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Executive Summary

As outlined in the California Rules of Court, rule 10.11, the Executive and Planning Committee (E&P) oversees the council's meeting process and operating procedures, including agenda setting for council meetings, development of the council's long-range strategic plan for the judicial branch, and development of policies and procedures related to court facilities and communications with the branch. The committee is also charged with directing the nominations process for vacancies on the council and its advisory bodies and overseeing specific advisory bodies. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the last Judicial Council internal committee presentation during the council's February business meeting.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Since the February council meeting, the committee has met twice by conference call on March 24 (open with a closed session) and March 29 (closed session). The committee also conducted an action by e-mail on April 5 concerning an Information Only Item on the April meeting agenda that

otherwise would have been discussed during an open session of E&P, which concluded on Tuesday, April 5.

The committee's schedule for this period also includes one in person meeting before the council meeting on April 14 to review 2016 annual agendas with chairs and staff of Judicial Council advisory bodies that are overseen by the E&P Committee.

Agenda Setting and Other Business

During its March 24 meeting and April 5 email action, the committee set the agenda for the council's April 15 business meeting. The committee also conducted additional business as summarized below since the council's February business meeting.

Subordinate Judicial Officer Conversions Update and Request (Action Required)

On March 24, Hon. Marla O. Anderson, Vice-Chair, briefed the committee on requests from three courts to defer conversion of subordinate judicial officers to judgeships and the resulting review that a working group of E&P members is conducting to clarify Judicial Council policies. She indicated a timeline by the summer of 2016 for completing the review.

The committee also reviewed and approved a request from the Superior Court of California, County of Placer to temporarily defer conversion of one vacant Subordinate Judicial Officer position to a judgeship.

Annual Agenda Preparation (Information Only)

During the same meeting, the committee discussed preparations for reviewing advisory body annual agendas on April 14, 2016.

Judicial Council Nominations

During a closed session on March 29, the committee reviewed nominations and developed recommendations for vacancies on the Judicial Council for submission to the Chief Justice which resulted in four new appointments to the council, three voting appointments and one advisory appointment.