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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE INSTITUTES
FORMAL PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING JUDGE ROBERT S. DRAPER

The Commission on Judicial Performance has instituted formal proceedings to inquire into matters concerning Judge Robert S. Draper of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. The commencement of formal proceedings is not a determination of judicial misconduct. A copy of the Notice of Formal Proceedings is posted on the commission's website at <https://cjp.ca.gov> (under "Announcements"). Judge Draper's Answer to the Notice is due February 3, 2026. Upon filing, the judge's answer will be made available for public inspection.

In accordance with the rules that govern commission proceedings, a hearing will be conducted by special masters appointed by the Supreme Court. At the hearing, the parties will have an opportunity to introduce evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses. Commission Trial Counsel, Mark A. Lizarraga, and Assistant Trial Counsel, Gregory J. Cleaver, will serve as Examiners for the commission. Judge Draper is represented by Attorney Paige L. Adamczyk of Burbank.

Following completion of the hearing, the special masters will provide the commission with a report containing findings with respect to the charges. The parties will have an opportunity to present their views on the report to the commission through briefing and argument. If the commission determines that the charges are proven by clear and convincing evidence, it is empowered to remove, censure, publicly admonish, or privately discipline the judge. Charges that the commission determines are not proven will be dismissed. A determination by the commission to remove, censure, or admonish a judge is subject to discretionary review by the Supreme Court upon petition by the judge.

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The commission is composed of six public members, three judges, and two lawyers. The chairperson is Hon. Lisa B. Lench. Commission members Ms. Leisa Biggers and Ms. Beatriz E. Tapia are recused in this matter.

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