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ALASKA'S JUSTICE DANA FABE TO KEYNOTE DISTINGUISHED LECTURE IN CALIFORNIA **"Women Chief Justices: Great Power, Great Responsibility, and Some Unique Challenges"**

Anchorage, Alaska, October 8, 2010. Justice Dana Fabe, the first woman appointed to the Alaska Supreme Court, has served two terms as Alaska's Chief Justice since joining the state's highest court in 1996. For the past year, she has also served as President of the National Association of Women Judges. On October 12, 2010, she will deliver the keynote remarks at the Second Annual Ronald M. George Distinguished Lecture at Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco, entitled "Women Chief Justices: Great Power, Great Responsibility, and Some Unique Challenges." She will also join a panel of four other women jurists who have led their state's judicial systems: Chief Justice Christine Durham of the Utah Supreme Court, who is also immediate past president of the national Conference of Chief Justices; former Chief Justice Janice Holder of the Tennessee Supreme Court; Chief Justice Barbara Madsen of the Washington Supreme Court; and former Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, Leah Ward Sears. According to Golden Gate Law School Dean Drucilla Stender Ramey, "we hope that this candid discussion among a group of women Chief Justices will illuminate both the benefits and special demands for women serving at the top of their state's judiciary."

The lecture series is named for Ronald M. George, Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court since 1996, who is recognized for "his unwavering commitment to equality of access and opportunity in California's system of justice, including his unremitting insistence on gender fairness and equality." The lecture will celebrate Chief Justice George's upcoming retirement in January 2011. It will also mark, with the incoming Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, the first time in history that the California judiciary has a female majority. The lecture will take place at the PG&E Auditorium, 77 Beale Street, San Francisco, from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 12, 2010. ###
