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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE ANNOUNCES THE ELECTION  
OF DR. MICHAEL A. MOODIAN AS CHAIRPERSON AND  
HON. LISA B. LENCH AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON

The commission announces the election of Dr. Michael A. Moodian as Chairperson of the Commission, and Hon. Lisa B. Lench as Vice-Chairperson, at its March 29, 2023 meeting.

Dr. Moodian succeeds Judge Michael B. Harper. Dr. Moodian is a faculty member of Chapman University's Attallah College of Educational Studies, and a cofounder of the Orange County Sustainability Decathlon, which will take place in 2023. He edited a textbook in 2009 that examines the application of cultural comprehension to organizations and the measurement of intercultural competence. The book is cited by the Association of American Colleges & Universities in establishing national learning standards. Dr. Moodian has presented his research at various national and international conferences and has served as an expert commentator on several television and radio programs. The Orange County Register in 2021 and 2022 named him to its Most Influential People in Orange County list. Dr. Moodian earned a Doctor of Education degree in Organizational Leadership from Pepperdine University, and a Master of Arts degree in Communications and Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications and Sociology from California State University, Fullerton.

Judge Lench serves as a judge on the Los Angeles County Superior Court, to which she was appointed in November 2001 and sworn in January 2002. Judge Lench is currently assigned to a complex criminal trial court. She has had a variety of assignments on the bench, including a criminal master calendar court, felony trial court, and misdemeanor calendar and trial courts. Judge Lench serves on the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Code of Judicial Ethics. She was previously chair and vice-chair and was a member of the California Judges Association's Judicial Ethics Committee, was a member of the Center for Judicial Education and Research Ethics Advisory/Curriculum Committee, and is an ethics instructor for the Center for Judicial Education and

Research. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Lench was a deputy chief for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California in the Narcotics Section. She graduated from Loyola Marymount University, Loyola Law School, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Ecology from the University of California, Irvine.

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The commission is composed of six public members, three judges, and two lawyers. The chairperson is Dr. Michael A. Moodian. There is one attorney member vacancy on the commission.

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