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Executive Summary

The following information outlines some of the many activities staff are 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 meeting on July 21, 2023, and is exclusive of items on the September business meeting agenda.

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Advisory Body Appointments

Chief Justice Guerrero made appointments to 23 council advisory bodies and 10 education committees. Approximately 372 nominations were received for 208 vacancies during the 2023 general nominations cycle.

Judicial Branch Budget

- Fiscal year 2024–25 budget change proposals were submitted to the Department of Finance for consideration.
- Meetings were held with the Department of Finance on State Public Works Board to approve bond sales to provide funding for three courthouse projects in Glenn, Imperial, and Shasta Counties and refinance debt on one courthouse project in San Diego County.

Audit Services

Fieldwork was completed for audits of the Superior Courts of Los Angeles, Marin, Monterey, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Tulare, and Yuba Counties.

Annual Financial Statements

Fiscal year 2022–23 financial statements for the Judicial Council, Supreme Court, Appellate Courts, Habeas Corpus Resource Center, and Commission on Judicial Performance were submitted to the State Controller’s Office. The package included financial statements for a total of 21 funds.

Enhanced Access to Justice through Technology

Five (Imperial, Lake, Modoc, San Benito, and Santa Clara) of the eight pilot courts began using the Hearing Reminder Service. This service is integrated with the court’s case management system and allows court users and attorneys to enroll for hearing reminder texts and emails. Twenty-seven courts are now participating in the Voice-to-Text pilot program. The CA Courts Translator App has facilitated more than 5,253 conversations with over 67,000 translated messages exchanged. The app has received a public user rating of 4.4 out of 5.

Jury Pilot Program to Increase Diversity and Participation

Assembly Bill 1981 (Jury Duty) was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor. It requires the Judicial Council to sponsor a pilot program for two fiscal years to study and report back to the Legislature on whether increases in juror compensation and mileage reimbursement rates increase juror diversity and participation. The six participating pilot courts are: the Superior Courts of Alameda, El Dorado, Fresno, Imperial, San Bernardino, and Shasta Counties.

Pretrial Release Program

Site visits were conducted at the Superior Courts of Kern, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties and local justice system partners to observe how programs are operating and making use of the Budget Act of 2021 (SB 129) funds, and to provide assistance with program efforts. Additionally, training for judges at the Superior Court of San Bernardino County featured educational sessions on the history of bail and pretrial release, use of pretrial risk assessments, and recent case law.

Firearm Relinquishment Program

Courts and grantee law enforcement partners from Los Angeles, Modoc, Orange, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Ventura Counties convened to highlight strategies used to ensure the consistent and safe removal of firearms from individuals prohibited from owning them.

Court Facilities Management and Maintenance

Twenty real estate transactions were completed in six counties involving new expense and revenue lease/licenses, event licenses, and terminations. As of September 2023, there are 1,304 facility modification projects in progress with an estimated cost of \$651 million.

Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court

A convening of the first CARE court implementation cohort brought together court and county partners from Glenn, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne Counties as well as state partners from the State Bar, California Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Health Care Services, and Department of Finance. Issues addressed included: current implementation status, research on informed solutions to shift care from the criminal legal system to the mental health care system through a systemic, racial justice lens, and medication orders. Group and individual meetings were also held with participating courts to plan mandatory data reporting.

Juvenile Judicial Resources and Technical Assistance

File reviews of juvenile cases were conducted in the Superior Courts of Santa Mateo and Santa Cruz Counties to identify any legal issues and training needs.

Labor and Employee Relations

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 19 trial courts on 39 matters. Services included side letter negotiations, impact bargaining, and successor memoranda of understanding negotiations. Support was also provided on 27 different labor and employee-related matters, including assisting with performance management issues, and creating an Illness and Injury Prevention Program.

Collaboration with Justice System Stakeholders

Examples of recent stakeholder collaborations included meetings with the:

- *Council of State Treatment Court Coordinators*: Discussed adapting treatment court practices to respond to criminal justice legislative changes as well as potential funding opportunities.
- *Department of State Hospitals*: Provided feedback on a draft toolkit related to Involuntary Medication Orders for criminal justice-involved individuals with mental illness, and discussed the Incompetency to Stand Trial valuator training and report quality improvement project.

Advisory Bodies

The following standing Judicial Council advisory bodies convened since the July 2023 business meeting:

1. Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions
2. Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
3. Appellate Advisory Committee
4. Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee
5. Civil Jury Instructions Advisory Committee
6. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
7. Court Executives Advisory Committee
8. Court Facilities Advisory Committee
9. Court Interpreters Advisory Panel
10. Criminal Law Advisory Committee
11. Data Analytics Advisory Committee
12. Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
13. Information Technology Advisory Committee
14. Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
15. Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
16. Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee
17. Tribal Court–State Court Forum

Meeting Details

Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions

- Considered 20 proposals for changes to state criminal jury instructions.
- Reviewed proposed changes for a total of 34 instructions based on recent case law, new legislation, and user suggestions.

Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness

- Made funding recommendations for signage and technology grants to 17 courts.

Appellate Advisory Committee

- Considered proposals to amend rules on streamlined California Environmental Quality Act projects and habeas procedures in appellate courts.
- Discussed the committee’s 2023–2024 annual agenda.

Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee

- Reviewed the draft 2024–2026 education plan for judges and court employees.

Civil Jury Instructions Advisory Committee

- Considered proposals for revisions and additions to state civil jury instructions based on public comments, proposals from judges and lawyers, and developments in the law over the last six months, including proposals addressing implicit bias and on premises liability.

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee

- Approved a new Substance Abuse Focus Grant funding methodology and proposed allocations for collaborative courts.
- Discussed legislation relating to competence to stand trial and a homeless courts pilot program.
- *Mental Health Subcommittee*: Discussed competency to stand trial legislation and received updates on an interagency Medi-Cal utilization project.
- *Veterans Subcommittee*: Identified best practices to address challenges faced by Veterans Treatment Courts to expand caseload capacity.

Court Executives Advisory Committee

- Held a virtual open meeting to receive public comments regarding recommendations to the Legislature to increase uniformity in transcription rate expenditures in California as required by Government Code Section 69950.5.
- Received updates on current legislation, Assembly Bill 1058 Child Support Program contracts, voice writing, Self-Help data dashboard, fund balances, and discussed future budget advocacy.

Court Facilities Advisory Committee

- Affirmed recommendations of the Subcommittee on Courthouse Names for Judicial Council consideration:
 - Naming the downtown Sacramento courthouse under construction for former Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye.
 - Naming the existing Fourth Appellate District Courthouse in Santa Ana for former Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court Cruz Reynoso.

Court Interpreters Advisory Panel

- Reviewed public comments and recommendations concerning requirements for new American Sign Language court interpreters.

Criminal Law Advisory Committee

- Reviewed a proposal to revise forms and rules to implement the Racial Justice Act of 2020.
- Discussed bills that were amended by the Legislature's Appropriations Committee, including parole review, recall and resentencing, and habeas petitions.

Data Analytics Advisory Committee

- Discussed data governance policy development.
- Received an update on the workload studies and proposed timeline.
- Discussed new data collection requirements for the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System.

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee

- Provided feedback to Governmental Affairs on pending legislation.
- *Violence Against Women Education Program Subcommittee*: Held annual meeting to guide project staff on educational programming for courts.

Information Technology Advisory Committee

- Approved Language Access Services and Technology Grant Program allocations for fiscal year 2023–24.
- Received an update on the council’s Hybrid Courtroom workstream’s final findings and recommendations.

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Approved fiscal year 2023–24 allocation recommendations for the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act, and Model Self Help Pilot Program.
- Approved recommendations for fiscal year 2023–24 allocation increases for three Judicial Council offices: 1) Center for Judicial Education and Research to complete additional new judicial officer trainings, 2) Center for Families, Children & the Courts to distribute additional grants for the Shriver Civil Counsel Program, and 3) Information Technology to renew an interbranch agreement with the Superior Court of Madera County to support a records digitization project.
- *Fiscal Planning Subcommittee*: Approved recommendations on court requests relating to Trial Court Trust Fund monies held on behalf of the trial courts.

Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee

- Authorized expenditures of approximately \$12 million for facility modifications.
- Approved the *Five-Year Deferred Maintenance Backlog Report for Fiscal Year 2023–24* for submission to the Department of Finance.
- Received updates on court-funded facilities requests, facility modification projects on hold, facilities maintenance performance, solar battery and storage program Request for Proposal, San Diego East County Regional Center elevator renovation project, and lactation pod projects.

Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee

- Discussed how to use court operational data as a presiding judge, and addressing misconduct by other judges.

Tribal Court–State Court Forum

- Received presentations from the Tribal/State/Federal Judicial Forum and the Riverside County Tribal Alliance.

Judicial Branch Education

The following courses and programs were created, updated, or delivered during this reporting period:

Summary

Judicial Education

1. Annual B.E. Witkin Judicial College
2. Experienced Assignment Course: Handling Sexual Assault Cases
3. Probate and Mental Health Institute
4. Qualifying Judicial Ethics Program

Judicial Officer, Court Employee, and Justice Partner Programs

5. Annual AB 1058 Child Support Training Conference
6. Access to Visitation Grant Training
7. Achieving Timely Permanence: Moving Towards a Kin-First Culture
8. Advanced Core 40 (Court Management) for Supervisors and Managers
9. Appellate Staff Regional Training: Session I
10. Core 40: Basic Training for Supervisors and Managers
11. Core Leadership and Training Skills
12. Court Self-Help Center and Family Law Facilitator Staff Training
13. Domestic Violence Educational Program
14. Family Court Services
15. Family Court Services Directors, Managers, Supervisors, and Court Administrators
16. Institute for Court Management: Workforce Management
17. Neurodevelopmental Trauma: When the Bough Breaks
18. Supervised Visitation and Legal Obligations of the Professional Provider: Overview and Updates

Distance Education

Video

19. Courtroom Control—Addressing Bias
20. Ten-Minute Mentor: Debunking Disqualification and Disclosure Myths

Webinars

21. Artificial Intelligence and the Courts: New Frontiers and Enduring Challenges
22. Historical Understanding of Race in Child Welfare
23. Refresher on Remote Interpreting
24. Remote Appearances
25. Sexual Harassment Prevention for Judicial Officers, Managers, and Supervisors
26. Pretrial Release Program

Detail

Access to Visitation Grant Training

Family Code section 3200.5 and Standard 5.20 of the California Standards of Judicial Administration training for grant recipients, court staff, and professional providers of supervised visitation and safe exchange services.

Achieving Timely Permanence: Moving Towards a Kin-First Culture

Training for approximately 180 juvenile court stakeholders.

Advanced Core 40 for Supervisors and Managers

Practices using coaching techniques and the conflict resolution model.

Annual AB 1058 Child Support Training Conference

27th year of the conference convened more than 400 Title IV-D child support commissioners, family law facilitators, and other court staff for 28 sessions designed to meet mandatory training requirements, including court clerks training; and orientations for primary assignments, new child support commissioners, and new family law facilitators.

Annual B.E. Witkin Judicial College

All new judges, commissioners, and referees must attend the Judicial College within two years of taking the oath of office.

Appellate Staff Regional Training: Session I

Explores obstacles faced when communicating with others, and skills required to successfully perform the functions of a deputy clerk or judicial assistant.

Artificial Intelligence and the Courts: New Frontiers and Enduring Challenges

Exploring the latest advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) and the effects on the judicial system. Focuses on how AI will shape the practice of law, including the types of cases that arise and the way work is done in the legal profession.

Core 40: Basic Training for Supervisors and Managers

Explores leadership responsibilities and effective leadership behaviors, situational leadership, and managing performance.

Core Leadership and Training Skills

Effective leadership skills, providing effective feedback, and adult training principles for leads, seniors, and assistant supervisors.

Court Self-Help Center and Family Law Facilitator Staff Training

Weekly trainings open to court self-help center attorneys and staff included education on completing the CARE Act petition, and alerting self-represented litigants to eviction issues.

Courtroom Control–Addressing Bias

Ethical duties for judges, and strategies and tools for addressing bias in the courtroom.

Domestic Violence Educational Program

Training for judicial officers, court staff, self-help staff, and family court mediators on recent updates in the law relating to the impact of domestic violence on children, and increasing access for litigants.

Experienced Assignment Course: Handling Sexual Assault Cases

Key issues in sexual assault cases and guide through a sexual assault trial from arraignment to sentencing and post-sentencing procedures.

Family Court Services

Testifying strategies and protecting client confidentiality relevant to mediation services open to all child custody mediators and court-connected recommending counselors.

Family Court Services Directors, Managers, Supervisors, and Court Administrators

Monthly trainings included education on missing and murdered indigenous people and juvenile mental health bench cards.

Historical Understanding of Race in Child Welfare

Training for juvenile court judges, attorneys, and other stakeholders.

Institute for Court Management: Workforce Management

Human Resources practices, policies, and procedures that can help a court achieve legal compliance and sound recruitment, selection, and retention procedures, and performance management principles that encourage a high-performance work environment.

Neurodevelopmental Trauma: When the Bough Breaks

Series of trainings for juvenile court stakeholders including judges, attorneys, Court Appointed Special Advocates, probation, and social workers to provide an overview of key phases in brain development and the impact of trauma.

Pretrial Release Program

Educational webinar for court staff and relevant justice partners to provide an introduction and live demonstration of Power BI dashboards using aggregate pretrial data to better inform decision makers.

Probate and Mental Health Institute

Primary venue for live judicial education on probate court matters, including decedents' estates, trusts, probate conservatorships and guardianships, and Lanterman-Petris-Short Act proceedings.

Qualifying Judicial Ethics Program

Core judicial ethics course for judicial officers enrolled in the Commission on Judicial Performance insurance program.

Refresher on Remote Interpreting

Webinar training for court Language Access Representatives.

Remote Appearances

Practical strategies for conducting virtual proceedings, and gaining insights on legal considerations, technical challenges, and ethical implications.

Sexual Harassment Prevention

Sexual harassment prevention from the perspective of an individual with authority and influence in a workplace. Meets training requirement mandate.

Supervised Visitation and Legal Obligations of the Professional Provider: Overview and Updates

Training in collaboration with the Santa Clara County Bar Association.

Ten-Minute Mentor: Debunking Disqualification and Disclosure Myths

Common and persistent myths on the topic of disqualification and disclosure.

Judicial Council Staffing Metrics

As of August 31, 2023

	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	13.00	10.00	9.00	66.00	61.00	24.00	93.93	53.50	31.00	192.00	155.00	34.00	147.00	56.00	959.43
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	9.00	10.00	7.00	6.00	58.00	45.40	17.00	72.63	44.00	25.00	106.00	144.00	26.00	133.00	51.00	754.03
Headcount - Employees	9	10	7	6	59	46	17	73	44	25	106	144	26	133	51	756.00
Vacancy (FTE)	5.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	15.60	7.00	21.30	9.50	6.00	86.00	11.00	8.00	14.00	5.00	205.40
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	35.7%	23.1%	30.0%	33.3%	12.1%	25.6%	29.2%	22.7%	17.8%	19.4%	44.8%	7.1%	23.5%	9.5%	8.9%	21.41%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	10.00
Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	61.80	0.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	68.80
TOTAL WORKFORCE (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	9.00	12.00	7.00	6.00	59.00	46.40	21.00	81.63	45.00	27.00	168.80	144.00	28.00	135.00	53.00	842.83

See following page for definition of terms.

Staffing Category	Definition
Authorized Position (FTE)	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)	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 authorized positions minus the number of filled authorized positions.
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	The number of authorized positions divided by the number of vacant authorized positions, excluding temporary employees ("909" funded employees). See Judicial Council Temporary Employees, below.
Judicial Council Temporary Employees (909)	An employee whose salary is not funded through the Budget Act and who may receive benefits if employed at least half-time and the term of employment is for more than six months. A 909 position 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 because of the unavailability of an authorized vacant position. Types of "909" Temporary Employees include retired annuitants, who are hired by their 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).
Employment Agency Temporary Workers (FTE)	Workers from/employees of an employment agency who provide short-term support.
Contractor (FTE)	Individuals augmenting the work of the organization and providing services for a limited period 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)	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 year would consume .5 FTE.
Time Base	Full time: Employee is scheduled to work 40 hours per week. Receives full benefits. 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. Intermittent: Employee has no established work schedule and works on an as-needed basis that varies from one pay period to the next. Eligibility for certain benefits may be limited for these employees.
Regular Employee	Commonly referred to as "permanent employees." They receive full benefits.
Limited Term	A position that is funded through the Budget Act with a specific end date. The position is counted as an authorized position. Employees in limited-term positions may be regular or temporary.

Judicial Appointments and Vacancies Report

Judicial Appointments:

The Governor made 27 new judicial appointments since the July Judicial Council meeting:

- Superior Courts: Alameda (1), El Dorado (1), Fresno (1), Kern (1), Los Angeles (6), Merced (1), Orange (3), Sacramento (1), San Bernardino (2), San Diego (3), San Luis Obispo (2), Santa Cruz (1), Shasta (2), Stanislaus (1), and Ventura (1).

Judicial Vacancy Roster Report:

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant as of **September 1, 2023**

Type of Court	Number of Courts	Number of Judgeships				
		Authorized	Filled	Vacant	Filled (Last Month)	Vacant (Last Month)
Supreme Court	1	7	7	0	7	0
Courts of Appeal	6	106	99	7	100	6
Superior Courts	58	1,755	1,659	96	1,657	98
All Courts	65	1,868	1,765	103	1,764	104

NOTE: Vacancies occurring in the current reporting month are highlighted below in **yellow**.

Judicial Vacancies: Appellate Courts

Appellate District	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Justice to be Replaced	Last Day
1st District	3			
Division One		Resigned	Hon. Gabriel P. Sanchez	01/22/2022
Division Two		Elevated	Hon. Therese M. Stewart	11/30/2022
Division Four		Elevated	Hon. Tracie L. Brown	04/07/2023
3rd District	2			
Third Appellate District		Retired	Hon. Andrea L. Hoch	12/31/2022
Third Appellate District		Retired	Hon. Vance W. Raye	05/31/2022
4th District	2			
Division Two		Retired	Hon. Marsha G. Slough	08/31/2023

Appellate District	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Justice to be Replaced	Last Day
Division Three		Retired	Hon. Richard D. Fybel	03/31/2022
TOTAL APPELLATE COURT VACANCIES	7			

Judicial Vacancies: Superior Courts

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
Alameda	2			
		Retired	Hon. Jacob Blea III	08/31/2023
		Retired	Hon. Gail Brewster Bereola	12/31/2022
Butte	1			
		Retired	Hon. Sandra L. McLean	11/16/2022
Fresno	2			
		Retired	Hon. Timothy A. Kams	04/30/2023
		Retired	Hon. Jon N. Kapetan	04/12/2023
Kern	1			
		Newly created position	Budget Act of 2022	
Kings	1			
		Newly created position	Budget Act of 2022	
Los Angeles	23			
		Retired	Hon. Stephen A. Marcus	08/09/2023
		Retired	Hon. H. Chester Horn, Jr.	08/01/2023
		Transferred	Hon. Michael C. Kelley	07/24/2023
		Retired	Hon. John H. Ing	07/15/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Helen Zukin	07/09/2023
		Retired	Hon. Zaven V. Sinanian	07/07/2023
		Retired	Hon. Allen Joseph Webster, Jr.	06/29/2023
		Retired	Hon. Mark A. Borenstein	06/29/2023
		Retired	Hon. Rafael A. Ongkeko	06/27/2023
		Retired	Hon. Mary H. Strobel	06/23/2023
		Retired	Hon. Hernan D. Vera	06/19/2023
		Retired	Hon. Terry A. Green	06/15/2023
		Retired	Hon. Katherine Chilton	06/02/2023
		Retired	Hon. Wesley L. Hsu	05/18/2023
		Retired	Hon. Monica Bachner	05/12/2023
		Retired	Hon. Dalila Corral Lyons	05/01/2023
		Retired	Hon. Yolanda Orozco	05/01/2023
		Retired	Hon. James R. Dabney	04/23/2023
		Retired	Hon. Nancy L. Newman	04/21/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Audra M. Mori	04/17/2023
		Retired	Hon. Randy Rhodes	04/15/2023

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
		Retired	Hon. Christine W. Byrd	04/11/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Rashida A. Adams	02/17/2023
Madera	1			
		Retired	Hon. James E. Oakley	02/17/2023
Merced	1			
		Retired	Hon. David W. Moranda	04/24/2023
Monterey	1			
		Retired	Hon. Larry E. Hayes	06/04/2022
Orange	13			
		Retired	Hon. Linda S. Marks	08/27/2023
		Retired	Hon. Matthew S. Anderson	08/22/2023
		Retired	Hon. Kim R. Hubbard	07/31/2023
		Retired	Hon. Gerald G. Johnston	06/29/2023
		Retired	Hon. Dennis J. Keough	06/29/2023
		Retired	Hon. Derek W. Hunt	05/31/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Martha K. Gooding	05/19/2023
		Retired	Hon. Claudia J. Silbar	04/30/2023
		Retired	Hon. James L. Crandall	04/27/2023
		Retired	Hon. Gregg L. Prickett	08/25/2022
		Retired	Hon. James J. Di Cesare	05/06/2022
		Retired	Hon. John L. Flynn III	03/09/2022
		Retired	Hon. Jacki C. Brown	02/02/2022
Placer	1			
		Newly created position	Budget Act of 2022	
Riverside	2			
		Retired	Hon. Elaine M. Kiefer	07/31/2023
		Retired	Hon. Dale R. Wells	12/27/2022
Sacramento	9			
		Retired	Hon. Paul L. Seave	08/18/2023
		Retired	Hon. Gerrit W. Wood	04/15/2023
		Retired	Hon. Patrick Marlette	03/31/2023
		Retired	Hon. R. Steven Lapham	03/27/2023
		Retired	Hon. Sharon A. Lueras	03/14/2023
		Retired	Hon. John P. Winn	02/28/2023
		To Fed Court	Hon. Daniel J. Calabretta	02/21/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Shama Hakim Mesiwala	02/14/2023
		Retired	Hon. Michael P. Kenny	01/23/2023
San Bernardino	5			
		Retired	Hon. Teresa M. Bennett	07/31/2023
		Retired	Hon. Ingrid Adamson Uhler	07/15/2023
		Retired	Hon. Lorenzo R. Balderrama	03/05/2023
		Retired	Hon. Tara Reilly	02/28/2023
		Retired	Hon. Bryan F. Foster	02/18/2023

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
San Diego	7			
		Retired	Hon. John S. Meyer	07/17/2023
		Retired	Hon. Gary M. Bubis	06/09/2023
		Retired	Hon. Desiree A. Bruce-Lyle	05/05/2023
		Retired	Hon. Peter L. Gallagher	04/28/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Julia Craig Kelety	04/07/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Jose Scher Castillo	04/07/2023
		Elevated	Hon. David M. Rubin	03/30/2023
San Francisco	2			
		Retired	Hon. Cynthia Ming-mei Lee	07/21/2023
		Retired	Hon. Gail Dekreon	01/06/2023
San Joaquin	4			
		Retired	Hon. Jose L. Alva	08/31/2023
		Retired	Hon. Anthony P. Lucaccini	08/11/2023
		Retired	Hon. Robin Appel	03/31/2023
		Retired	Hon. Bernard J. Garber	02/28/2023
San Mateo	1			
		Elevated	Hon. Danny Y. Chou	06/23/2023
Santa Barbara	2			
		Retired	Hon. Brian Hill	03/29/2023
		Retired	Hon. Arthur A. Garcia	12/30/2022
Santa Clara	6			
		Retired	Hon. James E. Towery	05/17/2023
		Retired	Hon. Kenneth Paul Barnum	04/30/2023
		Retired	Hon. Patricia M. Lucas	04/26/2023
		Retired	Hon. Shelyna V. Brown	04/12/2023
		Retired	Hon. Deborah A. Ryan	02/28/2023
		Retired	Hon. Paul O. Colin	03/04/2022
Sierra	1			
		Transferred	Hon. Yvette Durant	01/03/2022
Solano	2			
		Retired	Hon. Earl Bradley Nelson	06/28/2023
		Retired	Hon. D. Scott Daniels	04/13/2023
Sonoma	1			
		Retired	Hon. Arthur A. Wick	07/31/2022
Stanislaus	3			
		Deceased	Hon. Ann Q. Ameral	06/18/2023
		Retired	Hon. Jack M. Jacobson	04/25/2023
		Retired	Hon. Ricardo Cordova	04/16/2023
Sutter	1			
		Newly created position	Budget Act of 2022	

Ventura	2			
		Retired	Hon. Manuel J. Covarrubias	04/30/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Tari L. Cody	04/17/2023
Yolo	1			
		Transferred	Hon. Peter M. Williams	05/19/2023
TOTAL VACANCIES	96			
STATEWIDE TOTAL	103			

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant: August 2021–August 2023

	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
Month	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
Aug-21	1,755	1,633	122	7.0%	106	96	10	9.4%
Sep-21	1,755	1,647	108	6.2%	106	97	9	8.5%
Oct-21	1,755	1,640	115	6.6%	106	96	10	9.4%
Nov-21	1,755	1,658	97	5.5%	106	98	8	7.5%
Dec-21	1,755	1,649	106	6.0%	106	97	9	8.5%
Jan-22	1,755	1,639	116	6.6%	106	95	11	10.4%
Feb-22	1,755	1,631	124	7.1%	106	95	11	10.4%
Mar-22	1,755	1,643	112	6.4%	106	95	11	10.4%
Apr-22	1,755	1,636	119	6.8%	106	95	11	10.4%
May-22	1,755	1,637	118	6.7%	106	93	13	12.3%
Jun-22	1,755	1,637	118	6.7%	106	90	16	15.1%
Jul-22	1,755	1,627	128	7.3%	106	90	16	15.1%
Aug-22	1,755	1,646	132	7.5%	106	92	14	13.2%
Sep-22	1,755	1,647	131	7.5%	106	92	14	13.2%
Oct-22	1,755	1,634	144	8.2%	106	92	14	13.2%
Nov-22	1,755	1,636	142	8.1%	106	92	14	13.2%
Dec-22	1,755	1,644	111	6.3%	106	92	14	13.2%
Jan-23	1,755	1,656	99	5.6%	106	90	16	15.1%
Feb-23	1,755	1,650	105	6.0%	106	91	15	14.2%
Mar-23	1,755	1,650	105	6.0%	106	91	15	14.2%
Apr-23	1,755	1,628	127	7.2%	106	95	11	10.4%
May-23	1,755	1,647	108	6.2%	106	95	11	10.4%
Jun-23	1,755	1,646	109	6.2%	106	97	9	8.5%
Jul-23	1,755	1,655	100	5.7%	106	100	6	5.7%
Aug-23	1,755	1,659	96	5.5%	106	99	7	6.6%

Percentage of Superior Court Judgeships Vacant: August 2021–August 2023

