

Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts 2013 Distinguished Service Awards Announced

William C. Vickrey Leadership in Judicial Administration Award

This award honors individuals in judicial administration for significant contributions to and leadership in their profession.

Kim Turner, chief executive officer of the Superior Court of Marin County, was selected for her many activities and contributions, both statewide and in the court she serves, that have contributed to statewide advances in the administration and service delivery of the superior courts.

Ms. Turner currently chairs a working group on business process reengineering that provides training, assistance, and reference materials for California courts seeking to increase efficiency and improve service by redesigning business processes. The working group recently conducted training sessions across the state to strong endorsements by participating courts, and more sessions are scheduled for this fall.

Ms. Turner also has been a very active member of a working group improving trial court records management, and she helped draft proposed revisions to statutes governing trial court records retention. In addition, she has been actively involved in working groups fostering e-access and modernizing case management systems.

In 2009, Ms. Turner was appointed by the Chief Justice to an advisory role on the Judicial Council representing court executives, and in 2011 she was appointed to a one-year term as chair of the Court Executives Advisory Committee. For many years, she has served on numerous Judicial Council committees, working groups, and task forces, whose work benefits the court system, with a focus on equal access, equal justice, and procedural fairness. She advocates for modernizing management and administration and making processes and procedures more understandable and accessible by the public.

Ms. Turner has served the Marin Superior Court since 1997, first as chief financial officer, and then as assistant executive officer, before her appointment as CEO in 2005. She is a Certified Management Accountant and a Fellow with the Institute of Court Management at the National Center for State Courts. In 1999, she was recognized by NCSC with a Director's Award for Outstanding Research Project.