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HEARING SCHEDULED AND SPECIAL MASTERS APPOINTED IN
MATTER CONCERNING JUDGE JOHN T. LAETTNER

On September 19, 2018, the Commission on Judicial Performance announced it had instituted formal proceedings to inquire into matters concerning Judge John T. Laettner, a judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa. A hearing has been scheduled to begin on Monday, November 26, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom Two of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 95 7th 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 California Supreme Court: Hon. M. Kathleen Butz, Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District; Hon. Douglas Hatchimonji, Superior Court of California, County of Orange; Hon. Russell L. Hom, Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento.

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 Laettner is represented by Attorneys James A. Murphy, Janet L. Everson and Joseph S. Leveroni 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>.