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HEARING SCHEDULED AND SPECIAL MASTERS APPOINTED IN
MATTER CONCERNING JUDGE BRUCE CLAYTON MILLS

On October 17, 2017, the Commission on Judicial Performance announced it had instituted formal proceedings to inquire into matters concerning Judge Bruce Clayton Mills, a judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa. The hearing has been scheduled to begin on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in a courtroom of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 95 Seventh Street in San Francisco, 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: Hon. Victoria G. Chaney, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division One; Hon. Jennifer R.S. Detjen, Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District; Hon. Paul A. Bacigalupo, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

At the hearing, the parties will have an opportunity to introduce evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses. Commission Trial Counsel Mark A. Lizarraga and Assistant Trial Counsel Bradford Battson will serve as Examiners for the commission. Judge Mills is represented by Attorneys James A. Murphy and Janet L. Everson of Murphy Pearson Bradley and Feeney, San Francisco.

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 six public members, three judges and two lawyers. The chairperson is Hon. Ignazio J. Ruvolo of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District.

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