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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

For business meeting on: August 22, 2013

Title	Agenda Item Type
Judicial Council: Proclamation on the Center for Judiciary Education and Research's 40th Anniversary	Action Required
Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected	Effective Date
None	August 22, 2013
Recommended by	Date of Report
Governing Committee of the Center for Judiciary Education and Research Hon. Robert Dondero, Chair	August 5, 2013
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Executive Summary

The CJER Governing Committee recommends adoption of the attached proclamation recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Center for Judiciary Education and Research (CJER). By issuing this proclamation, the Judicial Council can actively recognize CJER's singular contribution to judicial education for the California judiciary as well as its substantial contribution to judicial education nationally.

Recommendation

The CJER Governing Committee recommends that the Judicial Council adopt the attached proclamation, effective August 23, 2013, recognizing the 40th anniversary of CJER as California's primary entity devoted to judicial branch education.

Previous Council Action

Prior to the formation of CJER, judicial education in California was handled separately by both the Judicial Council and the California Judges Association (CJA). As early as 1959, the CJA held its first conference at Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley,

and held additional conferences in subsequent years. The CJA also held workshops in the very early 1960s for municipal court judges, and the Judicial Council offered to take responsibility for these workshops. Subsequently, the Judicial Council sponsored legislation empowering it to launch a series of annual institutes for municipal and justice court judges. Soon thereafter, the council began offering annual sentencing institutes for superior court judges, as well as programs for juvenile court judges and the presiding judges of metropolitan superior courts. By the late 1960s both the Judicial Council and the CJA had a series of statewide judicial education programs for California's judiciary.

In 1973, pursuant to a joint agreement between the Judicial Council and the California Judges Association, CJER, the Center for Judicial Education and Research, was founded.¹ CJER's primary mission was to develop and provide education to the California judiciary at both the trial and appellate levels. This mission continues and has been significantly expanded to now include education and training for all members of the judicial branch.

Rationale for Recommendation

As can be seen from the extremely brief historical summary above, both the CJA and the Judicial Council were engaged in similar activities with respect to judicial education, and it was realized that combining their efforts would be more efficient and productive. To that end, the Judicial Council, the CJA, and the Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB) met to explore how best to provide a stable and effective model for providing judicial education in California. Ultimately, a structure was developed modeled after the successful agreement between the California State Bar and the University of California, which created the CEB for attorney education. Under this agreement, the Judicial Council would serve in the role of being the official sponsor of CJER as well as serving as its funding entity. The CJA would provide faculty, curriculum, and educational materials.

During the 1970s and 1980s CJER grew and expanded its judicial education offerings into virtually all judicial areas, becoming the preeminent provider of judicial education in California and a leader in judicial education nationally. In the 1990s CJER officially merged with the AOC's Judicial Administration Institute of California (JAIC) and joined the AOC as the Education Division/CJER. Currently, CJER continues to be the lead education office at the AOC for the judicial branch and continues to develop innovative education programs and other products, leveraging the rapid advancements in technology.

¹ Over the past 40 years, CJER has undergone several name changes, initially becoming the Education Division/CJER of the AOC and later, the Office of Education. Most recently, the Judicial Council approved a recommendation to return this office back to its original acronym, CJER, but with a variation, the Center for Judiciary Education and Research. The acronym CJER will be used throughout this report and the attached proclamation for consistency and clarity.

Comments, Alternatives Considered, and Policy Implications

Forty years is a significant milestone for any organization or entity, especially one that has enriched the professional development of California's judiciary to the extent CJER has. The Judicial Council's issuance of the attached proclamation celebrating this milestone is an extremely effective way to mark this achievement.

Implementation Requirements, Costs, and Operational Impacts

There are no costs or operational impacts associated with issuing this proclamation.

Attachments

1. Judicial Council proclamation celebrating CJER's 40th anniversary



JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

— HONORING THE —

40th Anniversary of CJER

Whereas there were no formal programs for judicial education in California at mid-20th century;

Whereas this was rectified by the Judicial Council and the California Judges Association who both began offering education programming for California judges in the early 1960s;

Whereas it soon became clear that a more effective approach would be for the Judicial Council and the California Judges Association to combine their efforts;

Whereas this collaboration resulted in the formation of the Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) in 1973, an entity jointly sponsored by the Judicial Council and the California Judges Association and dedicated to developing and delivering judicial education to California judges;

Whereas over the past 40 years, CJER has grown to become a national leader in judicial education, eventually merging into the Administrative Office of the Courts as its education arm and leading the Judicial Council's efforts in judicial branch education according to the council's strategic plan;

Whereas CJER continues to develop judicial education of the highest quality, utilizing the most effective delivery methods to reach all members of the judiciary and the judicial branch;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Judicial Council of California hereby proclaims and acknowledges CJER's 40th anniversary, an exceptional milestone for an exceptional institution that continues to enrich the professional development of the members of the California judicial branch.

*In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of August, 2013*

Attest:

TANI G. CANTIL-SAKAUYE
*Chief Justice of California and
Chair of the Judicial Council of California*

STEVEN JAHR
Administrative Director of the Courts