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HEARING SCHEDULED AND SPECIAL MASTERS APPOINTED IN
MATTER CONCERNING JUSTICE JEFFREY W. JOHNSON

On January 14, 2019, the Commission on Judicial Performance announced that it had instituted formal proceedings to inquire into matters concerning Justice Jeffrey W. Johnson, an associate justice of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division One. A hearing has been scheduled to begin on Monday, August 5, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the State Bar Court of California, 845 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, 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: Honorable Judith L. Haller, Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division One; Honorable Louis R. Hanoian, Superior Court of California, County of San Diego; and Honorable William D. Lehman, Superior Court of California, County of Imperial.

At the hearing, the parties will have an opportunity to introduce evidence and to examine and cross-examine witnesses. Commission staff attorney Emma Bradford will serve as Examiner for the commission. Justice Johnson is represented by Paul S. Meyer of Costa Mesa and Reginald A. Vitek of San Diego.

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. Commission member Sarah Kruer Jager is recused in this matter.

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