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JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE COMMISSION INSTITUTES FORMAL
PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING JUSTICE JEFFREY W. JOHNSON

The Commission on Judicial Performance has instituted formal proceedings to inquire into matters concerning Justice Jeffrey W. Johnson of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division One. The commencement of formal proceedings is not a determination of judicial misconduct. The Notice of Formal Proceedings is available for public inspection at the commission office. A copy of the Notice of Formal Proceedings is also posted on the commission's website at <http://cjp.ca.gov> (under "Announcements"). Justice Johnson's Answer to the Notice is due January 24, 2019. Upon filing, the justice's answer will be made available for public inspection.

In accordance with the rules that govern commission proceedings, a hearing will be conducted by special masters appointed by the Supreme Court. At the hearing, the parties will have an opportunity to introduce evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses. Commission staff attorney Emma Bradford will serve as Examiner for the commission. Justice Johnson is represented by Attorney Paul S. Meyer of Costa Mesa.

Following completion of the hearing, the special masters will provide the commission with a report containing findings with respect to the charges. The parties will have an opportunity to present their views on the report to the commission through briefing and argument. If the commission determines that the charges are proven by clear and convincing evidence, it is empowered to remove, censure, publicly admonish, or privately discipline the justice. Charges that the commission determines are not proven will be dismissed. A determination by the commission to remove, censure, or admonish a justice is subject to discretionary review by the Supreme Court upon petition by the justice.

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The commission is composed of six public members, three judges, and two lawyers. The chairperson is Nanci E. Nishimura, Esq. Ms. Sarah Krueger Jager is recused in this matter.

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