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COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE OPERATIONS AND STRUCTURE OF THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE RELEASES FINAL REPORT

On Monday, March 20, 2023, the Committee to Review the Operations and Structure of the Commission on Judicial Performance (Committee) approved its Report and Recommendations for release. The Committee has distributed the Report (available to the public at <https://bit.ly/CommitteeFinalReport>) to the Governor, the Commission on Judicial Performance, the President pro Tempore of the Senate, the Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Chair of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, consistent with the directives in the [legislation that created the Committee](#).

That legislation, enacted during the 2021 legislative session, authorized the 15-member Committee. Members of the Committee were appointed over the following months. The work of the Committee commenced in April 2022. The legislation required the Committee complete its Report and Recommendations by March 30, 2023.

In 1960, California created the Commission on Judicial Performance (CJP) and became the first state to establish an independent constitutional entity to evaluate and investigate complaints of judicial misconduct and, where appropriate, to discipline judges who engaged in ethical misconduct. In 2019, the California State Auditor issued a report that recommended changes to the structure and operation of the CJP. The legislation directed the Committee to review all findings and recommendations of the California State Auditor in [Audit 2016-137](#).

The primary interest guiding the work of the Committee has been to improve the ability of the CJP to meet its mission to protect the public, enforce rigorous standards of judicial conduct, and maintain public confidence in the integrity and independence of the judiciary. Committee meetings and public hearings were livestreamed with interactive viewer capability to ensure broad public access and maximum participation by the public and appointed committee members. All recordings, as well as the Committee's Report and Recommendations, the statutes that created the Committee, and the Report in Audit 2016-137, are accessible through the Committee's webpage (<https://cjp.ca.gov/committee/>). Throughout its tenure, the Committee heard from a variety of parties, orally as well as in writing, including experts, advocates, concerned citizens, judges, attorneys, litigants, and others.