



# Judicial Council of California

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## MEMORANDUM

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June 17, 2008

**To**

Interested Members of the State Bar of California

**From**

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Executive Office Programs Division

**Subject**

Participation in the 2008 Judicial Council  
Advisory Committee Nominations

**Action Requested**

Please Review and Submit Nominations  
Forms

**Deadline**

June 30, 2008

**Contacts**

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The Administrative Office of the Courts is currently soliciting nominations to fill upcoming vacancies on Judicial Council advisory committees. The advisory committees monitor specific areas of law as they impact the judicial branch. Each committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Judicial Council on legislation, rules, standards, forms, and other policy matters within its purview for improving the quality and advancing the consistent, independent, impartial, and accessible administration of justice.

The chart below outlines the upcoming vacancies:

Advisory Committee	Attorney Position(s) Available
Access and Fairness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lawyer</li><li>• Lawyer with expertise of interest in disability issues</li></ul>
Appellate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Criminal defense appellate lawyer</li></ul>
Civil Jury Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lawyer whose primary area of practice is civil law</li></ul>
Civil and Small Claims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lawyer whose primary area of practice is civil law</li><li>• Person knowledgeable about small claims law &amp; procedure</li></ul>
Collaborative Justice Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Criminal defense attorney</li><li>• District attorney</li></ul>
Criminal Jury Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lawyer whose primary area of practice is criminal defense</li><li>• Deputy DA or other attorney who represents the people of the State of CA in criminal matters</li></ul>

Advisory Committee	Attorney Position(s) Available
Criminal Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prosecutor</li><li>• Criminal defense lawyer (Private)</li></ul>
Family and Juvenile Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lawyer whose primary area of practice is family law</li><li>• Lawyer specializing in governmental child support</li><li>• Lawyer from a public or private defender's office whose primary practice area is juvenile law</li></ul>
Legal Services Trust Fund Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lawyer</li></ul>
Probate and Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lawyer, examiner, or probate investigator who works for a court on probate or mental health matters</li><li>• Lawyer whose primary practice involves decedents' estates, trusts, guardianships, conservatorships, or elder abuse law</li><li>• Person knowledgeable in mental health or developmental disability law</li></ul>
Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Criminal defense lawyer</li></ul>

### Advisory Committee Terms and Time Commitment

The Chief Justice appoints advisory committee members to positions specified in the California Rules of Court and by statute. Terms of service for advisory committee members are generally three years, although some committee terms are shorter. Terms for those appointed in this nomination cycle will begin on November 1, 2008. Committee membership involves a commitment of approximately ten hours per month, although that may vary considerably from committee to committee and month to month, depending on the projects underway. Committees generally meet in person two times per year and by telephone conference five to ten times per year.

### Submitting Nominations

The deadline for submitting advisory committee nominations is *June 30, 2008*. Please send nominations by mail or fax to: Administrative Office of the Courts, Office of the Secretariat, attention Roma K. Cheadle, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102-3688 (fax: 415-865-4332). An online nomination form is available on the California judicial branch website at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc/advcommnom.htm> Please feel free to distribute the attached nomination form.

Nomination guidelines include the following points: (1) a separate form should be submitted for each individual; (2) prior to submitting a nomination form, nominators should confirm that the candidate, if selected, is willing and able to serve; and (3) self-nominations are encouraged.

Please contact Roma K. Cheadle, Nominations Coordinator, at 415-865-7640 if you have any questions. We look forward to receiving your nomination submissions.

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Enclosures