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HEARING SCHEDULED IN MATTER
CONCERNING JUDGE JOHN T. LAETTNER

The commission announced today that the hearing in this matter will resume with closing arguments before the special masters on Friday, April 26, 2019, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, located at 914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, California. The hearing will be open to the public.

The hearing is being conducted by special masters appointed by the 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.

Commission Trial Counsel Mark A. Lizarraga and Assistant Trial Counsel Bradford Battson will serve as Examiners for the commission. Judge Laettner is represented by 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.

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