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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 meeting on January 19, 2024, and is exclusive of items on the March business meeting agenda.

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Budget Hearings

Staff and court leadership participated in budget subcommittee hearings for both the Assembly and Senate to present judicial branch proposals included in the 2024–25 Governor’s Budget, including remote hearings, self-help centers, and the Trial Court Trust Fund reserve cap.

Legislative Advocacy

The Legislature introduced 2,124 bills by the 2024 bill introduction deadline. Governmental Affairs legislative advocates are tracking and reviewing 781 bills that could impact the court system.

Expansion of Online Tool for Adjudicating Infraction Violations

The statewide expansion of the MyCitations application for online ability-to-pay determinations, as required by Assembly Bill 143, continued with deployment to superior courts in Mariposa, Santa Barbara, and Yuba Counties. Forty-three courts are now using the application. Implementation in the remaining 15 courts is planned for this fiscal year to meet the legislative deadline of June 30, 2024.

Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act

The Care Act Working Group reviewed progress in implementation, training, technical assistance, data collection, services, and support. A convening of the first implementation cohort (eight courts) brought together stakeholders to discuss lessons learned from the first five months of the program and next steps. Site visits were conducted at court, county behavioral health, and housing sites in Glenn, Los Angeles, and Stanislaus Counties. “Office hours” also were held to answer courts’ questions.

Court Facilities Management and Maintenance

Twenty-eight real estate transactions were completed involving event licenses, new revenue, new expenses, terminations, and Department of Rehabilitation permits in 13 counties. As of March 2024, there are 1,305 court facility modifications in progress at an estimated cost of \$484 million.

Labor and Employee Relations

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 16 trial courts, including side-letter negotiations, impact bargaining, and negotiations on memoranda of understanding. Additionally, support was provided on 24 labor- and employee-related matters.

Information Technology Modernization

Court technology self-assessments were completed and the 2024–25 Technology Grants and Programs Application was initiated, including three technology-related funding opportunities: the Information Technology Modernization Funding Program, Language Access Signage and Technology Grant, and Jury Management System Grant.

Emergency and Continuity of Operations Planning

A review of emergency and continuity of operations plans was provided at the request of two superior courts.

Audit Services

Fieldwork was completed for audits of the Superior Courts of Fresno, Madera, and Sonoma Counties.

Trial Court Year-End Tax Reporting

Trial courts using the Phoenix payroll system received annual notifications for year-end tax reporting relative to jurors, vendors, employee wage and tax statement information (W-2 forms) and associated Affordable Care Act documents.

Juvenile Judicial Resources and Technical Assistance Program

Reviews of juvenile case files were conducted in the Superior Courts of Los Angeles, Napa, Santa Barbara, San Diego, and San Francisco Counties to identify any legal issues and training needs.

Collaboration with Justice Stakeholders

Meetings with justice system partners included:

- *California Department of State Hospitals*: A meeting was held with the department on quality assurance plans for the incompetent to stand trial project, implementation of mental health diversion, communications with trial courts, and data availability for sexually violent predator commitment types.
- *Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health*: Staff presented on youth courts and the [Youth Court Toolkit](#).

Advisory Bodies

Advisory Committee Nominations Solicitation

Annual application solicitations for membership of Judicial Council advisory and education committees were disseminated branchwide and to justice partners to fill 141 advisory committee positions and 109 education committee positions for terms commencing in September 2024.

The following standing Judicial Council advisory committees convened since the January 2024 business meeting:

1. Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
2. Appellate Advisory Committee
3. Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee
4. Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
5. Civil Jury Instructions Advisory Committee
6. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
7. Court Executives Advisory Committee
8. Court Interpreters Advisory Panel
9. Court Security Advisory Committee
10. Criminal Law Advisory Committee
11. Data Analytics Advisory Committee

12. Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
13. Information Technology Advisory Committee
14. Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program Advisory Committee
15. Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee
16. Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
17. Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
18. Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee

Meeting Details

Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness

- *Ad Hoc Racial Justice Working Group*: Presented on the Racial Justice Toolkit to the joint session of the Trial Court Presiding Judges and Court Executives Advisory Committees.
- Received a presentation on the new [juror video on implicit bias awareness](#).

Appellate Advisory Committee

- Considered proposed rule and form changes for the spring cycle regarding the civil case information statement deadline, making extension-of-time forms mandatory, authorizing appellate courts to adopt local rules requiring additional materials be included in the clerk's transcript in felony appeals, clarifying the deadline for amicus briefs on appeal, and adopting optional form briefs for use in limited civil appeals.

Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee

- Provided an update on Assembly Bill 1846 (Judicial officers: training: sexual abuse and assault).
- Discussed caseload management education.
- Reviewed the educational needs assessment on the trial court appeals process.

Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee

- Considered proposals for the rules and forms spring cycle, including revisions to workplace violence and consumer debt forms to implement new laws, and amendments on tentative rulings.

Civil Jury Instructions Advisory Committee

- Considered proposals for jury instruction revisions and additions based on public comments, proposals from judges and lawyers, and developments in the law over the last six months. Proposals included potential new instructions addressing premises liability and fraud.

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee

- Received a presentation on the Judicial Council's Homeless Court Project toolkit, a collection of resources and tools created in the past year as part of a contract with the American Bar Association's Commission on Homelessness and Poverty to help California courts improve or start a homeless court. The collection of tools is online at: <https://www.courts.ca.gov/76203.htm> under "tools and resources."
- Discussed future training ideas and pending mental health legislation.

- *Mental Health Subcommittee*: Received an update from the Ad hoc Workgroup on Education, and reviewed legislative bills that impact collaborative justice efforts, including providing psychiatric medication and mental competency evaluations to inmates.
- *Juvenile Subcommittee*: Received a briefing on Senate Bill 1005, which for certain offenses would authorize a juvenile probation officer, with the consent of the minor and the minor's parent, to refer an offense to youth court.

Court Executives Advisory Committee

- Approved an update to the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System data reporting guidelines.
- Received updates on the Racial Justice Toolkit, CARE Act planning, and the Power of Democracy Civic Learning Initiative.
- Received updates on budget, court reporting and the electronic recording process, Senate Bill 133 relating to minimum technology standards, and caseflow management/time to disposition.

Court Interpreters Advisory Panel

- Discussed the proposed public Invitation to Comment on rule and form changes necessitated by Assembly Bill 1032, which made significant changes and improvements to the Trial Court Interpreter Employment and Labor Relations Act.

Court Security Advisory Committee

- Discussed and approved 15 projects for installation and maintenance of electronic security equipment/systems in courts.
- Received an update on the status of trial court notifications and reporting on the development of court security plans, required under California Rule of Court, rule 10.172.

Criminal Law Advisory Committee

- Received approval from the Rules Committee to create a Pretrial Policy and Data Subcommittee to consider pretrial issues, including bail practices, pretrial release decisions, conditions of pretrial release, use of pretrial risk assessments, and development of any necessary rules, forms, and standards of judicial administration.

Data Analytics Advisory Committee

- Discussed the Trial Court Operational Metrics 2024 Report on metrics for time to disposition and backlog.
- Received an update on Resource Allocation Study ratios.
- Discussed how to increase education around caseflow management.

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee

- Received briefings on legislation and discussed invitations to comment for spring 2024 rules proposals, including Assembly Bill 92 (Juvenile Restraining Orders), changes to child custody forms, and the Standard of Judicial Administration on funding allocations related to Senate Bill 599 (Visitation Rights) and Assembly Bill 1058 (Child Support Program).

Information Technology Advisory Committee

- Approved the 2024 annual agenda.
- Approved the draft report to the Judicial Council proposing adoption of minimum technology standards necessary to permit remote participation in court proceedings, as required by Senate Bill 133 (Courts).
- Approved the Electronic Evidence Workstream Phase 2 report.
- Reviewed and approved proposed updates to the Trial Court Facilities Manual related to technology, including audiovisual requirements.
- Presented an educational session to chairs and lead staff of the Chief Justice’s Artificial Intelligence Working Group.

Judicial Branch Workers’ Compensation Program Advisory Committee

- Approved the fiscal year 2024–25 premium distribution for courts.

Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee

- Discussed supported decision-making and its use with different populations during the conservatorship process, and the CARE Act.
- *Conservatorship Subcommittee*: Discussed revisions to conservatorship forms.

Traffic Law Advisory Committee

- Discussed and recommended rule changes to numerous traffic forms and rule 4.107 of the California Rules of Court regarding reminder notices; revisions to ability-to-pay forms; revocation of duplicative forms for online payment; and pending legislation that impacts traffic law and procedure.

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Considered recommendations for:
 - Allocating Access to Visitation Grant Program funding for 2024–25 through 2026–27;
 - Increasing the 2023–24 allocation from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund for required education for new judges;
 - Updating the current policy for the “Funds Held on Behalf of the Trial Courts” Program;
 - The California Court Interpreter Workforce Pilot Program;
 - The Minimum Operating and Emergency Reserve Policy; and
 - Allocations for the 2023–24 Dependency Counsel Collections Program and expected unspent program funding.
- Determined the final 2025–26 budget change concept proposals.
- *Funding Methodology Subcommittee*: Considered current workload formula definitions for various funding allocations and began discussions related to potential final budget outcomes.

Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee

- Authorized expenditures of \$14,228,259 and an additional \$296,767 for security-related projects.

Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee

- Received updates on the Racial Justice Toolkit, CARE Act planning, and the Power of Democracy Civic Learning Initiative.
- Held joint educational sessions with the Court Executives Advisory Committee on information technology, emergency preparedness, and workload/estimate-based funding.
- Received an update on current budget conditions.

Judicial Branch Education

The following courses and programs for judicial officers, court personnel, and justice system partners were created, updated, or delivered during this reporting period:

Summary

Judicial Education

1. Experienced Assignment Courses: Advanced Topics in Felony Sentencing, Death Penalty Trials, Environmental Law, Fundamentals of Felony Sentencing, Immigration Issues in Domestic Violence Cases, Homicide Trials
2. New Judge Orientation
3. Primary Assignment Orientation: Juvenile Justice
4. Qualifying Judicial Ethics
5. Supervising Judge Institute

Judicial Officer, Court Employee, and Justice Partner Programs

6. Advanced Core 40 for Supervisors and Managers
7. Core Leadership and Training Skills
8. Court Security
9. Court Self-Help Center and Family Law Facilitator Staff Weekly Training
10. Family Court Services
11. Firearm Relinquishment Grant Program
12. Helping Families Move Forward: Strategies and Tools for Equitable Advocacy in Dependency Practice
13. Indian Child Welfare Act for Sacramento County Bench Officers
14. Institute for Court Management: Budget and Fiscal Management
15. Legislative Analysis
16. Power BI Data Visualization
17. Preparing Appellate Court Attorneys for Leadership
18. Presiding Judge and Court Executive Officer Court Management Institute
19. Skelly Officer
20. Title IV-E Law and Process
21. Train the Trainer: Ergonomic Risk Management
22. Trial Court Judicial Attorney Institute

Distance Education

Videos

- 23. Ensuring Socioeconomic Fairness
- 24. The California Jury System: Past, Present, and Future

Webinars

- 25. Childhood Sexual Assault and Recovered Memory Cases Under CCP § 340.1
- 26. Gang Law Update
- 27. Leading Innovative Courts
- 28. Near Passer Interpreter Trainings for Aspiring Court Interpreter Candidates
- 29. Preparing a Record for Appeal
- 30. Pretrial Court Staff Brown Bag
- 31. Sexual Harassment Prevention for Judicial Officers, Managers, and Supervisors
- 32. Teaching From the Bench
- 33. Trauma-Informed Care and the CARE Act: Judicial Officer Training
- 34. Trends Shaping the Future of Child Welfare
- 35. Trial Court Appellate Division Basics
- 36. “Wouldn’t Be Prudent...”

Podcasts

- 37. Ensuring Socioeconomic Fairness
- 38. How Judicial Decisions Affect Funding Streams in Juvenile Court
- 39. Psychiatric Medication in the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems: Red Flags

Online Course Updates

- 40. Everyday Court Practices: File Stamping

Publications Updates

- 41. Benchguide 74: Sentencing Guidelines for Common Misdemeanors and Infractions
- 42. Benchguide 117: Juvenile Justice Court: Transfer of Jurisdiction Hearing
- 43. Handbook: Felony Sentencing
- 44. Handbook: Mandatory Criminal Jury Instructions

Detail

Advanced Core 40 for Managers and Supervisors

For experienced supervisors and above who have either attended Core 40: Basic Training for Supervisors and Managers or have supervised for at least one year.

Childhood Sexual Assault and Recovered Memory Cases Under CCP § 340.1

The intricacies of managing child sexual abuse cases, from pretrial through trial and adjudication.

Core Leadership and Training Skills

Opportunity for lead and senior clerks to build and improve leadership and training skills while interacting with peers from other counties.

Court Self-Help Center and Family Law Facilitator Staff Weekly Training

Eviction cases, and the CARE Act.

Court Security

Court security training services requested by a superior court.

Ensuring Socioeconomic Fairness

Video and podcast on resources and strategies for ensuring socioeconomic fairness and access.

Everyday Court Practices: File Stamping

Basics on file stamping documents for courtroom and office or counter personnel.

Experienced Assignment Courses

- *Advanced Topics in Felony Sentencing*: Complexities of advanced sentencing scenarios and alternative sentencing schemes.
- *Death Penalty Trials*: Specialized issues likely to present a risk of mistrial or reversal.
- *Environmental Law*: The intersection of climate and environmental law, including United States Supreme Court environmental litigation, climate science, indigenous land and water law, water equity, and recent legislation.
- *Fundamentals of Felony Sentencing*: Practice-based learning, including hypotheticals in the areas of realignment, probation, and fines and fees.
- *Immigration Issues in Domestic Violence Cases*: Using domestic violence as a case study, an exploration of the ethical implications when immigration issues arise in various court proceedings.
- *Homicide Trials*: Substantive homicide law, the law regarding special circumstances and other complex issues common in homicide cases, and effective court management techniques necessary to hear a homicide case.

Family Court Services

Trainings included: Access to Visitation Grant Program, Supervised Visitation, the Art of Mediation, and Providing a Neutral Balance in Developing Parenting Plans.

Firearm Relinquishment Grant Program

Data collection requirements and procedures for court and law enforcement participants.

How Judicial Decisions Affect Funding Streams in Juvenile Court

How juvenile court decisions regarding placement and permanency result in different amounts of financial assistance to caregivers, proposed guardians, prospective adoptive parents, and nonminor dependents.

Gang Law Update

New developments in laws related to prosecution of gang-related crimes and evidence.

Helping Families Move Forward: Strategies and Tools for Equitable Advocacy in Dependency Practice

For juvenile dependency stakeholders in Santa Clara County.

Indian Child Welfare Act: Sacramento County Bench Officers

Historical trauma, present-day tribal justice systems, and tribal resources.

Institute for Court Management: Budget and Fiscal Management

The building blocks of finance and how to plan, prepare, review, present, execute, and monitor a budget.

Leading Innovative Courts

Perspectives and practical strategies for new court executive officers for creating a culture of innovation and technology adoption to achieve greater efficiencies within courts and expand access and services to the public.

Legislative Analysis

How to perform the different aspects of legislative analysis, what advocates look for when reviewing bills, and how to participate in the legislative process.

Near Passer Interpreter Trainings for Aspiring Court Interpreter Candidates

Webinar for candidates who came close to passing the Bilingual Interpreting Examination.

New Judge Orientation

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

Power BI Data Visualization

Trainings on using Power BI.

Preparing Appellate Court Attorneys for Leadership

Leadership competencies necessary to be effective leaders and how to develop skills within current roles.

Preparing a Record for Appeal

Webinar training for Los Angeles dependency lawyers, conducted by council staff to the Judicial Resources and Technical Assistance Project with assistance from the Los Angeles office of the California Appellate Project.

Presiding Judge and Court Executive Officer Court Management Institute

Overview and discussion of individual and collective court governance and leadership responsibilities.

Pretrial Court Staff Brown Bag

Court representatives explain how to use pretrial funding to support judicial officers who make pretrial release decisions and ensure conditions to address public safety.

Primary Assignment Orientation: Juvenile Justice

Law and procedure, including an examination of issues relating to competency, psychotropic medications, LGBTQ youth, reproductive health care, and unique ethical issues.

Psychiatric Medication in the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems: Red Flags

How to make informed judicial decisions on requests to approve psychiatric medication for children in juvenile justice and dependency.

Qualifying Judicial Ethics Program

Core judicial ethics for judicial officers enrolled in the Commission on Judicial Performance insurance program.

Sexual Harassment Prevention for Judicial Officers, Managers, and Supervisors

Sexual harassment prevention from the perspective of an individual with authority and influence in a workplace. Meets training requirement mandate.

Skelly Officer Training

The legal and constitutional background underlying *Skelly* due process requirements and procedural elements and steps in the *Skelly* review process.

Supervising Judge Institute

Leadership, ethical responsibilities, and effective communication.

Teaching From the Bench

Strategies from similarly assigned judicial officers on how to effectively educate those attending court.

The California Jury System: Past, Present, and Future

Overview of the jury process, a review of the history of juries, and a look at contemporary reforms, programs, and challenges.

Title IV-E Reimbursement for Legal Representation for Children and Parents

For juvenile dependency and delinquency judges and court-appointed attorneys in Sacramento.

Train the Trainer: Ergonomic Risk Management

Maintaining musculoskeletal health and well-being, and how to conduct office ergonomic evaluations.

Trauma-Informed Care and the CARE Act

Webinar for judicial officers on strategies to incorporate trauma-informed care into the CARE Act process.

Trends Shaping the Future of Child Welfare

Webinar for juvenile court stakeholders to discuss the environment leading to rapid change in the child welfare system.

Trial Court Appellate Division Basics

The essentials of a trial court appellate assignment, including jurisdiction, appealability, timeliness, standards of review, key issues, and common case types.

Trial Court Judicial Attorney Institute

Updates on substantive law and procedure, and discussion on refining skills and sharing innovative ideas.

“Wouldn’t Be Prudent...”

Review of prudent investing in the context of guardianships, conservatorships, trusts, and estate proceedings.

Judicial Council Staffing Metrics

As of February 29, 2024

STAFFING	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	Judicial Council
Authorized Position (FTE)	14.00	13.00	10.00	9.00	66.00	61.00	24.00	97.13	53.50	31.00	206.00	155.00	34.00	147.00	61.00	981.63
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	10.00	11.00	8.00	7.00	59.50	47.50	21.00	76.63	48.00	27.00	127.00	146.00	26.00	132.00	50.00	796.63
Headcount - Employees	10	11	8	7	60	48	21	77	48	27	127	146	26	132	50	798.00
Vacancy (FTE)	4.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	6.50	13.50	3.00	20.50	5.50	4.00	79.00	9.00	8.00	15.00	11.00	185.00
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	28.6%	15.4%	20.0%	22.2%	9.8%	22.1%	12.5%	21.1%	10.3%	12.9%	38.3%	5.8%	23.5%	10.2%	18.0%	18.85%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	11.00
Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	7.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.8	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	65.80
TOTAL WORKFORCE (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	10.00	14.00	8.00	7.00	60.50	48.50	23.00	81.63	48.00	31.00	187.80	146.00	27.00	134.00	54.00	880.43

See following page for definition of terms.

Staffing Category	Definition
Authorized Position (FTE)	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)	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 authorized positions minus the number of filled authorized positions.
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	The number of authorized positions divided by the number of vacant authorized positions, excluding temporary employees ("909" funded employees). See Judicial Council Temporary Employees, below.
Judicial Council Temporary Employees (909)	An employee whose salary is not funded through the Budget Act and who may receive benefits if employed at least half-time and the term of employment is for more than six months. A 909 position 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 because of the unavailability of an authorized vacant position. Types of "909" Temporary Employees include retired annuitants, who are hired by their 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 Workers (FTE)	Workers from/employees of an employment agency who provide short-term support.
Contractor (FTE)	Individuals augmenting the work of the organization and providing services for a limited period 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)	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 year 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: Employee has no established work schedule and works 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	A position that is funded through the Budget Act with a specific end date. The position is counted as an authorized position. Employees in limited-term positions may be regular or temporary.

Judicial Appointments and Vacancies Report

Judicial Appointments

The Governor made 16 new judicial appointments since the January Judicial Council meeting:
 Superior Courts: Alameda (3), Los Angeles (5), Orange (1), Riverside (1), Sacramento (1),
 San Bernardino (1), San Francisco (1), Solano (1), Stanislaus (1), Ventura (1).

Judicial Vacancy Roster Report

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant as of **March 1, 2024**

Type of Court	Number of Courts	Number of Judgeships				
		Authorized	Filled	Vacant	Filled (Last Month)	Vacant (Last Month)
Supreme Court	1	7	7	0	7	0
Courts of Appeal	6	106	100	6	100	6
Superior Courts	58	1,755	1,665	90	1,677	78
All Courts	65	1,868	1,772	96	1,784	84

NOTE: Vacancies occurring in the current reporting month are highlighted below in **yellow**.

Judicial Vacancies: Appellate Courts

Appellate District	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Justice to be Replaced	Last Day
1st District	3			
Division One		Retired	Hon. Sandra Lynn Margulies	12/11/2023
Division Two		Elevated	Hon. Therese M. Stewart	11/30/2022
Division Four		Elevated	Hon. Tracie L. Brown	04/07/2023
2nd District	1			
Division Seven		Retired	Hon. Dennis M. Perluss	11/15/2023
3rd District	1			
Third Appellate District		Elevated	Hon. Laurie M. Earl	07/10/2023
4th District	1			
Division Two		Retired	Hon. Marsha G. Slough	08/31/2023
TOTAL APPELLATE COURT VACANCIES	6			

Judicial Vacancies: Superior Courts

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
Colusa	1			
		Retired	Hon. Jeffrey A. Thompson	12/01/2023
Contra Costa	3			
		Retired	Hon. Jill C. Fannin	02/16/2024
		Retired	Hon. Laurel S. Brady (Lindenbaum)	11/01/2023
		Retired	Hon. Leslie G. Landau	10/08/2023
Fresno	2			
		Retired	Hon. Timothy A. Kams	04/30/2023
		Retired	Hon. Jon N. Kapetan	04/12/2023
Kern	1			
		Retired	Hon. Stephen D. Schuett	12/29/2023
Los Angeles	17			
		Retired	Hon. Paul A. Bacigalupo	02/22/2024
		Retired	Hon. Steven D. Blades	02/21/2024
		Retired	Hon. Amy M. Pellman	02/20/2024
		Retired	Hon. Tomson T. Ong	02/20/2024
		Retired	Hon. Malcolm H. Mackey	01/02/2024
		Retired	Hon. Michael I. Levanas	10/13/2023
		Retired	Hon. David A. Rosen	09/11/2023
		Retired	Hon. Stephen A. Marcus	08/09/2023
		Retired	Hon. H. Chester Horn, Jr.	08/01/2023
		Transferred	Hon. Michael C. Kelley	07/24/2023
		Retired	Hon. John H. Ing	07/15/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Helen Zukin	07/09/2023

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
		Retired	Hon. Zaven V. Sinanian	07/07/2023
		Retired	Hon. Allen Joseph Webster, Jr.	06/29/2023
		Retired	Hon. Mark A. Borenstein	06/29/2023
		Retired	Hon. Rafael A. Ongkeko	06/27/2023
		Retired	Hon. Hernan D. Vera	06/19/2023
Madera	1			
		Retired	Hon. Thomas L. Bender	12/31/2023
Mendocino	1			
		Retired	Hon. Jeanine B. Nadel	01/01/2024
Merced	2			
		Transferred	Hon. David Hood	10/09/2023
		Retired	Hon. David W. Moranda	04/24/2023
Modoc	1			
		Retired	Hon. Francis W. Barclay	09/13/2023
Napa	2			
Napa		Retired	Hon. Victoria D. Wood	02/02/2024
		Elevated	Hon. Monique Langhorne Wilson	12/07/2023
Nevada	1			
		Retired	Hon. Linda J. Sloven	02/08/2024
Orange	11			
		Retired	Hon. Brett G. London	01/31/2024
		Retired	Hon. James Edward Rogan	11/05/2023
		Retired	Hon. Peter J. Wilson	11/01/2023
		Retired	Hon. Douglas Hatchimonji	10/15/2023
		Retired	Hon. Stephanie George	08/31/2023

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
		Retired	Hon. Matthew S. Anderson	08/22/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Martha K. Gooding	05/19/2023
		Retired	Hon. Gregg L. Prickett	08/25/2022
		Retired	Hon. James J. Di Cesare	05/06/2022
		Retired	Hon. John L. Flynn III	03/09/2022
		Retired	Hon. Jacki C. Brown	02/02/2022
Placer	1			
		Retired	Hon. Eugene S. Gini, Jr.	12/01/2023
Riverside	4			
		Retired	Hon. Mark E. Johnson	02/20/2024
		Retired	Hon. Mark Ashton Cope	10/11/2023
		Retired	Hon. John G. Evans	09/27/2023
		Retired	Hon. Dale R. Wells	12/27/2022
Sacramento	10			
		Retired	Hon. James M. Mize	01/11/2024
		Retired	Hon. Allen H. Sumner	11/30/2023
		Retired	Hon. Paul L. Seave	08/18/2023
		Retired	Hon. Gerrit W. Wood	04/15/2023
		Retired	Hon. Patrick Marlette	03/31/2023
		Retired	Hon. R. Steven Lapham	03/27/2023
		Retired	Hon. Sharon A. Lueras	03/14/2023
		Retired	Hon. John P. Winn	02/28/2023
		To Fed Court	Hon. Daniel J. Calabretta	02/21/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Shama Hakim Mesiwala	02/14/2023
San Bernardino	4			

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
		Retired	Hon. Michael R. Libutti	02/21/2024
		Retired	Hon. Teresa M. Bennett	07/31/2023
		Retired	Hon. Ingrid Adamson Uhler	07/15/2023
		Retired	Hon. Lorenzo R. Balderrama	03/05/2023
San Diego	8			
		Retired	Hon. Patricia Garcia	02/29/2024
		Retired	Hon. Harry L. Powazek	01/11/2024
		Retired	Hon. John S. Meyer	07/17/2023
		Retired	Hon. Gary M. Bubis	06/09/2023
		Retired	Hon. Desiree A. Bruce-Lyle	05/05/2023
		Retired	Hon. Peter L. Gallagher	04/28/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Jose Scher Castillo	04/07/2023
		Elevated	Hon. David M. Rubin	03/30/2023
San Francisco	1			
		Retired	Hon. Loretta M. Giorgi	01/01/2024
San Joaquin	3			
		Retired	Hon. Jose L. Alva	08/31/2023
		Retired	Hon. Robin Appel	03/31/2023
		Retired	Hon. Bernard J. Garber	02/28/2023
San Mateo	2			
		Retired	Hon. Marie S. Weiner	02/29/2024
		Elevated	Hon. Danny Y. Chou	06/23/2023
Santa Clara	6			
		Retired	Hon. Nona L. Klippen	02/29/2024
		Retired	Hon. James E. Towery	05/17/2023

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		Retired	Hon. Kenneth Paul Barnum	04/30/2023
		Retired	Hon. Patricia M. Lucas	04/26/2023
		Retired	Hon. Shelyna V. Brown	04/12/2023
		Retired	Hon. Deborah A. Ryan	02/28/2023
	1			
		Transferred	Hon. Yvette Durant	01/03/2022
Solano	1			
		Retired	Hon. Earl Bradley Nelson	06/28/2023
Stanislaus	1			
		Deceased	Hon. Ann Q. Ameral	06/18/2023
Tulare	2			
		Retired	Hon. Brett R. Alldredge	01/05/2024
		Retired	Hon. Walter L. Gorelick	11/30/2023
Ventura	2			
		Retired	Hon. Bruce A. Young	12/06/2023
		Retired	Hon. Manuel J. Covarrubias	04/30/2023
Yolo	1			
		Retired	Hon. David Rosenberg	12/30/2023
TOTAL VACANCIES	90			
STATEWIDE TOTAL	96			

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant: February 2022–February 2024

	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
Month	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
Feb-22	1,755	1,631	124	7.1%	106	95	11	10.4%
Mar-22	1,755	1,643	112	6.4%	106	95	11	10.4%
Apr-22	1,755	1,636	119	6.8%	106	95	11	10.4%
May-22	1,755	1,637	118	6.7%	106	93	13	12.3%
Jun-22	1,755	1,637	118	6.7%	106	90	16	15.1%
Jul-22	1,755	1,627	128	7.3%	106	90	16	15.1%
Aug-22	1,755	1,623	132	7.5%	106	92	14	13.2%
Sep-22	1,755	1,624	131	7.5%	106	92	14	13.2%
Oct-22	1,755	1,634	121	6.9%	106	92	14	13.2%
Nov-22	1,755	1,636	119	6.8%	106	92	14	13.2%
Dec-22	1,755	1,644	111	6.3%	106	92	14	13.2%
Jan-23	1,755	1,656	99	5.6%	106	90	16	15.1%
Feb-23	1,755	1,650	105	6.0%	106	91	15	14.2%
Mar-23	1,755	1,650	105	6.0%	106	91	15	14.2%
Apr-23	1,755	1,628	127	7.2%	106	95	11	10.4%
May-23	1,755	1,647	108	6.2%	106	95	11	10.4%
Jun-23	1,755	1,646	109	6.2%	106	97	9	8.5%
Jul-23	1,755	1,655	100	5.7%	106	100	6	5.7%
Aug-23	1,755	1,659	96	5.5%	106	99	7	6.6%
Sep-23	1,755	1,652	103	5.9%	106	100	6	5.7%
Oct-23	1,755	1,666	89	5.1%	106	100	6	5.7%
Nov-23	1,755	1,662	93	5.3%	106	99	7	6.6%
Dec-23	1,755	1,673	82	4.7%	106	98	8	7.5%
Jan-24	1,755	1,666	89	5.1%	106	100	6	5.7%
Feb-24	1,755	1,665	90	5.1%	106	100	6	5.7%

Percentage of Superior Court Judgeships Vacant: February 2022–February 2024

