



# Judicial Council of California

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## REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Judicial Branch Budget Committee  
Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Chair

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### Executive Summary

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee assists the Judicial Council on the branch budget. The committee reviews and makes recommendations annually to the council on submitted budget change proposals. Additionally, the committee reviews and makes recommendations on the use of statewide emergency funding for the judicial branch and acts on other assignments as referred to it by the council. The Judicial Branch Budget Committee is also assigned oversight responsibility for the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the last Judicial Council internal committee written report, which was submitted for the council's September 19, 2023 business meeting.

### Relevant Previous Council Action

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) will have met twice and held one action by email between the September 19, 2023, and November 17, 2023 Judicial Council meetings.

On October 5, 2023, in an email action, the Budget Committee voted to approve the allocation of \$7 million appropriated for 2023–24 to the trial courts to cover costs associated with increased transcript rates.

On October 19, 2023, the Budget Committee held an educational session on the judicial branch budget process and rule 10.75 of the California Rules of Court on public access to advisory body meetings.

On November 15, 2023, the Budget Committee will meet to consider a Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommendation on final, 2022–23 one-time reductions for the 3 percent fund balance cap for trial courts and will have an educational session on the judicial branch’s special funds.