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HEARING SCHEDULED AND SPECIAL MASTERS APPOINTED IN MATTER CONCERNING JUDGE ROBERT S. DRAPER

On January 20, 2026, the Commission on Judicial Performance announced that it had instituted formal proceedings to inquire into matters concerning Judge Robert S. Draper, a judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. A hearing has been scheduled to begin on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, 300 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California. The hearing will be open to the public.

Under the rules that govern commission proceedings, the hearing will be conducted by special masters appointed by the California Supreme Court: Honorable James M. Humes of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division One; Honorable Matthew P. Guasco of the Superior Court of California, County of Ventura; and Honorable Michael A. Knish of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Bernardino.

At the hearing, the parties will have an opportunity to introduce evidence and to 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 Paige L. Adamczyk of Oxnard, and Ashley D. Posner of Encino.

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 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>.