



The State Bar of California

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AGENDA ITEM

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BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE III.A

DATE: May 18, 2023

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

FROM: Louisa Ayrapetyan, Board Secretary, Office of the Executive Director

SUBJECT: Approval of Annual Reappointment of State Bar Members to the Judicial Council of California

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State Bar appoints four lawyer members to the Judicial Council of California for three-year terms. The terms of Rachel W. Hill and Gretchen M. Nelson will expire on September 14, 2023. It is recommended that the Board reappoint Rachel W. Hill and Gretchen M. Nelson.

BACKGROUND

The Judicial Council, a state constitutional agency established in 1926, provides policy direction to the courts, the governor, and the Legislature concerning court practice, procedure, and administration. The council consists of the Chief Justice, one associate justice of the Supreme Court, three justices of the Courts of Appeal, ten judges of the superior courts, four lawyers appointed by the State Bar, two nonvoting court administrators, and other nonvoting positions as determined by the council. See California Rules of Court, rule 10.2.

The current State Bar appointees to the Judicial Council and the dates their terms expire are provided as Attachment A.

DISCUSSION

Criteria deemed important for the lawyer member's service on the council include broad experience in the legal field, including trial experience, credibility as a leader, collegial working relations, and a demonstrated interest in and experience with court administration issues. Another important consideration is the applicant's ability to make the time commitment necessary to serve.

In the last few years, the Supreme Court has taken a more active role in assisting the State Bar in identifying suitable candidates to serve on the Judicial Council. We have learned that the Supreme Court prefers the reappointment of members who have proven their value to the Judicial Council; reappointment of high value contributing members of the council brings the distinct benefits of experience, expertise, institutional awareness, and continuity. To that end, it is recommended that the Board of Trustees reappoint Rachel W. Hill and Gretchen M. Nelson to three-year terms.

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT

None

AMENDMENTS TO RULES

None

AMENDMENTS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY MANUAL

None

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS & IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

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 reappoint Rachel W. Hill and Gretchen M. Nelson to the Judicial Council of California for three-year terms to commence on September 14, 2023, and to expire September 14, 2026, or until further order of the Board, 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, reappoint Rachel W. Hill and Gretchen M. Nelson to the Judicial Council of California for a three-year term to commence on September 14, 2023, and to expire September 14, 2026, or until further order of the Board, whichever occurs earlier.

ATTACHMENT LIST

- A.** Judicial Council of California Current Members and Proposed Members

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First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
David	Fu	✓		September 2024
Gretchen	Nelson	✓		September 2023
Rachel	Hill	✓		September 2023
Maxwell	Pritt	✓		September 2025
Proposed Reappointment of Members				
Gretchen	Nelson	✓		September 2026
Rachel	Hill	✓		September 2026