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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 March meeting.

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Judicial Branch Budget For Fiscal Year 2021–22

Following the release of the Governor’s 2021–22 May Budget Revision on May 14, 2021, a briefing memo was disseminated branchwide and informational calls were held with judicial branch leadership. The proposed revision continues to support all judicial branch proposals introduced in the January budget and, with the revised proposal, provides a total of \$1.2 billion in new funding. Key proposals newly introduced include (1) a debt forgiveness program for low-income individuals, (2) additional deferred maintenance funding, (3) additional funding for pretrial services, (4) support for backlogs and case processing delays, (5) an Early Disposition Readiness Conference Program, and (6) new courthouse construction projects. As part of the ongoing advocacy related to the budget cycle for the 2021–22 fiscal year, senior Judicial Council staff and court representatives continue to participate in legislative budget hearings related to judicial branch budget proposals and programs. Staff also met with the Legislative Analyst’s Office to respond to budget related questions.

Workgroup on Post-Pandemic Initiatives

The Ad Hoc Workgroup on Post-Pandemic Initiatives was established in March to examine successful court practices adopted during the pandemic and recommend those that demonstrate the most promise to increase access to justice, modernize services, and promote consistency and uniformity throughout the state. The workgroup, which is comprised of Judicial Council member, received input from presiding judge and court executive leadership about successful reforms occurring throughout the state court system in response to the pandemic. Input was also sought and received from stakeholders and justice systems partners, including from labor unions and legal trade associations.

COVID-19 and Wildfire Costs

- Monthly pandemic cost reports were submitted to the Department of Finance (DOF) on behalf of the courts and the Judicial Council for statewide reporting to the Legislature. A total of \$189.5 million in COVID-related costs has been reported by the Courts of Appeal, trial courts, and the council from March 2020 to March 30, 2021. The Administration and the Legislature considered these statewide COVID costs in development of the May Budget Revision.
- Monthly reports are also submitted on judicial branch expenditures in response to wildfires. To date, \$5.3 million in wildfire-related costs have been reported for fiscal year 2020–21.

MyCitations Deployment and Development

- *Ability to Pay:* The Superior Court of Monterey County became the seventh court to deploy the ‘My Citations’ Ability to Pay application and offer ability-to-pay determinations for addressing traffic violations.
- *Online Trial By Declaration:* Development is complete on the Online Trial by Declaration module of the ‘MyCitations’ application, which allows a litigant to request and submit evidence for an online trial by declaration. The new module includes the ability to send notices to the officer and receive secured Officer Declarations. Clerks and judicial officers have the functionality to manage requests, review submissions, issue decisions, and update the court case management system. The Superior Court of Santa Clara County is working to

add this new module to the common standards-based platform (CourtStack environment), which will ease onboarding of future courts. Testing will begin in summer for deployment in early fall of 2021.

Court Video Communications Licensing

The Judicial Council secured enterprise video communications licensing for Zoom to support trial courts’ needs for video conferencing and meeting services, combining the branch’s licensing needs to realize a volume discount. User licenses will be funded by the council for three years. The government version of this service provides a high level of security and may be used for court proceedings, mediation appointments, self-represented litigant appointments, online workshops, and other customer support.

Judicial Resources and Technical Assistance

Courtesy file reviews were conducted for juvenile cases at the Superior Courts of Glenn, Kern, Orange, and Riverside Counties to identify any legal issues and training needs.

Pretrial Pilot Program

The Pretrial Pilot Program hosted three virtual information sessions for the 16 pilot courts to discuss pretrial risk assessment research and raise awareness and generate discussion about what pilot courts could expect in partnering with an outside research institution.

Labor and Employee Relations

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 16 trial courts. Services included impact bargaining, side letter negotiations, and successor memoranda of understanding negotiations. Support was also provided to courts on 32 labor and employee-related matters.

Facilities

- Court Construction Bond Sales: The Judicial Council completed documentation in consultation with the State Public Works Board and the State Treasurer’s Office on two bond sales—one sale will refinance debt on the Superior Court of Madera County Courthouse project; the other will repay interim loans to fund construction of the new Sonora Courthouse project for the Superior Court of Tuolumne County.
- Court facility modifications as of May 2021:

<i>Status</i>	<i>Number of Modifications</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
Awaiting Shared Cost	2	\$4,225,113
In Design	26	\$8,034,494
In Work	646	\$188,575,955
Total	674	\$200,835,562

- Eleven real estate transactions were completed, including expense lease renewals for courts in San Francisco and Placer Counties; revenue lease/license renewals and amendments in San Diego and Santa Clara Counties; a joint operating agreement amendment, a new lease, and an event license in Los Angeles County; and an estoppel in San Bernardino County.

California Appellate Court Clerks Association Meeting

Staff provided updates on changes to California Rules of Court, rule 8.83 (Public Access to Electronic Records), modernization issues, workers' compensation, the Governor's proposed fiscal year 2021–22 budget, the Workgroup on Homelessness, and online education courses.

Advisory Bodies

The following Judicial Council advisory bodies convened remotely since the council's March meeting.

1. Administrative Presiding Justices Advisory Committee
2. Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions
3. Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
4. Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight Advisory Committee
5. Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
6. Court Executives Advisory Committee
7. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
8. Court Facilities Advisory Committee
9. Court Security 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 Mental Health Advisory Committee
15. Traffic Advisory Committee
16. Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
17. Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
18. Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee
19. Tribal Court–State Court Forum
20. Workgroup on Homelessness
21. Workload Assessment Advisory Committee

Meeting Details

Administrative Presiding Justices Advisory Committee

- Received updates on education programs, future institutes and online courses, and appellate information technology fiscal year 2022–23 budget change concepts.

Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions

- Reviewed 20 proposals for possible changes to 27 instructions, including new instructions for sentencing factors related to sex offenses and for false personation. Additional revisions included instructions related to kidnapping, human trafficking, and possession of forged documents.

Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness

- Discussed proposed Video Remote Interpreting Guidelines, 2021 annual agenda and legislative cycle, Language Access Subcommittee updates, and committee membership nomination updates.
- *Legislative Working Group*: Discussed legislative proposals regarding interpreters, language access, legal assistance, and access to the courts.

Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight Advisory Committee

- Reviewed individual case services report, an audit pool and sample analysis report, panel composition report, and attorney questionnaire report.

Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee

- Worked on forms to implement new unlawful detainer laws relating to COVID-19 pandemic issues.

Court Executives Advisory Committee (CEAC)

- *Executive Committee*: Discussed budget advocacy, the 2021 Judicial Branch Statistical Information System subcommittee, the Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program, the federally funded dependency representation program, Assembly Bill (AB) 1058 (Family Law Facilitator and Child Support program) background and responsibilities, and payment policies for independent contractor interpreters.
- *Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee/CEAC Joint Business Meeting*: Received updates from the Judicial Council Technology Committee on challenges of remote platforms and social media, the Ad Hoc Workgroup on Post-Pandemic Initiatives, and post pandemic operations.

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee

- Received an update on the Chief Justice's Workgroup on Homelessness and discussed proposed legislation that may affect collaborative courts.
- *Juvenile Subcommittee*: Discussed developing a resource guide to help collaborative courts meet juvenile mental health needs.
- *Mental Health Subcommittee*: Discussed pending legislation and issues related to incompetent to stand trial cases.
- *Driving Under the Influence Subcommittee*: Convened a first meeting to discuss projects and priorities for the upcoming year.

Court Facilities Advisory Committee

- Discussed lessons learned from the pandemic and how the courthouse of the future will be different.

Court Security Advisory Committee

- Reviewed a summary of court security plan notifications under California Rules of Court, rule 10.172 (Court Security Plans) and approved projects for maintaining and installing electronic security equipment and systems in trial courts.

Criminal Law Advisory Committee

- Reviewed more than 40 pending bills with an impact on criminal courts, including AB 256 (Criminal procedure: discrimination), AB 1245 (Resentencing), AB 1259 (Criminal procedure: motion to vacate), AB 1308 (Arrest and conviction record relief), AB 1474 (Sentencing: consideration of costs), AB 1540 (Resentencing), Sente Bill (SB) 82 (Petty theft), SB 481 (Sentencing: special circumstances), SB 483 (Resentencing to remove enhancements), and SB 567 (Criminal procedure: sentencing).

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee

- Discussed four rules and forms proposals and made recommendations to the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee for allocation of child support commissioner and family law facilitator funding.

Information Technology Advisory Committee

- Completed quarterly status review of workstreams and subcommittees and approved final reports and recommendations from the Video Remote Interpreting Guidelines Working Group, Data Analytics Workstream, Disaster Recovery Workstream, and Online Dispute Resolution Workstream.

Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program Advisory Committee

- Presented funding priorities for the Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Fund to the Court Executives Advisory Committee and clerk/executive officers of the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal.

Probate Mental Health Advisory Committee

- Approved a proposal to amend rules and forms related to application of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act to probate guardianships, provided technical assistance on pending legislation, and discussed rules proposals circulating for comment.

Traffic Advisory Committee

- Discussed legislative bills, including AB 618 (Payment options for criminal fines and fees) and SB 735 (Vehicles: speed safety cameras).

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Approved recommendations for 2021–22 allocations including: 1) \$167.8 million funding restoration and \$72.2 million new, discretionary funding if included in the enacted budget, 2) Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF) funding for court-appointed dependency counsel, 3) trial court allocations from the TCTF including the Workload Formula, the State Court Facilities Construction Fund, and General Fund, 4) Self-Help funding, including a three-year census update, and 5) the AB 1058 Family Law Facilitator and Child Support Commissioner program.
- Prioritized trial court 2022–23 budget change proposal concepts for submission to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee for review.
- Received updates on 2021–22 allocations from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund, \$50 million one-time COVID-19 funding and redistribution, and quarterly reporting on TCTF funds held on behalf expenditures.

- *Fiscal Planning Subcommittee*: Approved recommendations for TCTF funds to be held on behalf of the trial courts in response to two amended requests from the Superior Court of Sutter County and continued receipt of children’s waiting room funds for the Superior Court of Solano County.

Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee

- Authorized total expenditures of \$9,910,149 and an additional \$21,637 for security-related projects.
- Approved removal of the temporary hold on funding Priority 2 projects based on administrative savings and the state Department of Finance’s support for the branch to request \$2.5 million in fiscal year 2020–21 from the State Court Facilities Construction Fund.
- Approved the draft Trial Court Facility Modifications Report for Quarter 3, and three security-related projects.

Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee

- *Executive Committee*: Discussed bail setting in accordance with in *Re Humphrey*, effective practices and peer education, and the upcoming chair election.

Tribal Court – State Court Forum

- Received a presentation on establishing and maintaining a joint jurisdiction court, and heard a panel on the historical underpinnings of systemic racism toward Native American people in the justice system.

Workgroup on Homelessness

- Continued outreach to internal and external stakeholders and subject matter experts.
- Discussed potential recommendations, including methods to alleviate impacts and utilize court property and resources.

Workload Assessment Advisory Committee

- Reviewed and approved a recommendation to mitigate the impact of Spring 2020 pandemic closures on filings data used in this year’s Resource Assessment Study model.

Judicial Branch Education

All trainings are provided remotely at this time.

Judicial Education

Programs/Courses

1. Civil Law Institute
2. Criminal Law Institute
3. Juvenile Law Institute
4. New Judge Orientation
5. Qualifying Judicial Ethics Program

Podcasts

6. Computer Cookies and Their Benefits and Detriments
7. Military Families: Custody, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Issues, and Domestic Violence Firearm Relinquishment
8. Pitchess Motions
9. Taking it to the Streets: Access for People Without Housing

Ten-Minute Mentor Videos

10. Pitchess Update
11. Reading and Understanding Record of Arrests and Prosecutions (RAP) Sheets

Webinars

12. Effectively Communicating Risk at the Pretrial Stage
13. Family Court Services Training Symposium
14. Legal and Ethical Responsibilities Under the Americans with Disabilities Act
15. Separation of Powers: Silos or Symphonies?
16. Sexual Harassment Prevention, for judicial officers, managers, and supervisors
17. Practical Guide to AB 1950 (Probation: Length of Terms)

Publication Updates

18. Benchbook: Civil Proceedings Before Trial
19. Bench Handbook: Jury Management

Judicial Officer, Court Employee, and Justice Partner Education

Programs/Courses

20. Court Clerk Training Institute: Appeals Processing Procedures; Civil Procedures
21. Executive Decision Making
22. Project Management for Courts
23. Quarterly roundtable for collaborative justice court professionals

Online Course

24. Achieving Excellence in Customer Service

Videos

25. Professional Behavior in the Courts
26. Trial and Post Trial Civil Motions: Types, Processes, and Procedures

Webinars

27. Court Interpreting
 - a. Ethics for New Court Interpreters
 - b. Skills-Building
28. Critical Challenges: Confessions, Strikes, Transfer and Disposition, Post-Disposition, and Probation Practice
29. Discretionary Tribal Participation in Juvenile Cases
30. Federally Funded Dependency Representation Program
31. Juvenile Case Activity Tracking System
32. Language Access Public Outreach
33. Managing a Probate Court Investigator's Workload
34. Medi-Cal Funds for Child Welfare Services
35. Sexual Harassment Prevention, for judicial officers, managers, and supervisors

36. Surviving Compassion Fatigue: Secondary and Vicarious Trauma and the Importance of Self-Care
37. Uniform Standards of Practice for Providers of Supervised Visitation

Details

Achieving Excellence in Customer Service

Identifying the unique aspects of customer service in courts, exploring how body language and tone can affect interactions with customers, and distinguishing between legal information and legal advice.

Appeals Processing Procedures—Court Clerk Training Institute

The appeals process—from filing through certification and court review.

Civil Law Institute

Contemporary topics for judges on civil law assignment.

Civil Procedures: Counter to Courtroom—Court Clerk Training Institute

Basic overview of civil case types, procedures for reviewing and processing documents, and civil courtroom procedures.

Computer Cookies and Their Benefits and Detriments

Differences between types of cookies, why lately browsers seem to have more messaging regarding cookies, and best practices on how to balance protection of privacy and convenience when using the internet.

Ethics for New Court Interpreters

Two-day training for new interpreters on accuracy, impartiality, confidentiality, legal advice, professional relationships, the duty to the profession, and an orientation on the programs and services of the Court Interpreter Program.

Court Interpreter Skills-Building

Preparation for the Bilingual Interpreting Examination for candidates not previously successful in passing the exam.

Criminal Law Institute

Overview of recent developments in criminal law.

Critical Challenges: Confessions, Strikes, and Transfer and Disposition, Post-Disposition, and Probation Practice

Duties and responsibilities of counsel for children and how these duties and responsibilities apply in various circumstances and stages of representation.

Discretionary Tribal Participation in Juvenile Cases

Training on discretionary participation in cases that involve Native American children when the Indian Child Welfare Act does not apply.

Effectively Communicating Risk at the Pretrial Stage

Best practices for judicial officers during the pretrial stage.

Executive Decision Making

Tools to enhance a court's effectiveness, efficiency, fairness, and accessibility.

Family Court Services

Training symposium for Family Court Services administrators on Leadership: Expanding Our Capacities; and webinar on public outreach on language access.

Federally Funded Dependency Representation Program

Three training sessions to providers of the Federal Funded Dependency Representation Program covering revised reference documents and invoicing templates consistent with new guidance from the Administration for Children and Families.

Juvenile Case Activity Tracking System

Weekly sessions for court-appointed dependency counsel providers using the Juvenile Case Activity Tracking case management system.

Juvenile Law Institute

Training for judicial officers in a juvenile law assignment.

Language Access Public Outreach

Three sessions for the public regarding multilingual court resources and materials available to assist California's approximately seven million limited English proficient court users in accessing court services.

Legal and Ethical Responsibilities Under the Americans with Disabilities Act

Legal and ethical responsibilities for judicial officers.

Managing a Probate Court Investigator's Workload

Improving time management skills and identifying strategies for planning and prioritizing tasks.

Medi-Cal Funds for Child Welfare Services

In partnership with the California Children's Trust and California Child Welfare Directors, this training reviewed the current construction of Medi-Cal, its intersection with the child welfare system, and current status and prospects of current reform initiatives.

Military Families: Custody, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Issues, and Domestic Violence Firearm Relinquishment

Custody, mental health and substance abuse issues, and domestic violence firearm relinquishment as they relate to military families.

New Judge Orientation

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

Practical Guide to AB 1950 (Probation: Length of Terms)

Interpretation and application of this statutory change.

Pitchess Motions (Discovery of Peace Officer Personnel Records)

Practical advice for handling Pitchess motions and update on case developments.

Professional Behavior in the Courts

Expectations for court professional conduct when serving members of the public.

Project Management for Courts

Introduction to project management with an emphasis on court technology projects.

Qualifying Judicial Ethics Program

Three-hour mandatory ethics core course for judicial officers.

Quarterly Roundtable for Collaborative Justice Court Professionals

Highlighting development of a SharePoint site that coordinators can use to share documents or other resources, the launch of the Collaborative Court Data Improvement Project, and local challenges and innovations related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Approximately 60 attendees from 20 counties participated.

Reading and Understanding Record of Arrests and Prosecutions (RAP) Sheets

Comprehensive walk-through on how to read criminal RAP sheets.

Separation of Powers: Silos or Symphonies?

Exploration of how the branches of government in California interact on lawmaking.

Sexual Harassment Prevention for Judicial Officers, Managers, and Supervisors

Training mandated by Government Code Section 12950.1 for managers, supervisors, commissioners, and referees.

Surviving Compassion Fatigue, Aka Secondary and Vicarious Trauma and the Importance of Self-Care

Self-care needs of those working with children, youth, and adults impacted by traumatic life events.

Taking It to the Streets: Access for People Without Housing

Multifaceted issues facing homeless people when accessing justice, successful models for homeless courts to address such barriers, and how judges can apply these approaches to keep their courtroom open and accessible to people without housing.

Trial and Post Trial Civil Motions: Types, Processes, and Procedures

Overview of the most common types of civil motions during trial and post-trial.

Uniform Standards of Practice for Providers of Supervised Visitation

Three-day webinar training for 38 multidisciplinary organizational professionals, court and community justice partners, and statewide professional providers of supervised visitation.

Staffing Metrics

As of April 30, 2021

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	12.00	10.00	9.00	65.80	55.00	18.00	88.10	48.50	30.00	147.00	147.00	37.00	142.00	51.00	874.40
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	10.00	10.80	8.00	6.00	57.80	41.40	16.00	64.55	42.00	24.00	102.00	137.00	29.00	117.00	46.00	711.55
Headcount - Employees	10	11	8	6	59	42	16	65	42	24	102	137	29	117	46	714.00
Vacancy (FTE)	4.00	1.20	2.00	3.00	8.00	13.60	2.00	23.55	6.50	6.00	45.00	10.00	8.00	25.00	5.00	162.85
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	28.6%	10.0%	20.0%	33.3%	12.2%	24.7%	11.1%	26.7%	13.4%	20.0%	30.6%	6.8%	21.6%	17.6%	9.8%	18.62%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	4.00
*Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.80	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.80
TOTAL WORKFORCE (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	10.00	11.80	8.00	6.00	57.80	42.40	17.00	65.55	43.00	24.00	125.80	137.00	29.00	119.00	48.00	744.35

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)	The "909" category is the State Controller code used to reference a temporary position or a temporary employee. 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).
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	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: 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.
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 19 new judicial appointments since the March Judicial Council meeting. Superior Court Appointments: Fresno (1), Los Angeles (4), Monterey (1), Orange (2), Sacramento (4), San Bernardino (2), San Joaquin (2), Santa Clara (1), Sonoma (1), and Stanislaus (1).

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant as of May 1, 2021

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	1
Courts of Appeal	6	106	98	8	0	99	5
Superior Courts	58	1,755	1,642	90	23	1,659	119
All Courts	65	1,868	1,747	121		1,765	103

*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	Retirement	Hon. Peter J. Siggins	1/19/2021
First Appellate District, Division Five	1	Retirement	Hon. Barbara J.R. Jones	9/30/2020
Second Appellate District, Division Three	1	Retirement	Hon. Halim Dhanidina	3/31/2021
Second Appellate District, Division One	1	Removed	Hon. Jeffrey W. Johnson	6/2/2020
Second Appellate District, Division Seven	1	Retirement	Hon. Laurie D. Zelon	8/31/2020
Third Appellate District	1	Retirement	Hon. Mary Kathleen Butz	6/30/2020
Sixth Appellate District	2	Retirement	Hon. Eugene M. Premo	1/15/2021
Sixth Appellate District		Retirement	Hon. Nathan D. Mihara	7/30/2020
TOTAL VACANCIES	8			

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: SUPERIOR COURTS

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day in Office
Alameda	2	Retirement	Hon. Thomas C. Rogers	3/29/2021
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Armando G. Cuellar, Jr.	3/18/2021
Butte	1	Retirement	Hon. Robert A. Glusman	1/20/2021
Contra Costa	5	Retirement	Hon. Judy Johnson	4/2/2021
Contra Costa		Retirement	Hon. Cheryl Mills	3/9/2021
Contra Costa		Retirement	Hon. Linda Lye	12/31/2020
Contra Costa		Retirement	Hon. John H. Sugiyama	4/30/2020
Contra Costa		Removed	Hon. John T. Laettner	11/6/2019
El Dorado	1	Retirement	Hon. Warren C. Stracener	1/9/2020
Fresno	4	Retirement	Hon. Debra J. Kazanjian	3/31/2021
Fresno		Retirement	Hon. Jane Cardoza	7/22/2020
Fresno		Retirement	Hon. W. Kent Hamlin	7/8/2020
Fresno		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Kern	6	Retirement	Hon. Robert S. Tafoya	4/30/2021
Kern		Retirement	Hon. Craig Philips	2/26/2021
Kern		Retirement	Hon. Lorna H. Brumfield	12/31/2020
Kern		Retirement	Hon. John S. Somers	9/30/2020
Kern		Retirement	Hon. John L. Fielder	9/8/2020
Kern		Retirement	Hon. Louie L. Vega	8/21/2020
Kings	1	Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Los Angeles	17	Retirement	Hon. Norman Perry Tarle	4/20/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. John A. Torribio	4/14/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Clifford L. Klein	4/1/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Gary J. Ferrari	3/19/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Anthony J. Mohr	3/19/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Ramona G. See	3/12/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Robert J. Perry	3/5/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Michael Anthony Tynan	2/19/2021
Los Angeles		Deceased	Hon. Lori A. Fournier	2/9/2021

Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Irma J. Brown	1/27/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. William A. MacLaughlin	12/31/2020
Los Angeles		To Fed Court	Hon. Fernando L Aenlle-Rocha	12/23/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Gilbert M. Lopez	12/12/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Ray A. Santana	12/4/2020
Los Angeles		Deceased	Hon. Victor E. Chavez	10/30/2020
Los Angeles		Commissioner Conversion	Vacancy	10/21/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Barbara R. Johnson	9/30/2020
Madera	1	Retirement	Hon. Joseph A. Soldani	6/30/2019
Mariposa	1	Retirement	Hon. F. Dana Walton	1/31/2021
Merced	1	Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Modoc	1	Retirement	Hon. David A. Mason	10/31/2020
Monterey	2	Retirement	Hon. Lydia M. Villarreal	4/28/2021
Monterey		Retirement	Hon. Susan J. Matcham	8/31/2020
Nevada	1	Retirement	Hon. Robert Lynn Tamietti	10/31/2020
Orange	6	Retirement	Hon. Mark S. Millard	4/30/2021
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Sheila B. Fell	3/22/2021
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Gary L. Moorhead	2/17/2021
Orange		Retirement	Hon. John Dorsey Conley	12/30/2020
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Roger B. Robbins	11/1/2020
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Ronald Lawrence Bauer	5/31/2020
Riverside	5	Retirement	Hon. Bambi J. Moyer	4/1/2021
Riverside		Retirement	Hon. Becky Lynn Dugan	4/22/2020
Riverside		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
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Riverside		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Sacramento	2	Retirement	Hon. David I. Brown	4/9/2021
Sacramento		Retirement	Hon. Judy Holzer Hersher	2/28/2021
San Benito	1	Retirement	Hon. Steven R. Sanders	1/15/2021
San Bernardino	8	Retirement	Hon. Ronald M. Christianson	4/30/2021
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Elia V. Pirozzi	4/22/2021

San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Donna G. Garza	4/16/2021
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Pamela P. King	3/12/2021
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Dwight W. Moore	3/1/2021
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Stephan G. Saleson	3/1/2021
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Keith D. Davis	10/8/2020
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Raymond L. Haight III	2/9/2020
San Diego	5	Retirement	Hon. Jeffrey B. Barton	4/21/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Randa Trapp	3/17/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Charles G. Rogers	2/19/2021
San Diego		Elevated	Hon. Truc T. Do	1/14/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. K. Michael Kirkman	6/22/2020
San Francisco	1	Resigned	Hon. Edward Torpoco	12/13/2020
San Mateo	3	Retirement	Hon. George A. Miram	4/30/2021
San Mateo		Retirement	Hon. Clifford V. Cretan	8/31/2020
San Mateo		Retirement	Hon. Mark R. Forcum	9/10/2019
Santa Clara	7	Retirement	Hon. Linda R. Clark	4/30/2021
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. James L. Stoelker	3/26/2021
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Ronald I. Toff	2/16/2021
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Mark H. Pierce	9/10/2020
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Michele McKay McCoy	3/10/2020
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Edward Frederick Lee	2/29/2020
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Joshua Weinstein	9/3/2019
Santa Cruz	1	Retirement	Hon. Kim Baskett	9/30/2020
Siskiyou	1	Retirement	Hon. William J. Davis	2/19/2021
Solano	2	Retirement	Hon. Michael Mattice	3/25/2020
Solano		Retirement	Hon. Robert C. Fracchia	2/27/2020
Sonoma	2	Retirement	Hon. Barbara Phelan	1/31/2021
Sonoma		Retirement	Hon. Allan D. Hardcastle	4/3/2020

Tulare	1	Retirement	Hon. Kathryn T. Montejano	10/5/2020
Ventura	1	Retirement	Hon. Kevin J. McGee	4/29/2021
TOTAL VACANCIES	90			

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant, April 2019–April 2021 (two years) *

Month	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
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%
Jan-20	1,743	1,658	85	4.9%	106	105	1	0.9%
Feb-20	1,743	1,650	93	5.3%	106	105	1	0.9%
Mar-20	1,743	1,642	101	5.8%	106	105	1	0.9%
Apr-20	1,743	1,648	95	5.5%	106	105	1	0.9%
May-20	1,743	1,643	100	5.7%	106	105	1	0.9%
Jun-20	1,754	1,646	108	6.2%	106	104	2	1.9%
Jul-20	1,754	1,639	115	6.6%	106	103	3	2.8%
Aug-20	1,754	1,646	108	6.2%	106	102	4	3.8%
Sep-20	1,754	1,635	119	6.8%	106	101	5	4.7%
Oct-20	1,754	1,625	129	7.4%	106	101	5	4.7%
Nov-20	1,754	1,642	112	6.4%	106	101	5	4.7%
Dec-20	1,754	1,669	85	4.8%	106	101	5	4.7%
Jan-21	1,755	1,662	93	5.3%	106	100	6	5.7%
Feb-21	1,755	1,655	100	5.7%	106	99	7	6.6%
Mar-21	1,755	1,659	96	5.5%	106	99	7	6.6%
Apr-21	1,755	1,642	113	6.4%	106	98	8	7.5%

* As of May 5, 2021.

Note: Growth in number of Authorized Judicial Positions reflects SJO conversions, as well as newly funded positions via the 2019 Budget Act. Since 2007, 157 SJO positions have been converted to judgeships.

Percent of Judgeship Vacancies in the Superior Courts, April 2019–April 2021

