



CALIFORNIA JUDGES ASSOCIATION

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Dear CJA members,

At the just concluded Mid-year/Retired CJA Conference, I spoke of the need for all of us to strongly resist the attempted politicization of the judiciary occurring in this election cycle. Existing law allows for sitting trial court judges to be challenged. When our six-year term is over and we face no challenge, we all breathe a sigh of relief, knowing we are good for another six years. This election cycle, the number of challenges to sitting judges has risen, especially in San Francisco where four of our colleagues are facing a blatant and inaccurate political attack.

Recent contributions to [CJA's JetPAC](#) have been encouraging but more financial support is needed. You will be receiving a further solicitation from JETPAC in the near future. The CJA Executive Board is also making our collective voice heard publicly by submitting a [letter to the editor \(read here\)](#) in Judge Persky's geographical area and a more general press release (read here) issued state-wide on the dangers of politicizing the judiciary.

It is also necessary for us to continue to educate the public on the importance of an independent judiciary that is free of political influence. To assist those interested in participating in this endeavor, [HERE is a link to CJA's Website \(requires login\)](#) where you can download a PowerPoint prepared by former CJA Ethics Chair, Judge Barbara Kronlund with assistance from Response to Criticism Chair and Former CJA President Judge Jim Mize. If you arrange to speak at civic organizations, student groups, etc., this PowerPoint can be a valuable aid to you.

As always, I and your board representatives are available to talk or respond to emails on all issues of concern to our members.

Judge Stuart M. Rice
CJA President