 13 members of the second year class, and one member of the third year class, current Vice-Chair and Chair candidate Stella Ngai. All 27 applicants for reappointment received a rating of satisfactory or above on their performance evaluations and a recommendation for reappointment from JNE Chair Aminder Singh. Based on the chair’s evaluations and recommendations, and the historic practice of reappointing those commissioners willing and able to undertake and carry out the work of the JNE Commission, the appointments liaisons recommend reappointing the 27 members of the current JNE Commission who have applied for reappointment as set forth below.

Appointment of New Members to the 2020 JNE Commission

Assuming approval of the 27 current member applicants recommended for reappointment, there remain 11 vacancies to fill on the 2021 JNE Commission. Thirty-nine applications were received: one public (nonlawyer) applicant, two former judicial officer applicants, and the remainder, lawyer applicants. To fill the 11 vacancies, Appointments Liaison Juan De La Cruz and Acting Appointments Liaison Ruben Duran recommend that the Board appoint the one public (nonlawyer) applicant, both former judicial officer applicants and eight lawyer applicants, as described below.

Public (nonlawyer)³

1. David Lieberman, Berkeley CA

David Lieberman is a historian with 37 years of experience in legal academics, with a research focus on the history of law and legal thought. David Lieberman is employed at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, as a professor at the Center for the Study of Law and Society, a multidisciplinary PhD program in Jurisprudence and Social Policy. In 2019, David Lieberman was awarded the Faculty Lifetime Achievement Award by the Berkeley Law Alumni Association.

Former Judicial Officer

1. Hon. Brenda Harbin-Forte (Ret.), Oakland, CA

Judge Harbin-Forte retired from the bench in November 2019 after seven years on the Oakland-Piedmont-Emeryville Municipal Court and 22 years on the Alameda County Superior Court. Prior to being elevated to the bench, Judge Harbin-Forte was a partner at Thelen, Marrin, Johnson & Bridges, specializing in general and complex litigation in state and federal courts. Judge Harbin-Forte has extensive volunteer experience, most recently with the State Bar's Council on Access and Fairness.

2. Hon. David Horowitz (Ret.), Studio City, CA

Judge Horowitz retired from the bench in 2002 after one year on the Los Angeles Municipal Court and 21 years on the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Prior to being elevated to the bench, Judge Horowitz worked as a deputy public defender in the Los Angeles Public Defender's Office. Currently, Judge Horowitz is a self-employed mediator, arbitrator, and private judge.

³ Within each category – Public (nonlawyer), Former Judicial Officer, Lawyer, the recommended applicants are in alphabetical order.

Lawyer

1. Anaebere, Ugochi, Santa Ana CA

Ugochi Anaebere has been a lawyer for 15 years, with a current practice area in civil litigation and poverty law with the Public Law Center as the Directing Attorney for the Housing and Homelessness Prevention Unit. Ugochi Anaebere grew up in South Central Los Angeles and has had a legal career dedicated to serving the public interest. Ugochi Anaebere has practiced law in urban settings and also in the rural communities of Fresno and Indio.

2. Bhalotra, Chhaya Malik, Berkeley CA

Chhaya Bhalotra has been a lawyer for 17 years and currently practices in the area of white collar crime with a small firm, Ramsey & Ehrlich. Previously, Chhaya Bhalotra worked as the Interagency Policy Liaison for the Ambassador in The Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons with the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C., and as the Thurgood Marshall Fellow with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights.

3. Bollinger, André R., San Diego CA

André Bollinger has been a lawyer for eight and a half years, and is a deputy public defender for the County of San Diego Office of the Public Defender. André Bollinger grew up in the inner-city of Los Angeles, and taught middle school before going to law school. André Bollinger is a member of the California Public Defender Association executive board.

4. Brown, Aundrea J., Oakland CA

Aundrea Brown has been a lawyer for 27 years, and is an assistant public defender with the County of Alameda Office of the Public Defender. Aundrea Brown practiced civil law for one year after admission to the bar, and has been a public defender in Alameda County ever since. Aundrea Brown is active in the community as a volunteer and has been a keynote speaker and panelist for the last 10 years at meetings of bar associations, public schools, governmental agencies, courts, law schools, community colleges, and community groups.

5. Choe, Julia S., Los Angeles CA

Julia Choe has been a lawyer for eight years, and is an assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Central District of California in the Cyber & Intellectual Property Section. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's office, Julia Choe worked at Kecker & Van Nest and Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, civil litigation firms, and clerked for The Hon. William F. Kuntz, United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

6. Guillory, Stacey, Oakland CA

Stacey Guillory has been a lawyer for 11 and a half years, and currently practices in the areas of criminal, litigation, public, administrative, and consumer law at Bay Area Legal Aid. Stacey Guillory is a first generation high school and college graduate, was the founding member of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association Solano County and the Asian American Criminal Trial Lawyers Association, and is active in the community as a mentor for high school students.

7. Mori, Ai, San Francisco CA

Ai Mori has been a lawyer for 19 and a half years, and currently serves as a judicial staff attorney with the Court of Appeal, First District, Division Three, with practice areas including civil, criminal, and juvenile dependency law. Previously, Ai Mori was certified by the State Bar as a Family Law Specialist, litigated individual and class actions in the areas of employment discrimination, wage and hours and consumer law, and represented individuals in complex family law proceedings.

8. Yraceburn, Michael J., Bakersfield, CA

Michael Yraceburn is retired, having practiced for 34 and a half years as a deputy district attorney for the Kern County District Attorney's Office. Michael Yraceburn is also a veteran and retired military officer, having served as Captain (Reserve Component) in the U.S. Navy. Michael Yraceburn has a long history of volunteerism, both in the community and legal profession.

The above 11 include seven female and four male applicants. In terms of geographic diversity, six are from Northern California, four are from Southern California, and one is from the Central Valley. The 11 recommended applicants include criminal defense lawyers and prosecutors, public interest lawyers, former bench officers, an appellate court judicial staff attorney, and a legal historian. Demographic identifiers in the applications were also considered to ensure a diversity of background and perspective.

Appointment of Alternates to the 2021 JNE Commission⁴

Appointments Liaison Juan De La Cruz and Acting Appointments Liaison Ruben Duran recommend that the Board appoint six alternates who can be called upon to join the commission in the event of a resignation or a declination of appointment. By appointing alternates at this juncture, replacements can be seated without the need for staff to return to the Board for a second appointments process. The recommended alternates are listed below in

⁴ The applications of 22 applicants not selected as new members or alternates will remain on file. They are, in alphabetical order: Anderson, Caley R.; Dostart, Zachariah P.; Evans, Jeremy M.; Ferrari, Anna T.; Flemming, Michael J.; Freedman, Michael G.; Horton-Billard, Theodore; Johnston, Thomas J.; Kisner Cahoon, Leah R.; Liberio, Lydia G.; Litvin, Jeanne-Mar K.; Magee, Jennifer K.; McGaughey, Erin; Padrick, H T.; Pak, Grace L.; Pearson, Khouloud E.; Riemer, Maria J.

the order that they would be called upon to serve under either of the two circumstances identified above.

Alternates

1. Serrano, Francesca, Oakland CA

Francesca Serrano has been a lawyer for nine years, and is a deputy public defender with the County of Alameda Office of the Public Defender. Francesca Serrano was raised in East Oakland, and volunteers her legal services for a community-based nonprofit organization focused on social activism through art and culture.

2. Garrido, Diana, Martinez CA

Diana Garrido has been a lawyer for 14 years, and is a deputy public defender with the Contra Costa County Public Defender's Office. Diana Garrido is the Research/Writs attorney leading the office's litigation strategies. Diana Garrido serves as Chair of the Contra Costa County Bar Association's Judicial Evaluations Committee (JEC).

3. Panchapakesan, Gopi K., Los Angeles CA

Gopi Panchapakesan has been a lawyer for eight and a half years, and practices at Bird Marella in the areas of business litigation and white collar criminal defense.

4. Hammer, Jeffrey, Los Angeles CA

Jeffrey Hammer has been a lawyer for 11 and a half years, and is a partner at Boies Schiller Flexner LLP in the areas of commercial litigation and white collar criminal defense. Jeffrey Hammer maintains an active pro bono caseload.

5. Mandel, Melissa, San Diego CA

Melissa Mandel has been a lawyer for 28 years, and is a supervising deputy attorney general in the Appeals, Writs, and Trials section of the Criminal Division of in the San Diego office of the California Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General. Melissa Mandel served as a subcommittee Chair and Member of the San Diego County Bar Association Judicial Election Evaluation Committee (JEEC).

6. Michalowski, Jeffrey, San Diego CA

Jeffrey Michalowski has been a lawyer for 14 years, and serves as senior deputy county counsel in the Appellate Litigation section of the County of San Diego Office of County Counsel. Previously, Jeffrey Michalowski was a partner at Paul, Plevin, Sullivan & Connaughton and an associate at Paul Hastings, maintaining an active pro bono caseload and serving as the firm's pro bono coordinator.

Appointment of Officers to the 2020 JNE Commission

JNE Commission Chair

Historically, the JNE Commission Vice-Chair position has been used to prepare a member of the commission to serve as the chair. The vice-chair has substantial responsibilities and serving in that position provides hands-on training opportunity to develop the expertise necessary to perform the functions of the chair. Barring unforeseen circumstances, there is the expectation that the vice-chair will serve as chair the following year. The chair is the only member of the JNE Commission that may serve a fourth year. Typically, the vice-chair is the only candidate for chair. That is the case in this appointments cycle. Stella Ngai, the current Vice-Chair, is the only candidate for chair.

Appointments Liaisons Mark Broughton and Juan De La Cruz interviewed Vice-Chair Ngai by Zoom, and concur in recommending that Vice-Chair Ngai serve as Chair of the 2021 JNE Commission. Vice-Chair Ngai practices public entity law for the University of California, Office of the General Counsel in Oakland.

JNE Commission Vice-Chair

As previously stated, the JNE Commission Vice-Chair has substantial responsibilities. The following second year commissioners applied for the vice-chair position: Alana D. Arcurio, Brian Danitz, and Adam W. Hoffman. The appointments liaisons interviewed the three vice-chair candidates by Zoom, and were uniformly impressed with the level of interest and commitment shown by each of the candidates. Although a difficult choice given the high caliber of the candidates, the appointments liaisons concur in recommending that Alana D. Arcurio serve as Vice-Chair of the 2021 JNE Commission. Appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, Alana D. Arcurio is the Chief Consultant for the California Legislature's Joint Legislative Committee for Climate Change Policies in Sacramento.

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT

None

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF THE STATE BAR

None

AMENDMENTS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY MANUAL

None

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Goal: None - core business operations

RECOMMENDATIONS

Should the Board Executive Committee concur in the proposed action, passage of the following resolution is recommended:

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees appoints Stella Ngai to serve as the Chair of the 2021 Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE) and Alana D. Arcurio to serve as the Vice-Chair of the 2021 JNE Commission, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the last business meeting of the 2020 JNE Commission on April 24, 2021, and expiring at the close of the last business meeting of the 2021 JNE Commission on April 23, 2022, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees reappoints the current members of the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE) to the 2021 JNE Commission per Attachment C; each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the last business meeting of the 2020 JNE Commission on April 24, 2021, and expiring at the close of the last business meeting of the 2021 JNE Commission on April 23, 2022, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees appoints new members and alternates to the 2021 Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE) per Attachment C; each for a one-year term commencing upon administration of the oath of office at the January 15–16, 2021, orientation meeting, and expiring at the close of the last business meeting of the 2021 JNE Commission on April 23, 2022, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier.

Should the Board of Trustees concur in the proposed action, passage of the following resolution is recommended:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, appoints Stella Ngai to serve as the Chair of the 2021 Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE) and Alana D. Arcurio to serve as the Vice-Chair of the 2021 JNE Commission, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the last business meeting of the 2020 JNE Commission on April 24, 2021, and expiring at the close of the last business meeting of the 2021 JNE Commission on April 23, 2022, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, reappoints the current members of the Commission on Judicial

Nominees Evaluation (JNE) to the 2021 JNE Commission per Attachment C; each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the last business meeting of the 2020 JNE Commission on April 24, 2021, and expiring at the close of the last business meeting of the 2021 JNE Commission on April 23, 2022, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

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ATTACHMENT(S) LIST

- A.** JNE Commission Resource Material: Statutory Authority, Rules of the State Bar, and Officer Duties
- B.** Current 2020 JNE Commission
- C.** Proposed 2021 JNE Commission

Statutory Provisions

Government Code Sections

12011.5 (b) The membership of the designated agency of the State Bar responsible for evaluation of judicial candidates shall consist of attorney members and public members with the ratio of public members to attorney members determined, to the extent practical, by the ratio established in Section 6013.5 of the Business and Professions Code. It is the intent of this subdivision that the designated agency of the State Bar responsible for evaluation of judicial candidates shall be broadly representative of the ethnic, gender, and racial diversity of the population of California and composed in accordance with Sections 11140 and 11141. The further intent of this subdivision is to establish a selection process for membership on the designated agency of the State Bar responsible for evaluation of judicial candidates under which no member of that agency shall provide inappropriate, multiple representation for purposes of this subdivision. Each member of the designated agency of the State Bar responsible for evaluation of judicial candidates shall complete a minimum of 60 minutes of training in the areas of fairness and bias in the judicial appointments process at an orientation for new members. If the member serves more than one term, the member shall complete an additional 60 minutes of that training during the member's service on the designated agency of the State Bar responsible for evaluation of judicial candidates.

11140. It is the policy of the State of California that the composition of state boards and commissions shall be broadly reflective of the general public including ethnic minorities and women.

11141. In making appointments to state boards and commissions, the Governor and every other appointing authority shall be responsible for nominating a variety of persons of different backgrounds, abilities, interests, and opinions in compliance with the policy expressed in this article. It is not the intent of the Legislature that formulas or specific ratios be utilized in complying with this article.

Business & Professions Code Section

6013.5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, six members of the board shall be members of the public who have never been members of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the United States.

**EXCERPT FROM STATE BAR RULES
GOVERNING JNE MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS**

TITLE 7. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Adopted July 2007

DIVISION 1. COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL NOMINEES EVALUATION

Chapter 1. General provisions

Rule 7.1 Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation

The Board of Trustees of the State Bar of California has established a Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (“commission”) pursuant to statute¹ to confidentially investigate and evaluate the judicial qualifications of those identified by the Governor for appointment or nomination to a judicial office.

Rule 7.1 adopted effective July 17, 2009; amended effective January 1, 2012.

Rule 7.2 Membership and terms

The commission, its chair, and its vice-chair are appointed by the Board of Trustees and serve at the pleasure of the Board. To the extent feasible,

- (A) the commission is to consist of at least twenty-seven and no more than thirty-eight members, at least eighty percent of whom must be active members in good standing of the State Bar and the balance public members;
- (B) one of the State Bar members is to be a former judge, preferably of an appellate court; and
- (C) the membership is to consist of a variety of persons of different backgrounds, abilities, interests, and opinions who are broadly representative of the ethnic, sexual, and racial diversity of the population of California.²

Rule 7.2 adopted effective July 17, 2009; amended effective January 1, 2012.

Rule 7.3 Temporary commissioners

- (A) The chair may appoint a former member of the commission as a temporary commissioner to assist the commission with its workload. An appointee must recently have been commission chair or served three full terms on the commission or its review committee. A temporary commissioner may lead an investigation.

¹ Government Code § 12011.5.

² See Government Code §§ 11140, 11141, and 12011.5.

- (B) A temporary commissioner may participate only in the consideration of and vote on the candidate the chair has assigned the commissioner to investigate.

Rule 7.3 adopted effective July 17, 2009.

Rule 7.4 Removal of commissioners

The Board may remove from office any commissioner whom the commission chair has identified in a report to the President of the Board as failing to perform assigned duties or regularly attend scheduled meetings.

Rule 7.4 adopted effective July 17, 2009.

Rule 7.5 Duties of commissioners

Each commissioner must

- (A) not endorse or participate in a judicial candidate's campaign for office;
- (B) not vote on a candidate if absent for any time from the meeting at which the commission votes on the candidate;
- (C) not participate in any other judicial evaluation process;
- (D) not apply for or accept a State of California judicial appointment or permit his or her name to be submitted for evaluation as a candidate for such an appointment while a majority of the commission consists of members with whom he or she has served;
- (E) report to the chair or vice-chair of the commission for appropriate action any concern that a fellow commissioner has breached these rules or law applicable to the commission; and
- (F) comply with these rules after signing a declaration that he or she has read, understood, and agrees to comply with the rules, the declaration being made under oath upon taking office and then annually.

Rule 7.5 adopted effective July 17, 2009.

Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation Duties of Officers

CHAIR

Time Commitment and Responsibilities:

The time commitment for the chair is, at a minimum, double that of the commissioners. The chair spends a significant amount of time in telephonic conferences with JNE staff, commissioners and candidates. These conferences can occur on a daily basis, and are most frequent at the times assignments are made and prior to the interview of candidates. Additionally, the chair may be called upon to respond to proposed rule changes and legislation regarding JNE. The JNE Chair is responsible for alerting JNE staff of any press inquiries.

Assignments

1. Match candidates to commissioners, considering factors of geographical location, experience of commissioners, background and expense.
2. Attempt to vary assignments of commissioners as to lead vs. assisting commissioner and to vary pairings of commissioners.
3. Respond to all issues involving potential conflicts and recusal of commissioners from specific assignments. This may require telephone conferences with candidates, commissioners and State Bar staff.
4. Respond to commissioner and candidate questions regarding the rules and procedures of the commission
5. Periodically prepare written communications to the commission regarding changes in procedure and events which may have an impact on commission work.
6. Communicate with the Governor's Judicial Appointments Secretary regarding matters related to JNE.

Meetings

1. Conduct all JNE meetings, review draft reports during and at conclusion of meetings.
2. Plan orientation meeting for the new commissioners and help recruit speakers to address the full commission.
3. Periodically confer with JNE staff, the Executive Director, Chair of the State Bar, and members of the Board of Trustees on issues pertaining to JNE procedures, news releases, and other matters related to the JNE process and governance.
4. Attend local bar association meetings throughout the state to describe the JNE process.

Attend Hearings of the Commission on Judicial Appointments

1. Assist in drafting reports to the Commission on Judicial Appointments.
2. Prepare presentation to the commission.
3. Appear in person or assign appropriate commissioner to represent JNE at the Commission on Judicial Appointments hearing.

Appointments

1. Prepare performance evaluations of commissioners for use in the reappointment process.
2. When required, provide input on appointment process and assist JNE staff coordinator in reviewing the applicant pool.

VICE-CHAIR

Time Commitment and Responsibilities:

Meetings

1. Prior to the JNE meeting, the vice-chair assists the chair in the review and edit of blurbs that are electronically received.
2. At the JNE meetings, the vice-chair's main responsibility is to review the language of the evaluation reports (blurbs) which are sent to the Governor's office.
3. Preside at the JNE meetings in the absence of the chair.
4. Assist the chair at the orientation meeting for new commissioners.
5. Assist the chair with any in-house training pertaining to the entire commission.
6. Attend bar association events describing the JNE process.
7. Appear before the Commission on Judicial Appointments if chair is unavailable.

Appointments

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2. When required, provide input on appointment process and assist JNE staff in reviewing the applicant pool.



2020 Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation
Membership List

Commissioners

City Designation

First Year

1.	Allender, Daniel L.	Los Angeles
2.	Crook, Jamie	Berkeley
3.	El-Hajj, Jeffrey	San Jose
4.	Hemann, Pamela	Pasadena/ <i>Public Member</i>
5.	Kelty, Melissa	Santa Barbara/ <i>Public Member</i>
6.	Lee, Tiffany	Palo Alto
7.	McMeel, Meghan	San Francisco
8.	Orozco, Agustin D.	Los Angeles
9.	Palmer, Justin A.	Long Beach
10.	Pierce, T. Peter	San Francisco
11.	Radogna, Anthony	Irvine
12.	Reif, Judith	Los Angeles
13.	Yoo, Donald W.	Los Angeles

Second Year

14.	Arcurio, Alana D.	Elk Grove
15.	Brandt, Robert C	Los Angeles
16.	Chirlin, Judith C.	Los Angeles/ <i>Former Judicial Officer</i>
17.	Danitz, Brian	Burlingame
18.	Diallo, Souley	Riverside
19.	Hofmann, Adam	Sacramento
20.	Johnson, Arwen	Los Angeles
21.	Kalian, S.J.	Carlsbad/ <i>Public Member</i>
22.	Kristovich, Bethany W.	Los Angeles
23.	Sapoznikow, Michael	Sacramento
24.	Seastrom, Brian	Newport Beach
25.	Sheik, Mani	San Francisco
26.	Yuen, Tammy	Oakland

Third Year

27.	Alexander, Daniel	Los Angeles
28.	Carrillo, Sarah J.	Sonora
29.	Cody, Lisa	Claremont/ <i>Public Member</i>
30.	Conn, Carole	San Francisco/ <i>Public Member</i>

31.	El-Amamy, Reema M.	Los Angeles
32.	Hammon, Patrick	Palo Alto
33.	Michalski, James W.	La Mirada
34.	Traicoff, Kristin	Sacramento
35.	Triano, Martin F.	Berkeley
36.	Tsai, Jeffrey E.	San Francisco

Third Year Vice-Chair

37.	Ngai, Stella J.	Oakland
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Fourth Year Chair

38.	Singh, Aminder	Fremont
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[Proposed] 2021 Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation
Membership List

Commissioners		City Designation
First Year		
1.	Anaebere, Ugochi	Santa Ana
2.	Bhalotra, Chhaya Malik	Berkeley
3.	Bollinger, André R.	San Diego
4.	Brown, Aundrea J.	Oakland
5.	Choe, Julia S.	Los Angeles
6.	Guillory, Stacey,	Oakland
7.	Harbin-Forte, Brenda	Oakland/ <i>Former Judicial Officer</i>
8.	Horowitz, David	Studio City/ <i>Former Judicial Officer</i>
9.	Lieberman, David	Berkeley/ <i>Public Member</i>
10.	Mori, Ai	San Francisco
11.	Yraceburn, Michael J	Bakersfield
Second Year		
12.	Allender, Daniel L.	Los Angeles
13.	Crook, Jamie	Berkeley
14.	El-Hajj, Jeffrey	San Jose
15.	Hemann, Pamela	Pasadena/ <i>Public Member</i>
16.	Kelty, Melissa	Santa Barbara/ <i>Public Member</i>
17.	Lee, Tiffany	Palo Alto
18.	McMeel, Meghan	San Francisco
19.	Orozco, Agustin D.	Los Angeles
20.	Palmer, Justin A.	Long Beach
21.	Pierce, T. Peter	San Francisco
22.	Radogna, Anthony	Irvine
23.	Reif, Judith	Los Angeles
24.	Yoo, Donald W.	Los Angeles
Third Year		
25.	Brandt, Robert C	Los Angeles
26.	Chirlin, Judith C.	Los Angeles/ <i>Former Judicial Officer</i>
27.	Danitz, Brian	Burlingame
28.	Diallo, Souley	Riverside
29.	Hofmann, Adam	Sacramento
30.	Johnson, Arwen	Los Angeles

31.	Kalian, S.J.	Carlsbad/ <i>Public Member</i>
32.	Kristovich, Bethany W.	Los Angeles
33.	Sapoznikow, Michael	Sacramento
34.	Seastrom, Brian	Newport Beach
35.	Sheik, Mani	San Francisco
36.	Yuen, Tammy	Oakland

Third Year Vice-Chair

37.	Arcurio, Alana D.	Elk Grove
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Fourth Year Chair

38.	Ngai, Stella J.	Oakland
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