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Jonathan Stein is pleased to announce his appointment as Dinner Chair for the Beverly Hills Bar Association *First Annual Litigation Section Dinner*. Jonathan is Chair of the Litigation Section and served for four years on the BHBA Board of Governors.

The dinner will honor **California Chief Justice Ronald M. George** with the *Judicial Excellence Award*, which will thereafter be named the *Ronald M. George Award For Judicial Excellence*. Retiring on January 3, 2011, Chief Justice George is perhaps the most effective judicial administrator in California history. He lead the court system into “one day, one trial”; unified municipal and superior courts; garnered all courthouses as state property and secured a \$5 billion bond issuance for their renovation; reformed the California Rules of Court; and issued new jury instructions in simple and modern language, among other historic milestones.

US Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy will be a presenter for Justice George.

The dinner will also honor **Roman M. Silberfeld**, managing partner in the Century City office of Robins, Kaplan Miller & Ciresi LLP, with the *Excellence in Advocacy Award*. Roman has tried a variety of complex litigation cases, representing both plaintiffs and defendants, but his recent entertainment case, *Celador v Walt Disney Co.*, was his biggest trial court win to date, with a \$319 million verdict. He is also a Past Chair and current Board Member of Public Counsel, which was founded by BHBA 40 years ago and is today the largest *pro bono* public interest law firm in the United States. ###