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Executive Summary

As outlined in the California Rules of Court, rule 10.16, the Technology Committee oversees the Judicial Council's policies concerning information technology. The committee assists the council by providing technology recommendations focusing on the establishment of policies that emphasize long-term strategic leadership and align with judicial branch goals. The committee is responsible for ensuring that specific projects approved and funded by the council comply with the relevant council policies, proceed on schedule, and stay within scope and budget.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Since the March 24, 2023, Judicial Council meeting, the Technology Committee held an education session and hosted the Judicial Branch Technology Summit.

Judicial Branch Technology Summit
Nearly 250 leaders from 42 superior courts, four Court of Appeal districts, and the California Supreme Court, along with technology professionals from across the state, came together on April 26, 2023, to share information and learn about solutions for using technology to improve access to justice. The summit featured plenary sessions, workshops, and a technology showcase/exhibit hall designed to address court technology business needs. Highlights included the Chief Justice addressing attendees, sessions on information security and related planning, data analytics and its use as a management tool, and insights into the new cloud data center.

Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC)

The Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) held an education session and an open meeting on April 27, 2023. ITAC received updates on the Tactical Plan for Technology for fiscal year (FY) 2023–24.

IT Modernization Fund

Activities for the upcoming FY 2023–24 IT Modernization Fund program are underway. After considering input from the IT community, the Technology Committee established five modernization priorities for the branch:

- Proceedings (with a primary focus on AB 716 compliance)
- Electronic records management
- Infrastructure
- Case management system implementations and enhancements
- Cyber/information security

A branchwide webinar was held on March 23. The application period opened on March 27 and closed on April 21. We received 135 project proposals; nearly $66 million was requested for funding. The IT Modernization Fund Workstream is now reviewing those proposals and will make their recommendations to ITAC and the Technology Committee in June.

Tactical Plan for Technology Update 2023–24

ITAC is sponsoring a workstream to update the Tactical Plan for Technology for 2023–24. A draft of the updated tactical plan was circulated for public comment with the comment period closing on April 27. It is anticipated that the plan will be on the Judicial Council's agenda at its July 2023 meeting.