MISSION STATEMENT

Pursuant to Standards of Judicial Administration, standard 10.20, the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal Bias Prevention Committee (Bias Prevention Committee) aims to support the integrity and impartiality of the judicial system and promote an appellate court environment free of bias and the appearance of bias.

Standard 10.20. of the California Standards of Judicial Administration

(a) Statement of purpose

The California judicial branch is committed to ensuring the integrity and impartiality of the judicial system and to court interactions free of bias and the appearance of bias.

Consistent with this commitment, each court should work within its community to improve dialogue and engagement with members of various cultures, backgrounds, and groups to learn, understand, and appreciate the unique qualities and needs of each group.

The Bias Prevention Committee will be composed of representative members of the appellate court community, including judicial officers from the Supreme Court and each Appellate District, a court administrator, as well as attorneys practicing in those courts. The committee will facilitate a dynamic and interactive exchange with appellate court users to better recognize, prevent, and eliminate unconscious and explicit biases within appellate court interactions, while focusing on understanding the many forms, causes, and impacts of bias with the goal of improving how courts combat bias.