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MEMORANDUM

Date

January 14, 2026

Action Requested

Submit Nomination Information

To

Justices of the Supreme Court
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Superior Courts
Clerk/Executive Officer of the Supreme Court
Clerk/Executive Officers of the Courts of
Appeal
Court Executive Officers of the Superior
Courts
Judicial Council Members
Judicial Council Advisory Committee and
Task Force Members
Bar Associations
Law-Related Community Organizations
Interested Others

Deadline

March 11, 2026

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From

Brad R. Hill, Chair
Executive and Planning Committee

Subject

2026 Judicial Council Advisory Body
Nominations

The Executive and Planning Committee of the Judicial Council of California is soliciting nominations to fill vacancies on the Judicial Council's advisory bodies.

The Judicial Council is the policymaking body of the California courts. Under the leadership of the Chief Justice and in accordance with the California Constitution, the council establishes policies and sets priorities for the judicial branch of government. It is responsible for ensuring the consistent, independent, impartial, and accessible administration of justice on behalf of the public and the court system.

Advisory Body Vacancies

The Chief Justice appoints advisory body members according to positions or categories prescribed by the California Rules of Court and by statute. Positions held by members vary according to the focus of the advisory body. For example, the Appellate Advisory Committee includes the member categories of appellate justice and trial court judge with appellate experience; the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee includes the member category of district attorney assigned to juvenile delinquency cases. The 2026 advisory body nomination form lists the positions for which nominations are being solicited in this nomination cycle.

Advisory Body Responsibilities and Time Commitment

The council's advisory bodies regularly monitor certain topics or areas of law as they impact the judicial branch. Each advisory body reviews and makes recommendations on programs, legislation, rules, standards, forms, and other policy initiatives within its purview. Membership requires a commitment of 10–15 hours per month on average but may vary considerably from month to month, depending on the projects underway. Advisory bodies meet in person once per year and by videoconference 4 to 10 times per year. For additional information, see [Annual Advisory Body Time Commitment](#).

Advisory Body Members' Terms

Terms of service for advisory body members are generally three years, unless a position is vacated before the term's completion or another term is specified in the advisory body's rule of court. Terms of service for those appointed in this nomination cycle will begin on September 15, 2026. For a description of the membership, terms, functions, and duties of advisory bodies, see rules [10.30 through 10.70](#) of the California Rules of Court.

How to Apply

Please complete the nomination form [online](#) or at the [California Courts website](#). Alternatively, you may also complete the [fillable PDF form](#) and submit it along with the nominee's biography or curriculum vitae by **Wednesday, March 11, 2026**.

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Before nominating someone, please ascertain that the nominee is interested and available to serve if selected. Self-nominations are highly encouraged.

If you have any questions, please contact Judicial Council Support at JCCNominations@jud.ca.gov.

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Attachments