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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 May 17, 2024, and is exclusive of items on the July business meeting agenda.

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Online Ability-to-Pay Tool Now Statewide

Statewide expansion of MyCitations, the online tool to submit a fine reduction request for infractions, was completed for all 58 superior courts by the legislative deadline of June 30, 2024, with final deployments to the superior courts in Lake, Los Angeles, Napa, Orange, Sacramento, San Bernardino, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne Counties. Since April 2019, 174,331 fine reduction requests have been submitted, 86 percent of which were approved for some form or relief. Statewide, 250 judges are registered to review MyCitations petitions.

Youth Court Summit

The 19th Annual California Youth Court Summit convened approximately 200 youth and adults, including judicial officers, court staff, and juvenile justice stakeholders on ways to better serve justice-involved youth through restorative justice principles. Highlights included the youth court mock trial, and sessions on the California Service Corps; building bonds between law enforcement, youth, and the juvenile justice system; and how to effectively prepare jurors.

Data Analytics Summit

Approximately 170 court professionals convened for the fourth Data Analytics Summit. The program included sessions led by court staff on topics such as data quality, optimizing business processes through data analytics, and training on the Power BI data visualization platform. The summit supports the judicial branch's focus on improving data management, collection, and data-driven decision making.

Resource Assessment Study

Briefings were conducted with the 19 courts participating in the Resource Assessment Study update, specifically, the time study for updating caseweights used to measure staff workload need. The representative sample includes small, medium, and large courts, and rural, urban, and suburban courts. A report will be presented to the council at the February 2025 meeting.

Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act

Bench officers in the first cohort of courts implementing the CARE Act (Glenn, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne Counties), participated in a roundtable discussion, and a meeting was conducted with the Superior Court of Modoc County and its county partners on preparing for implementation by December 2024.

Pretrial Release Program

A site visit was conducted at the Superior Court of Alameda County to observe pretrial court proceedings, visit with local probation and jail partners, discuss local guidelines, program features, and address any program challenges with possible solutions. A meeting also was held with leadership from the Chief Probation Officers of California to discuss pretrial reform efforts statewide.

Judicial Resources and Technical Assistance Program

Reviews of juvenile case files were conducted in the Superior Courts of Mono, Tulare, and Yolo Counties to identify any legal issues and training needs.

Court Facilities Management and Maintenance

Twenty-five real estate transactions were completed, including event licenses, Department of Rehabilitation permits, and lease renewal/extensions in 12 counties. As of July 2024, there are 847 court facility modifications in progress at an estimated cost of \$458 million.

Emergency and Continuity of Operations Planning

A review of emergency and continuity of operations plans was provided at the request of two trial courts.

Labor and Employee Relations

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 17 trial courts. Services included side letter negotiations, impact bargaining, and successor memoranda of understanding negotiations. Additionally, support was provided on 26 different labor and employee-related matters.

Digital Modernization

Redesigned websites were launched for the [Courts of Appeal](#) and the Superior Court of [Santa Clara](#) County. The website redesigns and migrations are part of ongoing web modernization efforts, with more than 40 trial court websites already launched on the new platform.

Language Access Services: Court Interpreting

- Following the spring, limited administration of the Bilingual Interpreting Examination for Spanish, 20 out of 167 candidates (12 percent) passed the examination. The successful candidates have been invited to enroll with the Judicial Council as California court interpreters. Candidates who were close to passing the examination are tracked and invited to participate in future near-passer trainings, supporting efforts to increase the number of certified court interpreters.
- The [application](#) process opened for candidates to participate in a five-year Court Interpreter Workforce [Pilot Program](#) to increase the number of court interpreter employees by reimbursing program candidates for costs associated with training, coursework, and examinations. Applications are due by August 1.
- The Judicial Council worked with the National Center for State Courts to create a [recruitment video](#) on becoming a California court interpreter. The video features experienced court interpreters discussing why they joined the profession and the importance of interpreter services to the administration of justice.

Justice Partner Collaborations

- *Mental Health Courts*: Judicial Council staff collaborated with the Council of State Governments Justice Center on a series of mental health trainings. (Judicial officers also were surveyed to better understand the quality of Incompetent to Stand Trial Evaluation Reports.)
- *Mental Health Diversion*: Staff collaborated with the Department of State Hospitals and Council of State Governments to discuss trainings on mental health diversion for local justice partners, use of remote hearings in diversion cases, and improving justice system collaboration to support diversion, county behavioral health, and other community forensic programs.

- *Collaborative Justice Courts*: California was represented by council staff at the annual meeting of the Council of State Treatment Court Coordinators, held in conjunction with the 25th national All-Rise Conference on addiction, mental health, and justice reform. The conference provided an opportunity for state treatment court administrators throughout the country to meet with federal funders, technical assistance providers, and policymakers focusing on technical assistance and best practice standards.

Legislative Advocacy

Following the deadline for bills to be passed out of the house of origin, Governmental Affairs staff are tracking and reviewing 1,726 bills related to court procedure and administration, out of a total of 5,502 bills that were introduced.

Advisory Bodies

The following Judicial Council advisory bodies convened since the May 2024 business meeting:

1. Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch
2. Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
3. Artificial Intelligence Task Force
4. Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
5. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
6. Court Executives Advisory Committee
7. Court Facilities Advisory Committee
8. Court Interpreters Advisory Panel
9. Criminal Jury Instructions Advisory Committee
10. Criminal Law Advisory Committee
11. Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
12. Information Technology Advisory Committee
13. Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program Advisory Committee
14. Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee
15. Remote Access to Electronic Court Records Working Group
16. Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee
17. Traffic Law Advisory Committee
18. Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
19. Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee

Meeting Details

Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch

- Recommended Judicial Council approval of annual updates to the Judicial Branch Contracting Manual, 15th edition, to strengthen fraud reporting controls related to contracting and procurement activities, as recommended by the California State Auditor.

- Approved Audit Services’ fiscal year 2024–25 audit plan, which includes initiating eight trial court audits.
- Approved finalization and [publication](#) of audit reports for the Superior Courts of Calaveras and Contra Costa Counties.

Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness

- Recommended to the Judicial Council Equal Access Fund distribution for the California Access to Justice Commission.

Artificial Intelligence Task Force

- At its first meeting, the newly established task force discussed its charge and goals and heard a presentation on the use of generative AI.

Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee

- Approved recommending proposals for council action following the spring public comment period and approved issuing an invitation for public comment regarding debtor’s examinations in small claims cases to go out on a special comment cycle.

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee

- Hosted a diversity, equity, and inclusion training for collaborative court multidisciplinary teams from the Superior Courts of Alameda, Sacramento, San Francisco, and Solano Counties.
- Recommended to the Judicial Council trial court allocations for the Substance Abuse Focus Grant and the Dependency Drug Court funding augmentation.
- Discussed pending legislation with the Criminal Law Advisory Committee that falls under the purview of both committees, including amending criminal procedure and treatment court standards.
- Received a presentation on state mental health services from the Superior Court of Solano County.
- *Racial Justice, Equity, and Inclusion, Mental Health, and Veterans and Military Families Subcommittees*: Discussed a final report for submission to the Judicial Council, court processing challenges and successes regarding incompetent to stand trial misdemeanor cases, and program collaboration with justice system partners.

Court Executives Advisory Committee

- Published the updated [Trial Court Records Manual](#). Updates included references to statutory mandates and streamlining of various sections.

Court Facilities Advisory Committee

- Reviewed informational reports on the Judicial Branch Courthouse Construction Program and feasibility study findings for the new Hall of Justice project for the Superior Court of San Francisco County.
- Reviewed site selection, including preferred and alternate sites, for the new Santa Clarita Courthouse project for the Superior Court of Los Angeles County.

Court Interpreters Advisory Panel

- Reviewed proposed post-comment revisions on rule and form changes necessitated by Assembly Bill 1032 (Stats. 2023, ch. 556), which made significant changes and improvements to the Trial Court Interpreter Employment and Labor Relations Act.

Criminal Jury Instructions Advisory Committee

- Reviewed 21 proposals for changes to instructions, including proposed revisions to gang instructions; kidnapping for ransom, reward, or extortion; and violation of a court order.

Criminal Law Advisory Committee

- Discussed legislation, including new criminal procedures related to remote court appearances and incompetency to stand trial procedure.
- *Pretrial Policy and Data Subcommittee*: Discussed the role of pretrial risk assessments in pretrial determinations and received a risk assessment presentation from Dr. Sharad Goel, a leading expert in the field.

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee

- Reviewed proposed post-public comment revisions to rules and forms on adoption, juvenile law, protective orders, and tribal court child custody orders.

Information Technology Advisory Committee

- *Tactical Plan Workstream*: Began a review to update initiatives in the [Tactical Plan for Technology](#). To date, four of the 15 initiatives have been evaluated and assigned for further analysis.

Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program Advisory Committee

- Approved the excess insurance coverage for the Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program for fiscal years 2024–25 and 2025–26.

Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee

- Reviewed proposed post-public comment revisions on conservatorship forms proposals.
- *Legislative Subcommittee*: Proposed legislation relating to mental health, developmental disabilities, and decedent estates.

Remote Access to Electronic Court Records Working Group

- At its first meeting, the newly established working group discussed its charge and goals, heard a presentation on the work of the Ad Hoc Workgroup on Post-Pandemic Initiatives, and received an overview of relevant rules of court.

Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee

- Reviewed applications for the \$5 million mid-cycle allocation to 11 pilot projects, including the Public Law Center, Centro Legal de la Raza, and California Rural Legal Assistance.

Traffic Law Advisory Committee

- Recommended rule changes to numerous proposals submitted for public comment, including revision of the Trial By Written Declaration form, mandatory reminder notices, instructions for Notice to Appear form, and revising Ability-to-Pay request forms.

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Approved fiscal year 2024–25 allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund and General Fund totaling \$3 billion for the trial courts for consideration by the council at its July meeting.
- Approved recommendations for fiscal year 2024–25 allocation methodologies for the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act program, and court reporter services.
- Considered proposed adjustments to the Funding Methodology Subcommittee’s annual workplan, which is updated every July.
- Received an informational update on the annual report for the Funds Held on Behalf of the Trial Courts program regarding open projects and projects completed in fiscal year 2022–23.

Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee

- Authorized expenditures of \$11,318,354 and an additional \$94,659 for security-related projects.
- Received updates on court-funded facilities requests, facilities maintenance performance, plumbing leak assessment and mitigation, deferred maintenance projects, and Architectural Revolving Fund projects.

Judicial Branch Education

The following courses and programs for judicial officers, court personnel, and justice system partners were created, updated, or delivered during this reporting period:

Summary

Judicial Education

1. Cow County Judge Institute
2. Domestic Violence Institute
3. New Judge Orientation
4. Primary Assignment Orientations: Civil, Criminal, Family, and Juvenile Dependency
5. Qualifying Judicial Ethics

Judicial Officer, Court Employee, and Justice Partner Programs

6. Bridging the Bench: Collaborative Decision-Making with Pretrial Staff and Judicial Officers
7. Court Clerk Training Institute
8. Court Interpreter Ethics
9. Court Interpreters Online Glossaries
10. Court Self-Help Center and Family Law Facilitator Staff Weekly Training
11. Family Court Services
12. Inclusive Leadership

13. Labor Relations Academy
14. Managing the Workers' Compensation Claims Review
15. Revenue Distribution
16. Secondary Trauma and Compassion Fatigue
17. Title IV-E (Foster Care) Law and Process

Distance Education

Videos:

18. Election Writs in the California Courts of Appeal
19. 2024 Legal Updates: Criminal Law, Family Law, Juvenile Justice

Webinars

20. Court Appointed Special Advocates and Tribal Communities
21. Family Court Services Professionals
22. Improving Outcomes in Juvenile Court: Advancements in Research and Theory on the Effects of Childhood Trauma
23. Indian Child Welfare Act Legal Update
24. Overcoming Trainer Fatigue
25. Pretrial Court Staff Brown Bag
26. Pretrial Release Program Guidance
27. The Complex Problem of Child Sexual Abuse in Child Custody Matters
28. Trauma and Development: A Clinical Lens on Complicated Issues Facing Judges and Attorneys
29. Understanding the Supporter and Family Roles in the CARE Act

Podcasts

30. 2024 Legal Update Series: Family Law, Juvenile Justice

Detail

Bridging the Bench: Collaborative Decision-Making with Pretrial Staff and Judicial Officers

Training at the Chief Probation Officers of California's annual conference attended by judicial officers and probation representatives from Mono, San Bernardino, Sonoma, and Yuba Counties.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and Tribal Communities

CASA staff and volunteers statewide gain an understanding of relationship-building skills, outreach, and engaging in a culturally respectful manner when working with tribal families and communities.

Court Clerk Training Institute

- *Civil*: Overview of case types, procedures for reviewing and processing documents, and civil courtroom procedures.
- *Criminal*: Misdemeanor and felony processes from arrest through conviction, with a focus on sentencing, postsentencing hearings, and prison abstracts.

Court Interpreter Ethics

Ethical considerations related to duty to the profession, accuracy, impartiality, legal advice, and professional relationships. Required training for all newly certified and registered court interpreters.

Court Self-Help Center and Family Law Facilitator Staff Weekly Training

Elder abuse, supported decision making as a less restrictive option, and cross-sector collaboration in CARE Act implementation.

Cow County Judge Institute

Issues affecting small courts.

Domestic Violence Institute

Cross-over training of judicial officers in a criminal, family, or juvenile dependency assignment with essential tools and skills to handle domestic violence issues, ensure perpetrator accountability, and enhance safety for families and communities.

Election Writs in the California Courts of Appeal

Overview of election writs covering standards for relief, timing, venue, and disposition options.

Family Court Services

Current initiatives, programmatic challenges, and emerging practices with a focus on onboarding new staff; for directors, managers, supervisors, and court administrators.

Family Court Services Professionals

Mediation strategies with a focus on learning family court processes and procedures.

Inclusive Leadership

Teaches leaders to demonstrate behaviors and practices that disrupt bias, recognize the unique needs and abilities of all employees, and engage full involvement and participation in the workplace.

Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Legal Update

Recent appellate cases discussing ICWA inquiry, cases pending before the California Supreme Court, and new rules concerning discretionary tribal participation in juvenile cases.

Improving Outcomes in Juvenile Court: Advancements in Research and Theory on the Effects of Childhood Trauma

Builds on the series on Neurodevelopmental Trauma for juvenile court stakeholders.

Labor Relations Academy

Three-session program for supervisors, managers, human resources professionals new to labor relations, and non-HR staff who help support the bargaining and labor relations process.

Legal Update Series (Videos): Civil Law 2024, Family Law 2024, Juvenile Justice 2024

Videos covering recent legislation and court decisions affecting criminal law, family law, and juvenile justice court proceedings.

Legal Update Series (Podcasts): Family Law 2024, Juvenile Justice 2024

- *Family Law 2024*: Domestic Violence Restraining Orders and Child Custody; Attorney Fees and Sanctions, Procedure, Child Support, Property, and Premarital Agreements.
- *Juvenile Justice 2024*: Youthfulness, Transfers, Resentencing, Fourth and Fifth Amendments, Secure Track, Firearms, and Sealing.

Managing the Workers' Compensation Claims Review

Overview of the workers' compensation claims review process, including meeting setup, member expectations, claim review discussion, and options for next steps.

New Judge Orientation

Orientation for new judges, commissioners, and referees to judicial duties and ethical responsibilities for ensuring fairness in all proceedings, promoting uniform court practices, and improving the administration of justice.

Online Glossaries Training for Court Interpreters

Developing and maintaining glossaries. Available for certified and registered interpreters through the new Court Interpreter Learning Management System.

Overcoming Trainer Fatigue

Trainer fatigue and possible causes, focusing on the importance of well-structured training plans, documentation, and support.

Pretrial Court Staff Brown Bag

Court representatives from the Superior Courts of Napa, Orange, and Sacramento Counties discussed the use of after-hours and weekend services.

Pretrial Release Program Guidance

Overview of fiscal year 2024–25 program funding, including a guidance memorandum for assistance in continuing and expanding pretrial services.

Primary Assignment Orientations

Orientations for judicial officers experienced in or new to assignments in Civil, Criminal, Family, and Juvenile Dependency.

Qualifying Judicial Ethics Program

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

Revenue Distribution Training

Multiday revenue distribution training for more than 300 participants, including trial courts, county entities, and collections vendors.

Secondary Trauma and Compassion Fatigue

Training for juvenile court bench officers.

The Complex Problem of Child Sexual Abuse in Child Custody Matters

How to adjudicate child sexual abuse allegations arising in custody and visitation disputes.

Title IV-E (Foster Care) Law and Process

Three trainings for juvenile judges, social workers, and probation officers, at the request of the Superior Court of San Diego County.

Trauma and Development, Continuing the Dialog: A Clinical Lens on Complicated Issues Facing Judges and Attorneys

Neurodevelopmental trauma for judges, attorneys, court-appointed special advocates, social workers, and probation officers.

Understanding the Supporter and Family Roles in the CARE Act

The role of the volunteer supporter, supported decision making, and family members in the CARE Act process. Provided in collaboration with Health Management Associates.

Judicial Council Staffing Metrics

As of May 30, 2024

STAFFING	Executive Division				Leadership Services Division		Operations & Programs Division					Administrative Division				Judicial Council
	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	
Authorized Position (FTE)	14.00	13.00	10.00	9.00	66.00	61.00	24.00	97.13	53.50	31.00	206.00	155.00	34.00	147.00	61.00	981.63
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	10.00	10.00	9.00	7.00	61.00	49.50	22.00	81.63	48.00	27.00	131.00	140.00	25.00	133.00	55.00	809.13
Headcount - Employees	10	10	9	7	62	50	22	82	48	27	131	140	25	133	55	811.00
Vacancy (FTE)	4.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	5.00	11.50	2.00	15.50	5.50	4.00	75.00	15.00	9.00	14.00	6.00	172.50
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	28.6%	23.1%	10.0%	22.2%	7.6%	18.9%	8.3%	16.0%	10.3%	12.9%	36.4%	9.7%	26.5%	9.5%	9.8%	17.57%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	11.00
Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	9.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	61.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	66.80
TOTAL WORKFORCE (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	10.00	13.00	9.00	7.00	62.00	50.50	26.00	86.63	49.00	31.00	192.80	140.00	25.00	134.00	60.00	895.93

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 15 new judicial appointments since the May Judicial Council meeting:

Superior Courts: Contra Costa (1), Los Angeles (2), Marin (1), Napa (1), Riverside (1), Sacramento (1), San Diego (3), San Francisco (1), San Joaquin (2), San Mateo (1), Santa Clara (1).

Judicial Vacancy Roster Report

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant as of **July 1, 2024**

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	101	5	101	5
Superior Courts	58	1,755	1,650	105	1,642	113
All Courts	65	1,868	1,758	110	1,750	118

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	2			
Division One		Retired	Hon. Sandra Lynn Margulies	12/11/2023
Division Four		Elevated	Hon. Tracie L. Brown	04/07/2023
2nd District	1			
Division Five		Retired	Hon. Laurence D. Rubin	02/29/2024
3rd District	1			
Third Appellate District		Elevated	Hon. Laurie M. Earl	07/10/2023
4th District	1			
Division Two		Retired	Hon. Marsha G. Slough	08/31/2023
TOTAL APPELLATE COURT VACANCIES	5			

Judicial Vacancies: Superior Courts

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
Alameda	7			
		Retired	Hon. Eumi K. Lee	05/06/2024
		Retired	Hon. Jeffrey S. Brand	04/02/2024
		Retired	Hon. Dennis W. Hayashi	03/31/2024
		Retired	Hon. Clarence D. Clay	03/29/2024
		Retired	Hon. Evelio M. Grillo	03/15/2024
		Elevated	Hon. Tara M. Desautels	03/12/2024
		Retired	Hon. Paul D. Herbert	02/29/2024
Colusa	1			
		Retired	Hon. Jeffrey A. Thompson	12/01/2023
Contra Costa	1			
		Retired	Hon. Susanne M. Fenstermacher	05/10/2024
Fresno	3			
		Retired	Hon. Adolfo M. Corona	04/30/2024
		Retired	Hon. Timothy A. Kams	04/30/2023
		Retired	Hon. Jon N. Kapetan	04/12/2023
Humboldt	1			
		Retired	Hon. Gregory J. Elvine-Kreis	05/27/2024
Kern	1			
		Retired	Hon. Therese M. Foley	03/28/2024
Kings	1			
		Retired	Hon. Randy L. Edwards	03/31/2024
Los Angeles	28			
		Retired	Hon. Julie Fox Blackshaw	06/29/2024
		Retired	Hon. Michael P. Linfield	06/28/2024
		Retired	Hon. Martin Larry Herscovitz	06/28/2024
		Retired	Hon. Carol Williams Elswick	06/27/2024
		Retired	Hon. Gregory Keosian	05/15/2024
		Retired	Hon. Suzette Clover	05/15/2024
		Retired	Hon. Yvette M. Palazuelos	05/15/2024
		Retired	Hon. Margaret L. Oldendorf	05/10/2024
		Retired	Hon. Craig J. Mitchell	05/01/2024
		Retired	Hon. Mitchell L. Beckloff	04/05/2024
		Elevated	Hon. Natalie P. Stone	03/26/2024
		Retired	Hon. Donna Groman	03/26/2024
		Retired	Hon. Maren E. Nelson	03/22/2024
		Retired	Hon. Henry J. Hall	03/21/2024
		Retired	Hon. Michael L. Stern	03/07/2024
		Retired	Hon. Dianna J. Gould-Saltman	03/01/2024
		Deceased	Hon. James R. Dunn	02/23/2024
		Retired	Hon. Paul A. Bacigalupo	02/22/2024
		Retired	Hon. Steven D. Blades	02/21/2024
		Retired	Hon. Amy M. Pellman	02/20/2024

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
		Retired	Hon. Tomson T. Ong	02/20/2024
		Retired	Hon. Malcolm H. Mackey	01/02/2024
		Retired	Hon. Michael I. Levanas	10/13/2023
		Retired	Hon. David A. Rosen	09/11/2023
		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. Allen Joseph Webster, Jr.	06/29/2023
Madera	1			
		Retired	Hon. Thomas L. Bender	12/31/2023
Marin	2			
		Retired	Hon. Paul M. Haakenson	05/16/2024
		Retired	Hon. Beverly K. Wood	03/31/2024
Mendocino	1			
		Retired	Hon. Jeanine B. Nadel	01/01/2024
Merced	2			
		Transferred	Hon. David Hood	10/09/2023
		Retired	Hon. David W. Moranda	04/24/2023
Modoc	1			
		Retired	Hon. Francis W. Barclay	09/13/2023
Monterey	1			
		Retired	Hon. Marla O. Anderson	04/30/2024
Napa	1			
		Elevated	Hon. Monique Langhorne Wilson	12/07/2023
Orange	12			
		Retired	Hon. John C. Gastelum	05/14/2024
		Retired	Hon. David L. Belz	04/11/2024
		Retired	Hon. Brett G. London	01/31/2024
		Retired	Hon. James Edward Rogan	11/05/2023
		Retired	Hon. Peter J. Wilson	11/01/2023
		Retired	Hon. Douglas Hatchimonji	10/15/2023
		Retired	Hon. Stephanie George	08/31/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Martha K. Gooding	05/19/2023
		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			
		Retired	Hon. Colleen M. Nichols	03/05/2024
Riverside	1			
		Retired	Hon. Dale R. Wells	12/27/2022
Sacramento	3			
		Retired	Hon. James M. Mize	01/11/2024
		Retired	Hon. Paul L. Seave	08/18/2023

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
		Retired	Hon. Gerrit W. Wood	04/15/2023
San Bernardino	6			
		Retired	Hon. Janet M. Frangie	04/30/2024
		Retired	Hon. Brian S. McCarville	04/18/2024
		Retired	Hon. Michael R. Libutti	02/21/2024
		Retired	Hon. Teresa M. Bennett	07/31/2023
		Retired	Hon. Ingrid Adamson Uhler	07/15/2023
		Retired	Hon. Lorenzo R. Balderrama	03/05/2023
San Diego	7			
		Retired	Hon. Frederick Maguire	05/31/2024
		Retired	Hon. Keri G. Katz	05/14/2024
		Retired	Hon. Eddie C. Sturgeon	04/15/2024
		Retired	Hon. Carlos O. Armour	03/06/2024
		Retired	Hon. Harry L. Powazek	01/11/2024
		Retired	Hon. John S. Meyer	07/17/2023
		Elevated	Hon. David M. Rubin	03/30/2023
San Joaquin	3			
		Retired	Hon. Michael D. Coughlan	05/01/2024
		Retired	Hon. Richard Vlavianos	04/30/2024
		Retired	Hon. Jose L. Alva	08/31/2023
San Mateo	1			
San Mateo		Retired	Hon. Marie S. Weiner	02/29/2024
Santa Clara	6			
		Retired	Hon. Carrie A. Zepeda	05/15/2024
		Retired	Hon. Vanessa A. Zecher	04/30/2024
		Retired	Hon. Peter H. Kirwan	04/15/2024
		Retired	Hon. Vincent J. Chiarello	04/15/2024
		Retired	Hon. Nona L. Klippen	02/29/2024
		Retired	Hon. James E. Towery	05/17/2023
Santa Cruz	1			
		Retired	Hon. Timothy R. Volkmann	04/29/2024
Sierra	1			
		Transferred	Hon. Yvette Durant	01/03/2022
Siskiyou	1			
		Retired	Hon. Karen L. Dixon	03/31/2024
Sonoma	1			
		Retired	Hon. Peter K. Ottenweller	05/10/2024
Stanislaus	1			
		Deceased	Hon. Ann Q. Ameral	06/18/2023
Sutter	1			
		Retired	Hon. Perry Parker	04/01/2024
Tulare	3			
		Retired	Hon. Hugo J. Loza	04/14/2024
		Retired	Hon. Brett R. Alldredge	01/05/2024
		Retired	Hon. Walter L. Gorelick	11/30/2023

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Ventura	3			
		Retired	Hon. Rocky J Baio	06/29/2024
		Retired	Hon. David R. Worley	05/20/2024
		Retired	Hon. Bruce A. Young	12/06/2023
Yolo	1			
		Retired	Hon. David Rosenberg	12/30/2023
TOTAL VACANCIES	105			
STATEWIDE TOTAL	110			

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant: June 2022–June 2024

Month	Superior Courts					Courts of Appeal			
	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate		Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
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	1,623	132	7.5%		106	92	14	13.2%
Sep-22	1,755	1,624	131	7.5%		106	92	14	13.2%
Oct-22	1,755	1,634	121	6.9%		106	92	14	13.2%
Nov-22	1,755	1,636	119	6.8%		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%
Sep-23	1,755	1,652	103	5.9%		106	100	6	5.7%
Oct-23	1,755	1,666	89	5.1%		106	100	6	5.7%
Nov-23	1,755	1,662	93	5.3%		106	99	7	6.6%
Dec-23	1,755	1,673	82	4.7%		106	98	8	7.5%
Jan-24	1,755	1,666	89	5.1%		106	100	6	5.7%
Feb-24	1,755	1,665	90	5.1%		106	100	6	5.7%
Mar-24	1,755	1,651	104	5.9%		106	99	7	6.6%
Apr-24	1,755	1,639	116	6.6%		106	99	7	6.6%
May-24	1,755	1,636	119	6.8%		106	98	8	7.5%
Jun-24	1,755	1,650	105	6.0%		106	101	5	4.7%

Percentage of Superior Court Judgeships Vacant: June 2022–June 2024

