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Executive Summary

The following information outlines some of the many activities staff is engaged in to further the Judicial Council's strategic goals and priorities for the judicial branch. The report focuses on action since the council's November meeting and is exclusive of issues on the January business meeting agenda.

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2019 Year in Review

Annual highlights of Judicial Council advocacy and support for programs and funding that ensure equal access to justice for all Californians were shared branchwide and posted on the California Courts public website in the 2019 Year in Review.

Judicial Branch Budget for Fiscal Year 2020–21

Following the release of the Governor’s proposed budget, a summary of the proposal for the judicial branch was disseminated branchwide and statewide conference calls were held for judicial branch leadership to share information and respond to questions.

Managing Unconscious Bias and Improving Cultural Responsiveness

The Judicial Council offers a rich array of educational courses and content on unconscious bias and cultural responsiveness. A new online toolkit developed by a subcommittee of judicial officers from throughout the state provides centralized access for judicial officers to comprehensive Judicial Council and external resources in the areas of unconscious bias and cultural responsiveness.

Appellate Court-Appointed Counsel Contracts

Negotiation of the six Court-Appointed Counsel contracts for non-capital appeals was completed, with a total contract cost of \$18.2 million for 2020.

Trial Court Audits

Audits were completed for the Superior Courts of Lassen, Los Angeles, San Mateo, Sierra, and Tehama Counties. The audits focused on compliance with Judicial Council policies in areas such as: cash management, procurement practices, and the quality of data reporting to the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System. Following review by the Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch in the first quarter of 2020, the audit reports will be posted on the California Courts public web site.

Payroll Services Deployment

The Phoenix Payroll system was deployed to the Superior Court of Calaveras County. Calaveras is the 17th court to deploy the system.

Traffic Citations Ability-to-Pay Tool

The Superior Court of San Francisco County became the fourth court to deploy the new *MyCitations* ability-to-pay request system. Judicial Council staff worked on-site to recruit system users with traffic citation debt to help test the program, and met with the traffic court commissioner and operations staff to review the requests and confirm functionality and workflow.

Pretrial Pilot Program

Site visits were conducted with the Calaveras, Kings, Napa, Sacramento, San Mateo, and Santa Barbara pretrial pilot programs to meet with the courts and their justice system partners and learn about the progress being made toward program implementation, including data collection processes and reporting.

Labor and Employee Relations

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 11 trial courts. Services included bargaining strategy advice and successor memoranda of understanding negotiations. Additionally, support was provided on 23 different labor and employee-related matters.

Facilities Services

- Court facility modifications as of December 26, 2019:

<i>Status</i>	<i>Number of Modifications</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
Awaiting Shared Cost	4	\$7,053,274
In Design	58	\$6,813,237
In Work	848	\$209,243,852
<i>Total</i>	<i>910</i>	<i>\$223,110,363</i>

- Thirty-six real estate transactions were completed, including lease/license renewals in Glenn, Inyo, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Clara, and Stanislaus Counties; lease terminations in Kern and Sacramento Counties; and execution of 22 short-term event licenses.

Advisory Bodies

Judicial Council advisory bodies focusing on the following areas of judicial administration met in person, by phone, or WebEx since the council's November meeting:

1. Access and Fairness
2. Administrative Presiding Justices
3. Appellate Indigent Defense
4. Budget
5. Collaborative Justice Courts
6. Court Executives
7. Court Facilities
8. Court Security
9. Criminal Jury Instructions
10. Criminal Law
11. Education
12. Family and Juvenile Law
13. Pretrial Reform
14. Technology
15. Traffic
16. Workload Assessment

Meeting Details

Administrative Presiding Justices Advisory Committee

- Addressed budget allocations, changes to education requirements, and court-appointed counsel 2020 contract hours and workload analysis.

Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness

- Discussed the 2020 annual agenda, the Judicial Diversity Toolkit, updates to the Americans with Disabilities Act Benchmark; and heard a legislative update on potential legislation impacting the committee's work.

Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions

- Determined updates, revisions, and additions for the 2020 edition.
- Posted Invitations to Comment on proposed instruction revisions.

Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight Advisory Committee

- Reviewed and audited 120 compensation claims paid during the third quarter of 2019.

Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee

- Approved the proposed 2020–22 Education Plan, draft annual agenda for 2020, and Curriculum Committee nominations.

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee

- Reviewed the committee’s 2020 annual agenda, and discussed high-priority projects including educational programs, funding priorities, and efforts to increase treatment for individuals with substance use and mental health issues in the criminal justice system.

Court Executives Advisory Committees

- *Records Management Subcommittee*: Published the updated Trial Court Records Manual.
- *Judicial Branch Statistical Information System Subcommittee*: Discussed proposed project timeline for data collection revisions. The first phase, to be implemented this year, will be to improve the quality of case-aging data for felony workload.

Court Facilities Advisory Committee

- Joint meeting with the Judicial Branch Budget Committee: Recommended that the draft *Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan* move forward to the council for consideration at its January meeting.
- Approved a recommendation to the council to submit 13 Capital Outlay Budget Change Proposals for 2020–21 to the state Department of Finance.

Court Security Advisory Committee

- Discussed the annual agenda and 2020 priorities, the status of Court Security Plan notifications for the February 1 deadline described in California Rules of Court, rule 10.172, and the Security Systems Program.

Criminal Law Advisory Committee

- Received a legislative update and discussed rule/form proposals, including proposals on implementing Penal Code section 236.14, updating the domestic violence protective order, Penal Code section 1170(d) resentencing requests, and implementation of AB 1076, automatic record cleaning.

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee

- Discussed new or modified statewide rules and forms in the areas of domestic violence, family law, and juvenile law, including a proposal to revise rules related to provision of psychotropic medication; new statewide rules and forms on domestic violence, family law, and juvenile law; rules for remote appearances; and forms addressing consent to temporary placement of an Indian Child.

Information Technology Advisory Committee

- Reviewed potential technology concepts for fiscal year 2021–22 Budget Change Proposal funding as well as the Privacy Resource Guide. Active workstreams provided status reports.
- Discussed and finalized proposals for the 2020 annual agenda.

Pretrial Reform and Operations Workgroup

- Reviewed a status report on pretrial pilot projects.
- Discussed possible risk assessment guidance to provide to courts, and provided input on a potential survey of judicial officers on release decisions.

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Approved recommendations to be considered by the Judicial Council regarding: technical refinements of the approved Workload Formula methodology; distribution of the fee for court reporter services in civil proceedings lasting one hour or more; updates to the Funds Held on Behalf of the Trial Courts policy; funds relating to children’s waiting rooms; and 2018–19 adjustments to fund balances above the prior one-percent cap.
- Discussed a workload formula adjustment request from the Superior Court of El Dorado County.
- *Fiscal Planning Subcommittee*: Approved recommendations, to be considered by the Judicial Council, of four new requests and two amended requests from three trial courts for Trial Court Trust Fund monies to be held on their behalf.

Traffic Advisory Committee

- Recommended adoption of the 2020 Uniform Bail and Penalties Schedules to the Judicial Council. (Adopted by circulating order; effective January 1, 2020.)

Trial Court Facilities Modifications Advisory Committee

- Approved 169 modification projects for 31 courts, totaling \$4.317 million.

Workload Assessment Advisory Committee

- Welcomed new members, discuss the proposed annual agenda, and three proposed adjustments to the Resource Assessment Study model delegated from the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee.

Judicial Branch Education

Summary

Judicial Education

1. Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases
2. Fundamentals of Felony Sentencing
3. Handling Sexual Assault Cases
4. Immigration Issues in Domestic Violence Cases
5. Juvenile Delinquency—Primary Assignment Orientation
6. Qualifying Judicial Ethics Program

Judicial Officer, Court Employee, and Justice System Partner Education

7. Access to Visitation Grant Program
8. Accountability and Court Performance
9. Advanced Skills for Experienced Court Managers and Administrators
10. Basic Training for Supervisors
11. Beyond the Bench 25: Joining Forces for a Better Future for Children & Families
12. Disarming Prohibited Persons
13. Family Law Contempt Hearings
14. Implementing Strategies to Manage Unintentional Biases
15. Leading High Performing Teams
16. Operations Management
17. Pathways to Achieving Judicial Diversity in the California Courts
18. Preventing Sexual Harassment (four sessions)
19. Purposes and Responsibilities of Courts

Distance Education

Podcasts

20. Ex Parte Issues with Court Staff
21. New Federal Regulations and State Laws on Indian Child Welfare Act Inquiry—the Judge’s Role in Ensuring Compliance

Videos

22. Capital Habeas Corpus Proceedings After Proposition 66 (Overview)
23. Confidentiality and the Vesco Process
24. Developing Standards for Effective Performance Management
25. Judicial Branch Funding
26. Processing Capital Habeas Corpus Appeals (for Clerks)

Webinars

27. Family Court Services
28. Preventing and Responding to Sexual Harassment, for commissioners, referees, supervisors, and managers

Publication Updates

29. Bench Handbook: Child and Spousal Support
30. Benchbook: Small Claims and Consumer Law
31. Benchguide 74: Sentencing Guidelines for Common Misdemeanors and Infractions
32. Handbook: Mandatory Criminal Jury Instructions
33. Preliminary Hearings Online Course

Details

Access to Visitation Grant Program Trainings

Twenty-two hours of training for 60 multidisciplinary professionals, court staff, community-based justice partners, domestic violence and child abuse advocates, and other professional organizations providing supervised visitation and exchange services.

Accountability and Court Performance—Institute for Court Management

How to use CourTools and the Court Performance Standards as a framework to guide the court into the future by setting target performances, then monitoring, evaluating, and learning from results.

Basic Training for Supervisors

Practical information for managers and supervisors to improve overall performance of staff.

Beyond the Bench: Joining Forces for a Better Future for Children & Families

Bi-annual conference striving to transform practice and provide attendees opportunities to build multidisciplinary collaborations to implement policy changes at federal, state, and local levels, and participate in an interactive environment that explored practical and effective approaches spanning case types as disciplines. Training was provided on current core, collateral, and crossover juvenile law issues, understanding the practice implications of the latest knowledge about the impact of trauma, mental and behavioral health issues on outcomes for children, youth and families, learning leading edge approaches to addressing issues of race, disproportionality, poverty, and bias. The conference also afforded opportunities to listen to youth perspectives. The 1,400 participants included judges, psychologists, attorneys, and social workers.

Capital Habeas Corpus Proceedings After Proposition 66 (Overview)

Capital habeas corpus petitions and proceedings following implementation of the Death Penalty Reform and Savings Act of 2016 (Proposition 66).

Confidentiality and the Vesco Process

Issues relating to the confidentiality provision of the California Rules of Court, rule 1.100.

Developing Standards for Effective Performance Management

Developing or revising standards that serve as benchmarks for measuring employee success.

Disarming Prohibited Persons

Focusing on the new laws and procedures for gun violence restraining orders, Judge Jerilyn Borack (Co-Chair of Family and Juvenile Law Advisory) moderated a morning panel discussion with Judge Victor Rodriguez, Chair of the Language Access Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness.

Ex Parte Issues with Court Staff

The definition of ex parte communications and methods for preventing and remedying ex parte violations.

Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases (Experienced Assignment Course)

Overview of evidentiary issues that commonly arise in civil and criminal cases for judges and subordinate judicial officers.

Family Court Services Distance Learning

Two webinars for court administrators and staff on: Reintroducing an Absent Parent: Preparing for the New Family Dynamics; and The Emergence of Technology-Enabled Abuse in Domestic Violence Cases.

Fundamentals of Felony Sentencing (Experienced Assignment Course)

Preparing for sentencing hearings in cases of increasing complexity.

Handling Sexual Assault Cases (Experienced Assignment Course)

Key issues and guidance for a judge through a sexual assault trial from arraignment to sentencing and post-sentencing procedures.

Immigration Issues in Domestic Violence Cases

Broad overview of the elements of immigration law that may affect decisions in these cases, and an understanding of the challenges facing victims of domestic violence as a result of the immigration concerns and status of the parties.

Implementing Strategies to Manage Unintentional Biases

Facilitated discussion of eight strategies research shows can help reduce the impact of implicit bias in the workplace.

Judicial Branch Funding

Overview of the judicial branch budget.

Juvenile Delinquency—Primary Assignment Orientation

Examines all aspects of juvenile delinquency law and procedure, basic child and adolescent development, and the impact of substance abuse and domestic violence on children.

Leading High Performing Teams

Knowledge and skills managers need to move their teams toward high performance.

New Federal Regulations and State Laws on Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Inquiry—the Judge’s Role in Ensuring Compliance

Explanation of the new responsibilities on the court regarding appropriate inquiry when determining whether a child is an Indian child under ICWA.

Operations Management—Institute for Court Management

Identifies the most critical, foundational judicial branch purposes, and examines accessible tools that measure essential components' efficacy in supporting core court purposes.

Pathways to Achieving Judicial Diversity in the California Courts

Panelists at a Beyond the Bench conference session shared their paths to the bench, explained the role of the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation, discussed the status of diversity in the judiciary, and provided insights into the judicial appointments process.

Preventing and Responding to Sexual Harassment

Training required for all court personnel who serve in a management or supervisory role.

Processing Capital Habeas Corpus Appeals

Changes related to Proposition 66 that might impact a clerk's job.

Purposes and Responsibilities of Courts—Institute for Court Management

A historical and societal context for the development of our court system as we know it today to help participants understand the tensions inherent in the courts' ability to fulfill its purposes and responsibilities.

Qualifying Judicial Ethics Program

Judicial officers enrolled in the Commission on Judicial Performance insurance program must attend a three-hour mandatory core course and earn two hours of elective credit during the cycle.

Staffing Metrics

As of November 30, 2019

	Executive Division				Leadership Services Division		Operations & Programs Division					Administrative Division				
STAFFING	Audit Services	Executive Office	Governmental Affairs	Public Affairs	Leadership Support Services	Legal Services	Business Mgmt Services	Center for Families, Children and the Courts	Center for Judicial Education & Research	Criminal Justice Services	Information Technology	Branch Accounting & Procurement	Budget Services	Facilities Services	Human Resources	Judicial Council
Authorized Position (FTE)	14.00	12.00	10.00	9.00	65.80	55.00	18.00	86.10	48.50	30.00	140.00	147.00	36.00	142.00	52.00	865.40
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	12.00	10.80	9.00	7.00	59.80	45.00	16.00	68.95	43.00	21.80	97.88	127.00	26.00	118.00	44.00	706.23
Headcount - Employees	12	11	9	7	61	47	16	70	43	22	98	129	26	118	44	713.00
Vacancy (FTE)	2.00	1.20	1.00	2.00	6.00	10.00	2.00	17.15	5.50	8.20	42.12	20.00	10.00	24.00	8.00	159.17
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	14.3%	10.0%	10.0%	22.2%	9.1%	18.2%	11.1%	19.9%	11.3%	27.3%	30.1%	13.6%	27.8%	16.9%	15.4%	18.39%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5.00
*Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	5.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.30
TOTAL WORKFORCE (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	12.00	13.80	9.00	7.00	59.80	45.00	16.00	70.95	43.00	21.80	132.18	130.00	26.00	120.00	44.00	750.53

See following page for definition of terms.

Definitions:

Authorized Position (FTE)	Authorized positions include all regular ongoing positions approved in the Budget Act for that year. The number is based on the position's approved full time equivalency.
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	Filled authorized positions are the number of authorized positions filled based on the employee's full time equivalency.
Headcount	The actual count of persons employed by the Judicial Council, regardless of FTE. This number could be more than the FTE count due to part-time employees being counted as "1". This count does not include Judicial Council Temporary Employees (909) or Employment Agency Temporary Workers.
Vacancy (FTE)	The number of vacancies is the number of authorized positions minus the number of filled authorized positions.
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	Vacancy Rate is calculated by dividing the number of authorized positions by the number of vacant authorized positions. This number excludes temporary employees ("909" funded employees). See definition of temporary employees below.
Judicial Council Temporary Employees (909)	<p>The "909" category is the State Controller code used to reference a temporary position or a temporary employee.</p> <p>909 Position - it is a position that may not be funded through the Budget Act and it is categorized by the Office of the State Controller as a temporary position used in the absence of an authorized position. 909 positions may be occupied by regular full-time employees due to the unavailability of an authorized vacant position. 909 Employee - An employee whose salary is not funded through the Budget Act. 909 employees may receive benefits if employed at least half-time and the term of employment is for more than six months. Types of "909" Temporary Employees include: Retired Annuitants: A retired annuitant is a retiree who is hired by his or her former employer or by another employer that participates in the same retirement system as the former employer. This includes a former participant in a state retirement system who has previously retired and who is currently receiving retirement benefits. Temporary: Employees employed on a temporary basis - they do not receive full benefits (but do receive CalPERS retirement service credit).</p>
Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	These are workers from an employment agency. They are employees of the employment agency that provide short-term support.
Contractor (FTE)	Individuals augmenting the work of the organization and providing services for a limited period of time or on a specific project, where a particular skill set is required that is either (1) not within an existing classification and/or job description or (2) where recruitment issues require the use of a contractor.
Full Time Equivalency (FTE)	Full Time Equivalency is the number of total maximum compensable hours designated in a year divided by actual hours worked in a year. For example, the work year is defined as 2,080 hours; one employee occupying a paid full time job all year would consume one FTE. One employee working for 1,040 hours each would consume .5 FTE.
Time Base	<p>Full time: Employee is scheduled to work 40 hours per week. Receives full benefits.</p> <p>Part time: Employee is scheduled to work less than 40 hours per week. Employees that work more than 20 hours per week receive full benefits.</p> <p>Intermittent: Employees have no established work schedule and work on an as-needed basis that varies from one pay period to the next. Eligibility for certain benefits may be limited for these employees.</p>
Regular Employee	Commonly referred to as "permanent employees" – They receive full benefits.
Limited Term	Limited Term Position – It is a position that is funded through the Budget Act with a specific end date. The position is counted as an authorized position. Employee in limited term positions may be regular or temporary.

Judicial Appointments and Vacancies Report

Judicial Appointments: There have been five judicial appointments since the November Judicial Council meeting. Court of Appeal Appointments: First Appellate District (1); Superior Court Appointments: Fresno (1), and San Joaquin (3).

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant as of December 31, 2019

TYPE OF COURT	NUMBER OF COURTS	NUMBER OF JUDGESHIPS					
		Authorized	Filled	Vacant	Vacant (Unfunded AB 159 positions)	<i>Filled(Last Month)</i>	<i>Vacant(Last Month)</i>
Supreme Court	1	7	7	0	0	7	0
Courts of Appeal	6	106	104	2	0	104	2
Superior Courts	58	1,743	1,661	59	23	1,664	79
All Courts	65	1,856	1,772	84		1,775	81

*50 new (AB 159) judgeships were authorized, but not funded in 2008; funding was provided for two of the judgeships in the 2018 Budget Act and for a further 25 positions in the 2019 Budget Act.

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: APPELLATE COURTS

Appellate District	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Justice to be Replaced	Last Day In Office
First Appellate District, Division Three	1	Deferred Retirement	Hon. Martin J. Jenkins	2/22/2019
Fourth Appellate District, Division One	1	Retirement	Hon. Gilbert Nares	8/30/2019
TOTAL VACANCIES	2			

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: SUPERIOR COURTS

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day in Office
Alameda	3	Retirement	Hon. Wynne S. Carvill	11/18/2019
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Brenda Fay Harbin-Forte	11/15/2019
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Kimberly M. Briggs	4/8/2019
Fresno	3	Retirement	Hon. Don Penner	11/22/2019

Fresno		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
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Kern	3	Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Kern		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Kern		Retirement	Hon. Steven M. Katz	9/20/2019
Kings	1	Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Los Angeles	10	Retirement	Hon. Edward A. Ferns	12/31/2019
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Thomas T. Lewis	12/17/2019
Los Angeles		Commissioner Conversion	Vacancy	12/17/2019
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. B. Scott Silverman	11/8/2019
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Georgina T. Rizk	9/30/2019
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Scott M. Gordon	8/16/2019
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Marvin M. Lager	4/5/2019
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. John Joseph Cheroske	2/25/2019
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Gerald Rosenberg	2/14/2019
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Dan Thomas Oki	1/31/2019
Madera	1	Retirement	Hon. Joseph A. Soldani	6/30/2019
Merced	1	Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Orange	5	Retirement	Hon. Geoffrey T. Glass	6/21/2019
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Franz E. Miller	4/29/2019
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Robert C. Gannon	3/20/2019
Orange		Retirement	Hon. David R. Chaffee	3/4/2019
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Kim Garlin Dunning	1/31/2019
Riverside	6	Retirement	Hon. Michael B. Donner	9/30/2019
Riverside		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019

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Riverside		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Sacramento	4	Retirement	Hon. Robert M. Twiss	3/1/2019
Sacramento		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Sacramento		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Sacramento		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
San Bernardino	6	Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
San Bernardino		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
San Bernardino		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
San Bernardino		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
San Bernardino		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
San Bernardino		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
San Francisco	1	Retirement	Hon. Carol Yaggy	4/10/2019
San Joaquin	1	Retirement	Hon. Phillip R. Urie	12/31/2019
San Mateo	3	Retirement	Hon. Mark R. Forcum	9/10/2019
San Mateo		Commissioner Conversion	Vacancy	6/20/2019
San Mateo		Retirement	Hon. Marta S. Diaz	3/1/2019
Santa Clara	3	Retirement	Hon. Joshua Weinstein	9/3/2019
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Patrick Tondreau	7/31/2019

Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Rise Jones Pichon	4/18/2019
Shasta	1	Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Sonoma	1	Retirement	Hon. Robert S. Boyd	6/3/2019
Stanislaus	2	Retirement	Hon. Roger M. Beauchesne	12/31/2019
Stanislaus		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Tulare	1	Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Tuolumne	1	Retirement	Hon. James A. Boscoe	12/31/2019
Ventura	1	Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Yolo	1	Retirement	Hon. Janet Gaard	3/16/2019
TOTAL VACANCIES	59			

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant, December 2017–December 2019 (two years) *

Month	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
Dec-17	1,732	1,630	102	5.9%	105	95	10	9.5%
Jan-18	1,732	1,621	111	6.4%	105	94	11	10.5%
Feb-18	1,732	1,632	100	5.8%	105	97	8	7.6%
Mar-18	1,732	1,623	109	6.3%	105	95	10	9.5%
Apr-18	1,732	1,617	115	6.6%	105	93	12	11.4%
May-18	1,732	1,608	124	7.2%	105	93	12	11.4%
Jun-18	1,732	1,627	105	6.1%	105	97	8	7.6%
Jul-18	1,732	1,633	99	5.7%	105	101	4	3.8%
Aug-18	1,732	1,618	114	6.6%	105	100	5	4.8%
Sep-18	1,743	1,619	124	7.1%	106	100	6	5.7%
Oct-18	1,743	1,658	85	4.9%	106	103	3	2.8%
Nov-18	1,743	1,663	80	4.6%	106	106	0	0.0%
Dec-18	1,743	1,679	64	3.7%	106	106	0	0.0%
Jan-19	1,743	1,687	56	3.2%	106	106	0	0.0%
Feb-19	1,743	1,688	55	3.2%	106	105	1	0.9%
Mar-19	1,743	1,683	60	3.4%	106	105	1	0.9%
Apr-19	1,743	1,675	68	3.9%	106	105	1	0.9%
May-19	1,743	1,675	68	3.9%	106	105	1	0.9%
Jun-19	1,743	1,672	71	4.1%	106	105	1	0.9%
Jul-19	1,743	1,667	68	3.9%	106	105	1	0.9%
Aug-19	1,743	1,662	81	4.6%	106	104	2	1.9%
Sep-19	1,743	1,660	83	4.8%	106	104	2	1.9%
Oct-19	1,743	1,668	75	4.3%	106	104	2	1.9%
Nov-19	1,743	1,664	79	4.5%	106	104	2	1.9%
Dec-19	1,743	1,661	82	4.7%	106	104	2	1.9%

* As of December 31, 2019.

Note: Growth in number of Authorized Judicial Positions reflects SJO conversions, as well as newly funded positions via the 2019 Budget Act. Since 2007, 156 SJO positions have been converted to judgeships.

Percent of Judgeship Vacancies in the Superior Courts, December 2017–December 2019

