



SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA

Commemoration

—HONORING—

MR. JAKE DEAR

Whereas in recognition of Jake Dear, retired chief supervising attorney of the California Supreme Court, for his more than 40 years of extraordinary, devoted, and transformative service to the court and to the people of the State of California;

Whereas Jake began his service to the court in 1982, first as an extern, and then in 1983 as an annual law clerk for Justice Stanley Mosk, later serving as a chambers attorney for Justice Joseph Grodin, and thereafter as a supervising attorney for Chief Justice Malcolm Lucas;

Whereas beginning in 2007, Jake earned the position of chief supervising attorney under Chief Justice Ronald M. George, and thereafter for Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, a role in which he provided unsurpassed counsel and assistance to the Chief Justice, the associate justices, staff attorneys, chambers personnel, and the broader court community. In that role, Jake also carried forward and safeguarded the court's traditions, internal policies and procedures, institutional memory, and standards of excellence, serving as both a historian of the court and a steward of its future;

Whereas Jake's legal acumen, precision, deep research expertise, and unwavering commitment to transparent, careful, and evenhanded judicial review have shaped scores of opinions and continually elevated the quality of justice administered by the court;

Whereas Jake's leadership at the court strengthened and unified the court's staff community through his mentorship of generations of law students and attorneys, whom he welcomed into the always-open door of his office, providing steady counsel with his trademark balance of sincerity, curiosity, humility, compassion, and good humor;

Whereas Jake's dedication extended beyond the halls of the courthouse through his long volunteer tenure as associate editor of the *California Supreme Court Historical Society Review*, his scholarly writings, his encyclopedic knowledge of the court's history, and his unwavering commitment to the court even after his retirement in 2023; and

Whereas Jake's integrity, institutional devotion, and exemplary public service stand as a model for all who serve the judicial branch, and his contributions will endure as part of the very fabric of the California Supreme Court;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Patricia Guerrero, Chief Justice of California and Chair of the Judicial Council of California, do hereby commend the distinguished service, achievements, scholarship, leadership, and kindness of Jake Dear, and express the profound gratitude of the California Supreme Court, the Judicial Council, and the entire judicial branch for his lifetime of dedication to the administration of justice, the enrichment and preservation of our judicial history, and the strengthening of California's highest court.

In witness whereof,

I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of May, 2026

PATRICIA GUERRERO
Chief Justice of California and
Chair of the Judicial Council of California

Attest:

