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Dear Mr. Chen:

During the next few years, approximately one-third of our sitting judges will be eligible for retirement. I anticipate that during this time frame, a number of those judges will retire.

In planning for these changes, the Court is reaching out to various Bar groups to inform each of the opportunities these retirements create.

I am writing to you because as association president, you are in the best position to know someone who is considering or ought to consider becoming a judge. I ask that you share this letter with them. The opportunity may never be more available. Perhaps the most positive step that can be taken to become a judge is to apply and participate in Santa Clara County's Temporary Judge Program.

Recognizing the important function that temporary judges serve, and the fact that temporary judges are an extension of the court, the Judicial Council has promulgated California Rules of Court governing the appointment of temporary judges. (CRC §2.810 et seq.).

One requirement is that a temporary judge must be admitted to practice as a member of the State Bar of California for at least ten years, unless that requirement is waived for good cause.

The training to become a temporary judge mirrors in many respects, the training required of a sitting judge. Topics include judicial ethics, demeanor, and conduct—the heart of judging. Temporary judges preside over large calendars, including Traffic, Small Claims and Family. They learn how to provide parties with the opportunity to be heard, determine a just outcome, and communicate the reasons for decisions. Temporary judges also serve as Civil settlement officers, and help parties resolve their conflicts through alternative dispute resolution techniques.

Quite apart from any interest in joining the Bench, the Temporary Judge Program provides other advantages: MCLE credit at no cost; insights to help you become a more effective attorney; and

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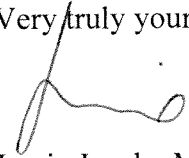
the opportunity to more fully participate in the Bench/Bar collaboration, a much-envied hallmark of Santa Clara County culture.

The Bench is enormously grateful to the attorneys who volunteer thousands of hours each year serving as temporary judges. We could not function without their help.

If you want to learn more about our Temporary Judge Program, our public website, www.sccsuperiorcourt.org, has links to information, applications and training, or you can contact Ms. K.C. McCoy directly at (408) 882-2744. If you, or someone you know, want to explore a judicial career, begin by participating in the Temporary Judge Program and express your interest to me or any of my colleagues.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,



Jamie Jacobs-May
Presiding Judge



cc: Hon. Richard J. Loftus, Jr., Assistant Presiding Judge
K.C. McCoy, Temporary Judge Administrator