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## REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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**Title**

Report to the Legislature: Allocation of New Judgeships Funding in 2023–24

**Report Type**

Information

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### Executive Summary

Under the Budget Act of 2007 (Stats. 2007, ch. 171), the Judicial Council is required to report annually to the Legislature on the allocation of funding for support of new judgeships authorized in fiscal year 2007–08 until all the judgeships are appointed and new staff are hired. On or before December 13, 2024, Judicial Council staff submitted *Report on Allocation of Funding in 2023–24 for Support of New Judgeships Authorized in 2007–08*.

### Relevant Previous Reporting or Action

This report is submitted to the Legislature annually. Reports from previous fiscal years are available on the California Courts website’s “Reports to the Legislature” webpage at [www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm).

### Analysis/Rationale

Assembly Bill 159 (Jones; Stats. 2007, ch. 722) authorized 50 additional judgeships, on appropriation by the Legislature, to be allocated to various superior courts according to uniform criteria approved by the Judicial Council. Provision 11 of item 0250-101-0932 of the Budget Act of 2007 required the Judicial Council to report to the Legislature on January 1, 2008, and each January 1 thereafter, until all 50 judgeships were appointed and associated new staff hired.

In fiscal year 2022–23, all 50 judgeships authorized by AB 159 were funded by the Legislature. For fiscal year 2023–24, a total of \$59.7 million was allocated in support of new judgeships:

\$59.2 million for operations costs from the Trial Court Trust Fund for 54 courts and \$452,000 for facilities costs from the Court Facilities Trust Fund for the Superior Courts of Solano and Sonoma Counties. As of October 2023, all 50 of the authorized judgeships were appointed.

This is the final report to the Legislature because all 50 of the judgeships have been appointed and the reporting requirement per the Budget Act of 2007 has been fully met.

### **Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications**

None.

### **Attachments and Links**

1. Attachment A: *Report on Allocation of Funding in 2023–24 for Support of New Judgeships Authorized in 2007–08*



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*Re: Report on Allocation of Funding in 2023–24 for Support of New Judgeships Authorized in 2007–08, as required under the Budget Act of 2007*

Dear Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Contreras, and Ms. Parker:

Under provision 11 of item 0250-101-0932 of the Budget Act of 2007 (Stats. 2007, ch. 171), the Judicial Council is submitting the annual *Report on Allocation of Funding in 2023–24 for Support of New Judgeships Authorized in 2007–08*. This report details the continuous allocations of funding for support of the new judgeships authorized by Assembly Bill 159 (Jones; Stats. 2007, ch. 722) until all judgeships are appointed and new staff hired.

In fiscal year 2022–23, all 50 judgeships authorized by AB 159 were funded by the Legislature. For fiscal year 2023–24, a total of \$59.7 million was allocated in support of new judgeships: \$59.2 million for operations costs from the Trial Court Trust Fund for 54 courts and \$452,000 for facilities costs from the Court Facilities Trust Fund for 2 courts. As of October 2023, all 50 of the authorized judgeships were appointed.

The table below displays the fiscal year 2023–24 allocation of the ongoing funding for operations and facilities costs by individual court.

<b>2023–24 Allocation of Funding for New Judgeships</b>			
<b>Court</b>	<b>Operations</b>	<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Total</b>
Alameda	\$1,058,883		\$1,058,883
Amador	338,004		338,004
Butte	239,642		239,642
Calaveras	258,489		258,489
Contra Costa	1,081,989		1,081,989
Del Norte	157,767		157,767
El Dorado	105,826		105,826
Fresno	1,411,090		1,411,090
Glenn	237,292		237,292
Humboldt	100,046		100,046
Imperial	68,847		68,847
Inyo	101,856		101,856
Kern	1,416,963		1,416,963
Kings	245,882		245,882
Lake	148,867		148,867
Lassen	6,676		6,676
Los Angeles	20,060,940		20,060,940
Madera	284,459		284,459
Marin	167,506		167,506
Mariposa	166,462		166,462
Mendocino	89,208		89,208
Merced	413,415		413,415
Modoc	43,095		43,095
Mono	92,051		92,051
Monterey	551,314		551,314
Napa	111,503		111,503
Nevada	137,804		137,804
Orange	3,704,998		3,704,998
Placer	592,122		592,122
Plumas	133,971		133,971
Riverside	4,817,288		4,817,288
Sacramento	5,973,619		5,973,619
San Benito	321,938		321,938
San Bernardino	3,412,409		3,412,409

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2023–24 Allocation of Funding for New Judgeships			
San Diego	1,987,106		1,987,106
San Joaquin	1,678,121		1,678,121
San Luis Obispo	412,740		412,740
San Mateo	522,558		522,558
Santa Barbara	341,641		341,641
Santa Clara	1,054,784		1,054,784
Santa Cruz	286,571		286,571
Shasta	356,131		356,131
Siskiyou	81,831		81,831
Solano	416,385	\$201,750	618,135
Sonoma	644,062	250,250	894,312
Stanislaus	687,994		687,994
Sutter	264,115		264,115
Tehama	73,239		73,239
Trinity	14,524		14,524
Tulare	668,769		668,769
Tuolumne	57,391		57,391
Ventura	1,159,024		1,159,024
Yolo	438,669		438,669
Yuba	3,012		3,012
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$59,200,888</b>	<b>\$452,000</b>	<b>\$59,652,888</b>

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If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Director, Judicial Council Budget Services, at 916-263-1397 or [zlatko.theodorovic@jud.ca.gov](mailto:zlatko.theodorovic@jud.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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