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SOLANO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT LAUNCHES ELIMINATION OF BIAS COMMITTEE **PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 17.7**

Fairfield, California - On July 1, 2022, the Solano County Superior Court adopted Local Rule 17.7, governing the Elimination of Bias Committee, in accordance with California Rules of Court, rule 10.20. Local Rule 17.7 directs that a committee be established by the Court "for the purpose of addressing and remedying actual or perceived bias in connection with judicial proceedings or court operations."

Judge Stephanie Grogan Jones, who is a founding member, said of the committee: "Martin Luther King Jr. famously wrote that 'injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.' He was referring to the fact that justice has not always been fairly and equally administered to minorities, women and those of lower social economic means. The Solano County Superior Court and the Elimination of Bias Committee is committed to the fair and equal access justice. The establishment of the Elimination of Bias Committee is a great step forward in eliminating many of the obstacles that people face in obtaining fair access to justice."

The Presiding Judge of the court will appoint the members of this committee, each to serve a two-year term and consisting of two judicial officers, two court employees, two members of a local bar association, and two community representatives.

To that end, an Elimination of Bias Committee application, approved by the Court, has been disseminated to local bar association members. The form has also been posted to the Court's public website here: EOB-Committee-Application-Fillable.pdf

Please direct all questions regarding the committee and application process to: EOB@solano.courts.ca.gov.