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Executive Summary

As outlined in rule 10.16 of the California Rules of Court, 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 relevant council policies, proceed on schedule, and stay within scope and budget. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the last Judicial Council internal committee written report, which was submitted for the council's business meeting on February 20, 2026.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Information Technology Advisory Committee

The Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC), overseen by the Technology Committee, held an open meeting on March 18, 2026, where it received an overview of the IT Modernization grant program, including the grant timeline, workstream alignment, and ITAC's role in the process.

ITAC will hold an open meeting on April 15, 2026, and receive a report from the Hybrid Courtroom Phase 2 Workstream outlining recommendations to guide California courts in selecting and implementing technology that supports remote courtroom proceedings. ITAC will consider approving the distribution of the report for branchwide comment.

ITAC will also receive a report on the IT Modernization Workstream’s evaluation process and the completion of its project reviews and will consider approving the submission of the evaluation results to the Technology Committee. In addition, ITAC will receive proposed grant awards for the Language Access Signage and Technology program for fiscal year (FY) 2026–27 and will consider approving and forwarding the recommendations to the Technology Committee for consideration.

Technology Committee

The Technology Committee held an open meeting on February 19, at which it approved redistributing any returned FY 2025–26 IT Modernization Branchwide Funding—estimated at \$647,753 and not to exceed \$2 million—toward the Web Content Accessibility Compliance program.

The committee held an open meeting on March 9, 2026, at which it received FY 2027–28 Budget Change Proposal concepts with technology components submitted by non-Judicial Council Information Technology entities for input. The concepts—*Judicial Branch Data Analytics Modernization* from Judicial Council Research, Analytics, and Data and *Proposition 66 in the Courts of Appeal* from Judicial Council Leadership Support Services—were found to align with the judicial branch strategic plan for technology, and the committee supported the concepts for consideration by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee.

The committee, in partnership with Judicial Council Information Technology, co-hosted the Judicial Branch Technology Summit 2026, on March 11. The full-day event convened roughly 230 participants to explore innovation, court technology, and emerging trends affecting the judicial branch. The program included remarks from Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero, a keynote on AI-related challenges in digital evidence, a plenary on the evolving AI landscape, and a series of sessions and showcases featuring court leaders, judicial officers, and technology partners.

The committee will hold a meeting on April 23, 2026, at which it will review and consider approval of proposed awards for the Language Access Signage and Technology program for FY 2026–27 and discuss the project evaluation, weighting, and potential funding models for the IT Modernization grant program for FY 2026–27.