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Dear Judicial Leaders,

Two years ago, your Chief Justice nominated you to take part in the first Judicial Leaders in Climate Science group. Today, ELI and NJC have, again, initiated this process to assemble our second group of judicial leaders for the program. As we embark on this journey, we do so owing a debt of gratitude to you all for being the first ones to participate and exemplifying the potential for judicial leaders in climate science.

We intend to continue regular communication with you all, both directly and through this listserv, and offer you opportunities to engage with this new cohort of judges. Below you will find these opportunities and program updates:

JLCS 2024 Program

1. Your Chief Justice has received a letter from NJC requesting nominations for judges to participate in the second JLCS cohort. If you have recommendations of an interested and well-suited colleague, we encourage you to contact your Chief Justice.

January Group Call

1. Since the group last virtually gathered in June, much has happened. We invite you to join your colleagues and the ELI and NJC teams on a call in January to discuss the CJP curriculum and learn about a mentorship opportunity (detailed below). We will send call information separately.

Mentorship

1. Having had the opportunity to be the first participants of this program, you are uniquely qualified to mentor judges in the second cohort. You may be contacted to participate as a mentor depending upon factors, such as geography, jurisdiction, and more. If contacted, we will invite you to mentor participating judges from your state/territory or region. If you accept our invitation, we will connect you with your mentee(s) and ask that you have at least one conversation with them in 2024. You and your mentee can determine the frequency of future conversations. We will discuss this mentor program in January and welcome your thoughts and questions.

New Staff

1. The National Judicial College has appointed a new lead staffer for our program, Alf Brandt.

Prior to joining NJC, Alf served the California State Assembly as an expert on environmental law and policy, particularly California water. Most recently, he served as General Counsel to Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon. Drawing on his expertise on water law, he has served all three branches of government and at the federal, state, and local levels. He has worked and volunteered with NJC, in its Dividing the Waters Program, since 2011.

2. Helene Krasnoff will join the Environmental Law Institute as the Director of the Climate Judiciary Project. Helene is a respected leader in the legal community who brings decades of program leadership, strategy development, and litigation experience. An expert in constitutional and administrative law, Helene has practiced before the Supreme Court, several federal circuits, and many state courts, focused on issues of science and law. ELI is excited to welcome Helene in mid-January.

We welcome your thoughts and engagement as we head into 2024. The CJP team wishes you a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year.

Best,

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