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**MEETING NOTICE – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020**

## **ATTACKS ON THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY**

**VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**



**JERRY D. BULLARD**  
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**HON. MURRY COHEN**  
FIRST COURT OF  
APPEALS (RET.)



**HON. LORA LIVINGSTON**  
261<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT COURT

As long as there have been judges, there has been criticism of the judiciary. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor once said, "The freedom to criticize judges and other public officials is necessary to a vibrant democracy." However, when public figures and others politicize the judiciary or recklessly cast doubt on the integrity of a judge or the judicial branch as a whole, they threaten the independence of the judiciary and damage our democracy. Our panel will discuss the history of judicial independence and why it is important; potential threats to judicial independence and the consequences of those threats; and how members of the bench and bar should respond.

**Starting at 5:15 pm**

RSVP to [phowell@orrick.com](mailto:phowell@orrick.com) NO LATER than Monday, October 12, 2020.  
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