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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE ANNOUNCES THE
RETIREMENT OF DIRECTOR-CHIEF COUNSEL VICTORIA B. HENLEY

After more than 26 years of service as Director-Chief Counsel of the California Commission on Judicial Performance, Victoria B. Henley has announced her retirement effective at the end of this year. “It has been an honor to serve as the commission’s Director and Chief Counsel for all of these years. Through various transitions and numerous challenges, I have been fortunate to work with so many commission members and staff whose commitment has always been simply to do their best to get it right.”

Presiding Justice Ignazio J. Ruvolo, Chairperson of the commission, acknowledged Ms. Henley’s contributions: “No praise can describe adequately the value of Victoria’s service to the people of this State and to the commission. Her knowledge, experience, energy and dedication to the goals of the commission in protecting the public and upholding the respect for, and integrity of, the judicial system will have an indelible impact on judicial ethics in California, nationally and globally, for years to come, as they have for the last quarter century.”

In addition to her full-time work for the commission, Ms. Henley’s long list of ethics-related activities includes membership in the national Association of Judicial Disciplinary Council where she served on the board of directors for 19 years, including four years as its president. She also has been a member of the Advisory Committee to the National Center for State Courts – Center for Judicial Ethics.

Internationally, Ms. Henley has served for years as a consultant engaged in assisting the development of judicial oversight commissions in the countries of Georgia, Ukraine, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Macedonia, Tanzania and the Philippines. She has made presentations on judicial ethics and discipline to visiting delegations from more than 50 countries.

Public member and Vice-Chairperson of the commission, Richard Simpson, had this to say about Ms. Henley’s announcement: “Victoria’s expertise is unparalleled, and her passion for justice and for the quality of the judiciary has been ingrained not only in the commission’s work product but in its staff and commissioners as well. She is also a superb administrator and organizational leader and her careful stewardship of the commission’s budget has allowed the commission to return funds to the state on many occasions over the last two decades. It has been a rare privilege for me, as a public member, to work with her and to learn from her.”

Applications and the job description for the Director-Chief Counsel position will be available on June 1, 2017, at <http://courts.ca.gov/careers>.