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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE ANNOUNCES
JUDGE ERICA R. YEW TO SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON AND
ANTHONY P. CAPOZZI, ESQ. TO SERVE AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON

The Commission on Judicial Performance announces that Judge Erica R. Yew has succeeded Mr. Lawrence J. Simi as Chairperson of the Commission and that Anthony P. Capozzi, Esq. was elected Vice-Chairperson of the Commission, at its meeting on October 9, 2013.

Judge Yew sits on the Santa Clara County Superior Court, to which she was appointed in October 2001. She was a member of the Judicial Council from 2009 to 2012, and a member of the California State Bar Board of Governors from 2010 to 2011. She serves on the Judicial Council Task Force on Self-Represented Litigants. She has worked on and led a number of projects to increase diversity in the legal profession. Among her judicial assignments, Judge Yew has presided over a dependency drug treatment court and speaks nationally on the topic of problem-solving courts. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Yew was a civil litigator and graduated from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law and with honors from the University of California, Berkeley. Judge Yew was appointed to the commission as a superior court judicial member by the Supreme Court December 2010; her term expires February 28, 2015. She previously served as Vice-Chairperson of the Commission.

Mr. Capozzi resides in Fresno and Carmel, California. He has owned and operated the Law Offices of Anthony P. Capozzi since 1979, primarily focusing his practice in the area of criminal law. Mr. Capozzi is admitted to the Ohio, Illinois and California bars. He has served as president of the Fresno County Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association, San Joaquin Valley Chapter; lawyer, co-chair of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference; co-chair of the Bench Bar Coalition; president of the State Bar of California from 2003-2004; member of the Access and Fairness Commission, 2004-2005; and member of the Judicial Council, 2005-2010. Mr. Capozzi is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Mr. Capozzi was appointed to the commission as a lawyer member by the Governor in April 2010. His term expired February 28, 2013.

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The commission is composed of three judges, two lawyers, and six public members. The chairperson is Judge Erica R. Yew.

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