



## Judicial Council of California

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# MEMORANDUM

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**Date**

March 16, 2026

**Action Requested**

Submit Nomination Information

**To**

Justices of the Supreme Court  
Justices of the Courts of Appeal  
Judges, Commissioners, and Referees of the  
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 Body Members  
Bar Associations  
Law-Related Community Organizations  
Interested Others

**Deadline**

March 30, 2026

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**From**

Brad R. Hill, Chair  
Executive and Planning Committee

**Subject**

Special Cycle—Invitation for 2026 Judicial  
Council Membership Nominations

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The Executive and Planning Committee of the Judicial Council of California is soliciting nominations to fill the position of appellate court justice member on the Judicial Council.

As the policymaking body for California's judicial branch, the Judicial Council sets the direction and provides the leadership for improving the quality and advancing the consistent, independent, impartial, and accessible administration of justice. We strive for an experienced, diverse, and inclusive membership to help guide the judicial branch in fulfilling this mission.

The information below details the vacancy to be filled and the application process, which must be completed by **March 30, 2026**. We welcome your interest and nominations to serve the people of California as a member of the Judicial Council.

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.

### **Judicial Council Vacancies**

Nominations are sought to fill one voting position:

- Appellate court justice

The effective date of the appointment is September 15, 2026.

### **Council Membership and Responsibilities**

The Chief Justice appoints council members to these positions on recommendations from the Executive and Planning Committee as provided in the California Rules of Court.<sup>1</sup> Prior service on Judicial Council advisory bodies, task forces, and working groups is desirable. A description of the council's mission, guiding principles, membership, and terms of service appears in the California Rules of Court, [rules 10.1–10.16](#) (title 10, Judicial Administration Rules). Additional information about the function and membership of the council is available in article VI, section 6 of the California Constitution.

[Rule 10.2\(e\)](#) of the California Rules of Court provides that neither voting council members nor nonvoting advisory council members may concurrently serve on both the Judicial Council and an advisory body unless the provision is waived by the Chief Justice. For example, if you are appointed to the council and you are currently an advisory body member, your membership on the advisory body will conclude at the time of appointment to the council.

### **Members' Terms and Time Commitment**

Voting and advisory members of the Judicial Council serve for three-year terms unless a position is vacated before the term's completion.<sup>2</sup>

Members attend approximately 5 one- to three-day council meetings per year. Each member is also appointed to an internal committee of the council and other working groups, which requires participation in an additional 10 to 20 meetings per year (in person or by videoconference). Current members estimate that, in addition to attending meetings, they spend three to four days per month on council-related tasks.

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<sup>1</sup> California Rules of Court, rule 10.11(g) states, "The committee recommends candidates to the Chief Justice for appointment to the Judicial Council and its advisory bodies."

<sup>2</sup> California Rules of Court, rule 10.2(a)(2) states, in part: "A vacancy is filled by the appointing power for the remainder of the term."

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The appointee will be asked to attend an orientation tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2026, and invited to observe the Judicial Council meetings on Friday, July 17.

### **How to Apply**

The nomination form has two parts. Part One can be completed by the nominee or nominator. Part Two is to be completed and signed by the nominee. Please note that for multiple nominations, the nominee is required to submit Part Two of the nomination form only once.

Please complete the nomination form [online](#) or on the [Judicial Council Nominations](#) page of the California Courts website. Alternatively, you may also complete the attached, fillable PDF form and submit it along with the nominee's biography or curriculum vitae by **Monday, March 30, 2026**.

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](mailto:JCCNominations@jud.ca.gov).

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Attachments