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## NEW COMMITTEE LAUNCHES ON THE ELIMINATION OF BIAS

**SAN BERNARDINO, CA**– With a continued commitment to building a more fair, equal and accessible justice system for all, San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) is pleased to announce the formation of the Committee on the Elimination of Bias (Committee). This Committee, pursuant to Judicial Standard, Standard 10.20(b), was developed to assist judicial officers, attorneys, and courtroom staff in maintaining a courtroom environment free of bias or the appearance of bias.

The Committee will continue to advance efforts to eliminate bias from the courtroom that is based on, but not limited to, disability, gender, race, religion, ethnicity, and sexual orientation with a recognition that fairness, more equal and accessible access to justice are critical elements of our justice system.

Key areas of focus include:

1. Sponsor and support educational programs designed to eliminate bias
2. Develop and maintain an informal complaint procedure for receiving complaints related to bias in the courtroom
3. Propose a new Local Rule of Court outlining an informal complaint procedure

The formation of this Committee represents a part of SBSC's continual efforts to promote fairness and access to justice in the court system and to reshape our approaches, as well as the court environment, to foster a justice system that upholds public trust and confidence.

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