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## **TASK FORCE ON TRIAL COURT EMPLOYEES TO MEET IN FRESNO COUNTY ON MARCH 14–16**

San Francisco — The Task Force on Trial Court Employees will hold a working and educational session on Sunday, March 14, through Tuesday, March 16, in Fresno at the Radisson Hotel, 2333 Ventura Street.

All sessions are open to the public; the meeting includes a specific time for public comment by trial court employees and other interested parties.

On March 14 the task force meeting will be from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with a public comment period from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. On March 15 the meeting will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a public comment period from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. Interested speakers should arrive on Sunday at 1:45 p.m. and Monday at 7:45 a.m. and sign in with a staff member.

The task force is chaired by Justice James A. Ardaiz, Administrative Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District (Fresno). Established by the Trial Court Funding Act of 1997, the statewide panel is charged with developing and recommending a personnel structure for trial court employees.

Limited seating is available for members of the public.

The task force meeting has the following objectives:

- Provide an opportunity for communication through public comment period;

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- Finalize the working employment protection system model;
- Review revised language to meet and confer model and reach consensus;
- Adopt assumptions, objectives and models for employee advisory vote and public entity poll;
- Provide educational information on health benefits and identify pertinent issues;
- In relation to retirement benefits, adopt final language for assumptions and objectives and discuss revised staff model and attempt to reach consensus;
- Review employment status options definitions (state, county, court, other) in relation to models and identify effects and concerns raised by the models; and
- Revisit definition of court employee for purposes of the interim report, advisory vote, and final recommendations.

More information about the task force and upcoming meetings can be found on the task force Web site at [www2.courtinfo.ca.gov/tcemployees](http://www2.courtinfo.ca.gov/tcemployees).

*Attachment: in Fresno Agenda*