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HEARING SCHEDULED AND SPECIAL MASTERS APPOINTED IN
MATTER CONCERNING JUDGE JOHN A. TRICE

On October 29, 2015, the Commission on Judicial Performance announced it had instituted formal proceedings to inquire into matters concerning Judge John A. Trice, a judge of the Superior Court of California, County of San Luis Obispo. The hearing has been scheduled to begin on Monday, February 1, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, 1415 State Street, Santa Barbara, California. The hearing will be open to the public.

Under the rules that govern commission proceedings, the hearing will be conducted by special masters appointed by the Supreme Court: Honorable M. Kathleen Butz, Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District; Honorable Anthony J. Mohr, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles; Honorable Stanford E. Reichert, Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

At the hearing, the parties will have an opportunity to introduce evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses. Attorney Gary W. Schons of San Diego and Commission Trial Counsel Mark A. Lizarraga will serve as Examiners for the commission. Judge Trice is represented by Attorney Eugene G. Iredale of San Diego.

Following completion of the hearing, the special masters will provide the commission with a report containing their findings with respect to the charges. The parties will have an opportunity to respond to the report through briefing and argument before the commission. If the commission determines that the charges are proved by clear and convincing evidence, it is empowered to impose discipline as provided in the California Constitution. Charges that the commission determines are not proved will be dismissed.

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The commission is composed of three judges, two lawyers, and six public members. The chairperson is Honorable Erica R. Yew of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara.

For further information about the Commission on Judicial Performance, see the commission's website at <http://cjp.ca.gov>.