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Chief Justice of California
Chair of the Judicial Council

MARTIN HOSHINO
Administrative Director

November 29, 2022

Dear Judicial Branch Colleagues:

I am writing to inform you that I have advised the Chief Justice and Chief Justice-Elect that I will retire from my position as Judicial Council Administrative Director, effective December 31, 2022.

The past eight years in this role with the judicial branch were the high point of my 35 years of public service in California government. Throughout my career, and especially through the good graces and support of the Judicial Council, I have had the great good fortune of working with some of the smartest, most dedicated public servants of the highest integrity. At the top of that list is Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye. It has been my personal and professional honor to serve and work with such a remarkable leader.

In my time as Administrative Director, I am proud of the progress the Judicial Council achieved in driving reforms and improvements in the administration of justice that keep the public at the center of everything. I feel exceptionally fortunate to have gotten to know and work with the committed members of the Judicial Council's governing body—past and present—as well as so many others throughout the branch.

I am proud of the entire Judicial Council staff and owe a particular debt of gratitude to the executive and senior management teams. Through the Great Recession, the economic recovery, and the pandemic, the organization remained steadfast in its commitment to the courts and the public, adapting quickly to changing demands, and helping to drive and facilitate innovation in our state court system.

I believe strongly that big jobs are always bigger than any single individual and I have the utmost confidence in the team of people with whom I work. I am pleased, therefore, to share that the Chief Justice and Chief Justice-Elect will jointly appoint Chief Deputy Director Millicent Tidwell to serve as Acting Administrative Director following my departure and pending a recruitment process.

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The Judicial Council and judicial branch are, and will continue to be, incredibly well served by Millicent and by the other senior executives—Shelley Curran, Rob Oyung, John Wordlaw—and their respective teams.

I greatly appreciate Chief Justice-Elect Guerrero’s support for my decision to make this change at this time. The executive team and I are having ongoing, productive discussions with Justice Guerrero on the business, operations, and policy of administering the judicial branch—aided by the planning discussions of the Judicial Council members—to ensure a smooth leadership transition when she begins her 12-year term of office on January 3, 2023. I already know that our courts will have another strong leader with a clear, steady focus on ensuring equal access to justice for every Californian.

As public servants, we all share in a social contract to advance the common good. By uplifting others, we ourselves are uplifted in the process. The ideal of a healthy and responsive social contract has served as a guiding principle for me throughout my professional career in government. It will continue to light the way forward for me on future paths.

I am grateful to the Chief Justice and the Judicial Council for the opportunity to serve the courts and the people, and to each of you for sharing your trust with me to help do some good in our world.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Hoshino", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Martin Hoshino
Administrative Director