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HEARING SCHEDULED AND SPECIAL MASTERS APPOINTED IN
MATTER CONCERNING FORMER JUDGE STEVEN C. BAILEY

On February 21, 2018, the Commission on Judicial Performance announced it had instituted formal proceedings to inquire into matters concerning former Judge Steven C. Bailey, formerly a judge of the Superior Court of California, County of El Dorado. A hearing has been scheduled to begin on Monday, June 11, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the California Court of Appeal for the Third Appellate District, 914 Capitol Mall in Sacramento, 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. Louis R. Hanoian, Superior Court of California, County of San Diego; Hon. William D. Lehman, Superior Court of California, County of Imperial.

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 Sei Shimoguchi will serve as Examiners for the commission. Former Judge Bailey is represented by Attorneys James A. Murphy, Janet L. Everson and Kristin L. Iversen of Murphy Pearson Bradley and Feeney in 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 Nanci E. Nishimura, Esq.

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