

CJEO: A LEADING RESOURCE FOR PRESIDING AND SUPERVISING JUDGES

CJEO is pleased to introduce the newest one-stop reference page on its website: [Resources for Presiding and Supervising Trial Court Judges](#). Whether you aspire to be a leader in your court, are already serving as a presiding or supervising judge, or simply want to know more about these important roles, be sure to check out this helpful resource, which is dedicated to issues facing presiding and supervising judges and provides support and practical guidance for the entire judiciary.

The Resources for Presiding and Supervising Trial Court Judges webpage contains a handy index providing quick access to relevant CJEO advisory opinions and incorporates useful reference materials from other sources. For example, the page includes a link to the [CJP compendium of case summaries of private and public discipline](#) involving the breach of judicial duties by presiding or supervising judges. The webpage also directly links to [CJP's Public Decisions Database](#), which contains all CJP decisions on public disciplinary matters, including those in which presiding or supervising judges have been involved in addressing or witnessing a subordinate judicial officer's misconduct.

Also on the Resources for Presiding and Supervising Trial Court Judges webpage, CJEO has collected statutes, California Rules of Court, and Code of Judicial Ethics canons that are relevant to presiding and supervising judges, including rule 10.603 of the California Rules of Court, which provides the source of authority and duties for presiding judges. The webpage also offers access to an educational presentation from the Los Angeles County Superior Court, titled [Ethical Requirements re Judicial Administration](#)—another excellent resource for judges in supervisory roles.

In addition, the index on the webpage contains a selection of CJEO advisory opinions—organized by topic, such as court operations and social media—that may be especially helpful for presiding and supervising judges. For example, notable CJEO opinions relating to oversight or administrative duties of presiding and supervising judges include:

- CJEO Formal Opinion 2020-015, [Supervising Judge's Duties When a Party Complains About a Judge in a Pending Matter](#) [advising that, under certain circumstances, a supervising judge, as part of the duty of oversight, may disclose to a trial judge an ex parte communication made in connection with a complaint against the trial judge]
- CJEO Formal Opinion 2017-009, [Judges Meeting With Vendors](#) [advising that, under certain circumstances, judges, including presiding and supervising judges, may meet with private vendors, including those providing remote alcohol monitoring services to parties under court order]
- CJEO Oral Advice Summary 2016-015, [Full Bench Disqualification](#) [advising that, apart from two administrative alternatives, presiding judges may not determine that the entire

bench is disqualified, but rather, each individual judge must make a determination about disqualification]

Further, the index includes CJEO opinions regarding questions that presiding and supervising judges may frequently encounter from fellow judges, such as:

- CJEO Formal Opinion 2020-014, [*Judicial Participation in Public Demonstrations and Rallies*](#) [providing guidance as to the circumstances under which judges may participate in public demonstrations and rallies about racial justice and equality or make public statements about those matters]
- CJEO Formal Opinion 2016-008, [*Attending Political Fundraising or Endorsement Events*](#) [advising on, among other things, the circumstances under which judicial officers may attend, speak, appear as the guest of honor, or receive an award at a political event where a nonjudicial candidate will be endorsed or funds will be raised]
- CJEO Expedited Opinion 2022-048, [*Commenting on or Endorsing Legal Education Books Written by Others*](#) [advising that, under certain circumstances, judicial officers may review, critique, and comment on legal education books in legal publications for educational purposes consistent with the advancement of the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice]

By maintaining links to these resources and other information on its website, CJEO provides judges at all levels with a centralized location for up-to-date information and guidance relating to presiding and supervising judges' roles and responsibilities.