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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Judicial Council: Executive and Planning Committee Report

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Executive Summary

As outlined in California Rules of Court, rule 10.11, the Executive and Planning Committee oversees the Judicial Council's meeting process and operating procedures, including agenda setting for council meetings, development of the council's long-range strategic plan for the judicial branch, and development of policies and procedures related to court facilities and communications with the branch. The committee is also charged with oversight of specific advisory bodies and directing the nominations process for vacancies on the council, its advisory bodies, and education committees. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the last Judicial Council internal committee written report, which was submitted for the council's July 12, 2024, business meeting.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Since the Judicial Council's July 12 meeting, the committee held one open meeting and conducted one action by email.

Agenda setting and other business

During its August 15, 2024, videoconference and its September 5, 2024, action by email, the committee set the agenda for the council's September 20 business meeting. The committee also conducted additional business during the videoconference, summarized below.

Subordinate judicial officer conversion: Superior Court of Calaveras County

The committee approved the recommendation from Office of Court Research staff and confirmed the request by the Superior Court of Calaveras County for an increase in the full-time equivalent (FTE) of the subordinate judicial officer position from 0.8 to 1.0 FTE.

CJER Advisory Committee Guidelines on Proposals From Other Advisory Committees and Task Forces That Include Education or Training

The committee approved the updated Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) Advisory Committee guidelines on proposals from other advisory committees.

Pretrial delays in sexually violent predator cases

The committee received an information-only item related to the study conducted by the Criminal Justice Services staff on pretrial delays in sexually violent predator (SVP) cases as outlined in *Camacho v. Superior Court* (2023) 15 Cal.5th 354. The report provides background on issues related to SVP case-processing delays, describes the SVP commitment process, identifies potential reasons for the delays, and provides suggestions for methods to potentially reduce case-processing time.