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HEARING SCHEDULED IN MATTER
CONCERNING JUSTICE JEFFREY W. JOHNSON

The commission announced today that the hearing in this matter will resume with closing arguments before the special masters on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, commencing at 10:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division One, located at 750 B Street, San Diego, California. The hearing will be open to the public.

The hearing is being conducted by special masters appointed by the Supreme Court: Hon. Judith L. Haller, Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division One; Hon. Louis R. Hanoian, Superior Court of California, County of San Diego; and Hon. William D. Lehman, Superior Court of California, County of Imperial.

Commission trial counsel Emma Bradford and Mark Lizarraga serve as examiners for the commission in this proceeding. 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 members Sarah Krueger Jager and Hon. Lisa B. Lench are recused in this matter.

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