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Simpson Elected Chair of Law Revision Commission

Richard Simpson, of Sacramento, has been elected Chairperson of the California Law Revision Commission and David A. Carrillo, of Berkeley, has been elected Vice-Chairperson. The term of office is one year, ending on August 31, 2022.

The Law Revision Commission is a state agency responsible for studying problem areas in California law and recommending reforms to the Governor and Legislature. The Commission's current workload includes studies of emergency-related reforms, alternatives to probate, revision of statutes made obsolete by trial court restructuring, and the reorganization and clean-up of the Fish and Game Code and certain statutes that regulate toxic substances.

Richard Simpson, the new Chairperson, was appointed to the Commission in 2019. He served as chief of staff in the Office of State Senator Robert Hertzberg in 2019. He served as a member of the Sacramento County Board of Education from 1990 to 2002. He was deputy chief of staff and education advisor in the Office of the Assembly Speaker from 1999 to 2016, legislative secretary in the Office of Governor Gray Davis from 1998 to 1999, and deputy chief of staff in the Office of Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa in 1998. Simpson was a legislative advocate for the California Teachers Association from 1996 to 1998, staff director for the Senate Education Committee from 1995 to 1996, and education advisor for the Office of the Assembly Speaker Willie Brown Jr. from 1991 to 1994. He is a member of the Commission on Judicial Performance. Simpson earned a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

David A. Carrillo, the new Vice-Chairperson, was appointed to the Commission in 2019. He has been executive director and lecturer in residence at the California Constitution Center, University of California, Berkeley School of Law since 2012. He was previously a deputy attorney general for the California Department of Justice from 2001 to 2003 and from 2007 to 2012, a deputy city attorney for the City and County of San Francisco from 2003 to 2007, a litigation associate in private practice from 1999 to 2001, and a deputy district attorney for Contra Costa County from 1995 to 1998. Commissioner Carrillo received a Juris Doctor degree, a Master of Laws degree, and a Doctor of the Science of Jurisprudence degree from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

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