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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 July 15, 2022, meeting, and is exclusive of items on the September business meeting agenda.

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Redesigned Online Self-Help Portal

The Pew Charitable Trusts cited the Judicial Council’s redesigned [online self-help portal](#) as a model for other state courts. The report pointed to the value of seeking direct feedback from litigants and court staff for the redesign. Pew’s analysis highlighted that, “From September 2021 through July 2022, the site served more than 1.1 million users total, and the number of monthly users has more than quadrupled. When comparing the new portal with the separate self-help pages on the court’s website, more users return to the portal and are less likely to leave the website without viewing additional pages.”

Judicial Administration Fellowship Program

The 2022–23 class of 10 judicial administration fellows began their year of service with the judicial branch. This year’s fellows will serve at the Superior Courts of Butte, Los Angeles, Nevada, Orange, Placer, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Francisco, and San Mateo Counties, and at the Judicial Council. The program, now in its 26th year, is led by the Center for California Studies at Sacramento State University with the Judicial Council serving as the judicial branch sponsor.

Judicial Branch Budget

Ten budget change proposals, seven capital outlay budget change proposals, and 12 capital outlay concept papers, approved by the council, were submitted to the Department of Finance for consideration in the 2023–24 Governor’s Budget.

Judicial Resources and Technical Assistance

File reviews of juvenile cases were conducted in the courts at El Dorado, Mendocino, Merced, and San Luis Obispo Counties to identify any legal issues and training needs.

Labor and Employee Relations

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 23 trial courts on 48 matters. Services included side letter negotiations, impact bargaining, and successor memoranda of understanding negotiations.

Court Facilities

- Fifteen real estate transactions were completed involving new or renewed leases and licenses, event licenses, terminations, joint occupancy agreements, and permits for 17 courts: San Bernardino, Stanislaus, Los Angeles, Butte, Alameda, Riverside,
- Status of facility modifications as of September 1, 2022:

<i>Status</i>	<i>Number of Modifications</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
Awaiting Shared Cost	11	\$20,604,709
In Work	1017	\$441,483,629
<i>Total</i>	<i>1028</i>	<i>\$462,088,338</i>

Collaboration with Justice Stakeholders

Examples of recent stakeholder collaborations with the Judicial Council include meetings with:

- California Department of Health Care Services Justice-Involved Advisory Workgroup: Input on key policy and implementation issues, including 90-day pre-release services.

- California Department of State Hospitals: Develop an interagency agreement focused on improving the quality of forensic evaluator reports used by the courts to make determinations about a defendant’s competency to stand trial.
- Probation Advisory Committee of the Chief Probation Officers of California: Answered questions on court process and procedures for foster youth specifically related to the Family First Prevention and Services Act.
- State Department of Finance: Bi-weekly meetings regarding State Fiscal Recovery Fund reporting requirements and updates regarding American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Advisory Bodies

The following Judicial Council advisory bodies convened remotely since the council’s July 2022 meeting:

1. Ad Hoc Workgroup on Post-Pandemic Initiatives
2. Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch
3. Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
4. Appellate Advisory Committee
5. Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee
6. Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
7. Civil Jury Instructions Advisory Committee
8. Code of Civil Procedure Section 367.9 (Remote Civil Court Proceedings) Working Group
9. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
10. Court Executives Advisory Committee
11. Court Security Advisory Committee
12. Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
13. Information Technology Advisory Committee
14. Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee
15. Traffic Law Advisory Committee
16. Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
17. Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
18. Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee
19. Tribal Court–State Court Forum

Meeting Details

Ad Hoc Workgroup on Post-Pandemic Initiatives

- Received updates on the concepts referred to applicable advisory committees and reviewed recommendations of the Code of Civil Procedure Section 367.9 Working Group on civil remote proceedings.

Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch

- Recommended revisions to the Judicial Branch Contracting Manual to (1) align court procurement practices with comparable state standards pertaining to Disabled Veteran

Business Enterprise firms, and (2) update information on encumbering spending authority when preparing and executing contracts.

Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness

- Discussed allocation of the Equal Access Fund and the work of the Language Access Subcommittee.
- *Legislative Working Group*: Received briefings from Judicial Council Governmental Affairs on regulation of legal document assistants and unlawful detainer assistants, Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act funding, and use of technology to appear in court (Senate Bill 848).
- *Racial Justice Working Group*: Continued evaluation of sources for an online Racial Justice Toolkit to assist trial courts.

Appellate Advisory Committee

- Approved the annual agenda for 2022–23.

Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee

- Received a report on the July Judicial College program, and an update on the proposed modifications to education-related rules of court.
- Considered proposed revisions to streamline and clarify objectives, roles, and responsibilities of the advisory committee and its curriculum committees.
- Discussed modifying membership of the Judicial Branch Access, Ethics, and Fairness Curriculum Committee to include court administrators and staff.

Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee

- Approved an Invitation to Comment to recirculate name change forms with proposed revisions needed with the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 421 (Change of gender and sex identifier).
- Considered two protective order forms proposals on a special cycle to implement the provisions of AB 1621 (Prohibits individuals subject to civil restraining orders from having firearm parts).

Civil Jury Instructions Advisory Committee

- Considered proposals to revise *Judicial Council of California Civil Jury Instructions* based on public comments, proposals from judges and lawyers, and developments in the law over the last six months. These included potential new instructions on meal and rest breaks under the Labor Code.

Code of Civil Procedure Section 367.9 (Remote Civil Proceedings) Working Group

- Members presented challenges and successes of remote proceedings in various case types, including general civil, family law, juvenile delinquency and dependency, small claims, unlawful detainers, and use of court interpreters.
- Received updates on the Internet Technology Advisory Committee’s Hybrid Workstream, Court Reporters Board of California, and the \$30 million allocated to the Judicial Council to address the court reporter shortage in civil and family cases.

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee

- Discussed proposed legislation, including AB 1630 (Competence to Stand Trial) and Senate Bill (SB) 848 (Use of technology to appear in court).
- Received updates on a webinar re: Assisted Outpatient Treatment Due Process.
- *Juvenile Subcommittee*: Provided guidance for a series of planned webinars on mental health concerns for court-involved and at-risk youth.

Court Executives Advisory Committee

- Discussed a proposed joint subcommittee with the Information Technology Advisory Committee to review and comment on security-related recommendations.
- Received updates on court technology modernization funding and the Franchise Tax Board memorandum of understanding relating to SB 592 (Jury service).

Court Security Advisory Committee

- Discussed the Security Systems Program on installation and maintenance of electronic security equipment.
- Approved 10 new and two amended projects for service calls, consultant contracts, and asbestos and lead paint surveys.
- Approved an out-of-cycle proposal to request that the Judicial Council Legislation Committee consider an official comment on Commercial Surveillance and Data Security Rulemaking.

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee

- Considered a draft report on legislative changes needed to bring California into compliance with federal child support regulations, amendments to guidelines for the dependency counsel collections program, a proposed invitation to comment on the Secure Youth Treatment Facility Offense-Based Classification Matrix, and the annual agenda for the upcoming year.

Information Technology Advisory Committee

- Received updates on (1) the project to migrate the Computer-Aided Facilities Management System to the Cloud, and (2) the California Courts Translator Program, which provides real-time voice-to-text transcription and translation outside the courtroom at court clerk windows and self-help centers.

Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee

- *Legislative Subcommittee*: Received a briefing from Judicial Council Governmental Affairs on SB 1338 (Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act).

Traffic Law Advisory Committee

- Discussed pending legislation, including AB 2746 (Driving suspension changes), SB 1096 (Traffic school violations), and various administrative changes to current traffic law statutes.

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Approved recommendations to be considered by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee for: (1) the 2022–23 allocation methodology of trial court backfill funding related to the repeal of fees authorized by AB 177, and (2) 2022–23 allocations of \$30 million in court reporter funding to increase the number of court reporters in family law and civil law case types, and \$7 million for increased transcript rates.

Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee

- Authorized modification expenditures of \$16,176,015 and an additional \$136,400 for security-related projects.
- Approved the fiscal year 2022–23 Facility Modification Program budget, Trial Court Facility Modifications Quarter 4 Report, annual summary of facility modifications for fiscal year 2021–22, and the Five-Year Deferred Maintenance Report for Fiscal Year 2022–23 for submission to the Department of Finance.
- Received updates on court funded requests, trial court real estate expense and revenue forecasts for fiscal year 2022–23, facilities maintenance performance, plumbing leak assessments and mitigation, deferred maintenance projects, and projects in the Architectural Revolving Fund.

Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee

- Discussed judicial officer security.
- *Joint meeting with Court Executives Advisory Committee:* Received updates on the Community Assistance Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court program, superior court data trends relative to reporting requirements, the Temporary Assigned Judges Program, and AB 199 (Civil assessments) implementation.

Tribal Court-State Court Forum

- Received presentations on the “Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report: Relevance for Child Welfare and Courts,” by Hon. Patricia Lenzi, Chief Judge of the Chemehuevi Tribal Court; and “California Truth and Healing Council: Update and Judicial Branch Issues,” by Christina Snider, Tribal Affairs Secretary to Governor Gavin Newsom.

Judicial Branch Education

Summary

Judicial Education

Programs/Courses

1. Annual B. E. Witkin Judicial College of California
2. Legal and Ethical Responsibilities Under the Americans with Disabilities Act
3. New Judge Orientation
4. Probate and Mental Health Institute
5. Qualifying Judicial Ethics Core Course
6. Special Needs Trusts
7. The Current State of the Unlawful Detainer COVID-19 Moratorium

Podcasts

8. Legal Updates: Criminal Law and Juvenile Justice
9. Case Transfers
10. Digital Judge: Cryptocurrency

Videos

11. Legal Update: Family Law
12. Achieving Behavioral Change in Juvenile Court Using Motivational Interviewing Techniques
13. Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act Call Demonstration
14. Accounting for Securities

Judicial Officer, Court Employee, and Justice Partner Education and Training Programs Programs/Courses

15. Addressing Economic Hardship Key to Preventing Child Welfare System Involvement
16. Complex Care
17. Core 40: Basic Court Administration Training for Supervisors and Managers
18. Core Leadership and Training Skills
19. Cyber Security Education
20. Family Court Services Directors, Managers, Supervisors, and Court Administrators Trainings
21. Institute for Court Management: Accountability and Court Performance
22. Introduction to Excel
23. Pretrial Pilot Projects and Pretrial Release Program
24. Report Writing for Probate Investigators
25. Sexual Harassment Prevention for Judicial Officers, Managers, and Supervisors
26. Statewide Judicial Branch Budget Training

Videos

27. Fostering Civility in the Workplace

Publications Updates

Benchbooks:

28. Civil Proceedings—Before Trial
29. Civil Proceedings—Trial
30. Domestic Violence Cases in Criminal Court

Benchguides:

31. *Faretta* and *Marsden* Issues
32. Competence to Stand Trial
33. Driving Under the Influence Proceedings

Details

Addressing Economic Hardship Key to Preventing Child Welfare System Involvement

State and local policy related to economic and concrete support (for judicial officers, attorneys, court staff, and other child welfare stakeholders).

Annual B. E. Witkin Judicial College

All new judges, commissioners, and referees must attend the Judicial College.

Complex Care Series

Needs of youth who require services from multiple systems. Provided in partnership with the California Department of Social Services and Children's Law Center.

Core 40—Basic Court Administration Training for Supervisors

Practical information to improve the overall performance of staff.

Core Leadership and Training Skills

Course for lead and senior clerks.

Cybersecurity Education

Proactive insider risk management to raise awareness that cyber threats emerging from inside an organization are as common as external threats.

Family Court Services Directors, Managers, Supervisors, and Court Administrators Trainings

Trauma-informed practices, innovations, and efficiencies.

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 (for court professionals with varying levels of involvement with a court's budget).

Legal and Ethical Responsibilities Under the Americans with Disabilities Act

Responding to disability issues with dignity, flexibility, and an understanding of applicable laws.

New Judge Orientation

Introduces 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.

Pretrial Pilot Projects and Pretrial Release Program

Six-part training series for superior court judicial officers and staff, probation officers, and other pretrial justice system partners on topics ranging from arraignments to variations in local procedures. In partnership with the Center for Effective Public Policy Advancing Pretrial Policy and Research Project and the Chief Probation Officers of California.

Probate and Mental Health Institute

Probate court matters, including decedents' estates, trusts, probate conservatorships and guardianships, and proceedings.

Qualifying Judicial Ethics Program

Mandatory core course.

Report Writing for Probate Investigators

Skills in report writing and handling complex guardianship and conservatorship cases.

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.

Special Needs Trusts

Overview of special needs trusts and how they arise in probate court.

Statewide Judicial Branch Budget Training

Statewide Collections Reporting Template training for more than 200 court and county participants on collection, distribution, and discharge of court-ordered debt.

Unlawful Detainer COVID-19 Moratorium

Update on the law regarding the COVID-19 unlawful detainer moratorium.

Staffing Metrics

As of August 31, 2022

STAFFING	Executive Division				Leadership Services Division		Operations & Programs Division					Administrative Division				Judicial Council
	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	
Authorized Position (FTE)	14.00	13.00	10.00	9.00	66.00	61.00	23.00	89.30	51.50	31.00	190.00	151.00	38.00	147.00	56.00	949.80
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	11.00	10.00	7.00	6.00	58.50	42.40	14.00	70.55	42.00	24.00	102.00	136.00	27.00	123.00	48.00	721.45
Headcount - Employees	11	10	7	6	59	43	14	71	42	24	102	136	27	123	48	723.00
Vacancy (FTE)	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	7.50	18.60	9.00	18.75	9.50	7.00	88.00	15.00	11.00	24.00	8.00	228.35
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	21.4%	23.1%	30.0%	33.3%	11.4%	30.5%	39.1%	21.0%	18.4%	22.6%	46.3%	9.9%	28.9%	16.3%	14.3%	24.04%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	9.00
*Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	12.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	58.80	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	62.80
TOTAL WORKFORCE (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	11.00	11.00	7.00	6.00	58.50	43.40	17.00	79.55	42.00	25.00	164.80	138.00	28.00	124.00	50.00	805.25

See following page for definition of terms.

Definitions:

Authorized Position (FTE)	Authorized positions include 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)	Filled authorized positions are 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 vacancies is the number of authorized positions minus the number of filled authorized positions.
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	Vacancy Rate is calculated by dividing the number of authorized positions by the number of vacant authorized positions. This number excludes temporary employees ("909" funded employees). See definition of temporary employees below.
Judicial Council Temporary Employees (909)	The "909" category is the State Controller code used to reference a temporary position or a temporary employee. 909 Position - it is a position that may not be funded through the Budget Act and it 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 due to the unavailability of an authorized vacant position. 909 Employee - An employee whose salary is not funded through the Budget Act. 909 employees may receive benefits if employed at least half-time and the term of employment is for more than six months. Types of "909" Temporary Employees include: Retired Annuitants: A retired annuitant is a retiree who is hired by his or her 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 Worker (FTE)	These are workers from an employment agency. They are employees of the employment agency that provide short-term support.
Contractor (FTE)	Individuals augmenting the work of the organization and providing services for a limited period of time 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)	Full Time Equivalency is 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 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: Employees have no established work schedule and work 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	Limited Term Position – It is a position that is funded through the Budget Act with a specific end date. The position is counted as an authorized position. Employee in limited term positions may be regular or temporary.

Judicial Appointments and Vacancies Report

Judicial Appointments: The Governor made 20 new judicial appointments since the July Judicial Council meeting.

Courts of Appeal: Supreme Court (2), and Fourth Appellate District (1).

Superior Courts: Alameda (1), Fresno (2), Imperial (1), Los Angeles (2), Mariposa (1), Orange (1), Placer (1), San Bernardino (1), San Diego (1), San Joaquin (1), Santa Clara (3), Sonoma (1), and Ventura (1).

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled and Vacant as of **September 1, 2022**

TYPE OF COURT	NUMBER OF COURTS	NUMBER OF JUDGESHIPS				
		Authorized	Filled	Vacant	<i>Filled (Last Month)</i>	<i>Vacant (Last Month)</i>
Supreme Court	1	7	7	0	7	0
Courts of Appeal	6	106	92	14	90	16
Superior Courts	58	1,780	1,623	132	1,627	128
All Courts	65	1,893	1,722	146	1,724	144

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 In Office
First District, Division Four	3	Elevated	Hon. Jeremy M. Goldman	8/10/2022
First District, Division One		Resigned	Hon. Gabriel P. Sanchez	1/22/2022
First District, Division Two		Retirement	Hon. J. Anthony Kline	12/15/2021
First District, Division Five		Retirement	Hon. Henry E. Needham, Jr.	5/31/2022
Second District, Division 1	5	Elevated	Hon. Hernaldo J. Baltodano	8/10/2022
Second District, Division One		Removed	Hon. Jeffrey W. Johnson	1/27/2021
Second District, Division Three		Retirement	Hon. Halim Dhanidina	3/31/2021
Second District, Division Six		Retirement	Hon. Steven Z. Perren	7/31/2022
Second District, Division Seven		Retirement	Hon. Laurie D. Zelon	8/31/2020
Second District, Division Eight		Elevated	Hon. Maria E. Stratton	5/17/2022
Third District	2	Elevated	Hon. Stacy E. Boulware	8/3/2022
Third District		Retirement	Hon. Coleman A. Blease	6/7/2022
Third District		Retirement	Hon. Vance W. Raye	5/31/2022
Fourth District, Division One	3	Elevated	Hon. Patricia Guerrero	3/22/2022
Fourth District, Division Three		Retirement	Hon. Richard D. Fybel	3/31/2022

Fourth District, Division Three		Retirement	Hon. David A. Thompson	10/15/2021
Sixth Appellate District	1	Retirement	Hon. Franklin D. Elia	6/30/2022
TOTAL VACANCIES	14			

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: SUPERIOR COURTS

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day In Office
Alameda	5	Retirement	Hon. Trina Thompson	8/17/2022
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Leopoldo E. Dorado	5/25/2022
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Winifred Younge Smith	12/2/2021
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Allan D. Hymer	10/29/2021
Alameda		Elevated	Hon. Victor A. Rodriguez	10/13/2021
Contra Costa	5	Retirement	Hon. Anita L. Santos	7/20/2022
Contra Costa		Retirement	Hon. Theresa J. Caepa	6/28/2022
Contra Costa		Retirement	Hon. Steven K. Austin	4/7/2022
Contra Costa		Retirement	Hon. Lewis A. Davis	4/15/2021
Contra Costa		Retirement	Hon. Judy Johnson	4/2/2021
El Dorado	1	Retirement	Hon. Suzanne N. Kingsbury	12/31/2021
Fresno	3	Newly Created Position	Budget Act of 2022	7/1/2022
Fresno		Newly Created Position	Budget Act of 2022	7/1/2022
Fresno		Elevated	Hon. Ana I. de Alba	6/21/2022
Imperial	1	Retirement	Hon. Juan Ulloa	3/1/2022
Kern	6	Newly Created Position	Budget Act of 2022	7/1/2022
Kern		Newly Created Position	Budget Act of 2022	7/1/2022
Kern		Retirement	Hon. Michael E. Dellostritto	4/4/2022
Kern		Retirement	Hon. David R. Lampe	3/14/2022
Kern		Retirement	Hon. Robert S. Tafoya	4/30/2021
Kern		Retirement	Hon. Craig Philips	2/26/2021
Kings	2	Newly Created Position	Budget Act of 2022	7/1/2022
Kings		Retirement	Hon. Donna L. Tarter	10/29/2021
Los Angeles	15	Retirement	Hon. Fred N. Wapner	7/14/2022
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Fred J. Fujioka	6/29/2022
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Amy D. Hogue	6/29/2022
Los Angeles		To Fed Court	Hon. Sherilyn P. Garnett	6/24/2022
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Holly E. Kendig	6/23/2022
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Daniel J. Buckley	5/2/2022
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. William D. Stewart	3/31/2022
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Randall F. Pacheco	3/18/2022
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. John P. Doyle	3/10/2022
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Susan Lopez-Giss	3/4/2022
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Paul T. Suzuki	3/2/2022
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Cynthia L. Ulfing	2/28/2022

Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Leslie E. Brown	2/21/2022
Los Angeles		To Federal Court	Hon. Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong	2/6/2022
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Kathleen A. Kennedy	12/6/2021
Madera	2	Newly Created Position	Budget Act of 2022	7/1/2022
Madera		Retirement	Hon. Mitchell C. Rigby	6/30/2022
Mariposa	1	Retirement	Hon. F. Dana Walton	1/31/2021
Merced	1	Retirement	Hon. John D. Kirihara	9/7/2021
Monterey	2	Retirement	Hon. Larry E. Hayes	6/4/2022
Monterey		Retirement	Hon. Lydia M. Villarreal	4/28/2021
Nevada	1	Retirement	Hon. Thomas M. Anderson	8/5/2022
Orange	14	Retirement	Hon. Gregg L. Prickett	8/25/2022
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Gregory H. Lewis	8/17/2022
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Cheryl L. Leininger	6/29/2022
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Robert James Moss	6/10/2022
Orange		Retirement	Hon. James J. Di Cesare	5/6/2022
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Nancy E. Zeltzer	5/4/2022
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Fred W. Slaughter	4/19/2022
Orange		Retirement	Hon. John L. Flynn III	3/9/2022
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Frank Ospino	2/14/2022
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Jacki C. Brown	2/2/2022
Orange		Elevated	Hon. Maurice Sanchez	1/6/2022
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Kirk H. Nakamura	11/12/2021
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Charles Margines	10/1/2021
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Joy Wiesenfeld Markman	9/30/2021
Placer	1	Newly Created Position	Budget Act of 2022	7/1/2022
Riverside	7	Retirement	Hon. Burke Strunsky	7/29/2022
Riverside		Newly Created Position	Budget Act of 2022	7/1/2022
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Riverside		Newly Created Position	Budget Act of 2022	7/1/2022
Riverside		Newly Created Position	Budget Act of 2022	7/1/2022
Riverside		Retirement	Hon. Sunshine S. Sykes	6/13/2022
Riverside		Retirement	Hon. Thomas H. Cahraman	3/18/2022
Sacramento	7	Elevated	Hon. Stacy Boulware Eurie	8/3/2022
Sacramento		Newly Created Position	Budget Act of 2022	7/1/2022
Sacramento		Newly Created Position	Budget Act of 2022	7/1/2022
Sacramento		Retirement	Hon. Michael A. Savage	6/28/2022
Sacramento		Retirement	Hon. Russell L. Hom	6/28/2022
Sacramento		Retirement	Hon. Kevin R. Culhane	3/15/2022
Sacramento		Elevated	Hon. Laurie M. Earl	1/6/2022
San Bernadino	15	Retirement	Hon. Arthur Harrison	7/22/2022
San Bernadino		Newly Created Position	Budget Act of 2022	7/1/2022
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San Bernadino		Retirement	Hon. John M. Tomberlin	6/22/2022
San Bernadino		Retirement	Hon. Stanford E. Reichert	6/3/2022
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. David A. Williams	4/30/2022
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Christopher B. Marshall	2/17/2022
San Bernardino		Deceased	Hon. Eric M. Nakata	1/12/2022
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Ronald M. Christianson	4/30/2021
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Elia V. Pirozzi	4/22/2021
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Donna G. Garza	4/16/2021
San Diego	4	Retirement	Hon. Joseph P. Brannigan	6/28/2022
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Frederic L. Link	6/20/2022
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Lorna A. Alksne	4/14/2022
San Diego		To Fed Court	Hon. Jinsook Ohta	12/27/2021
San Francisco	2	Retirement	Hon. Harold E. Kahn	8/24/2022
San Francisco		Retirement	Hon. Angela M. Bradstreet	2/18/2022
San Joaquin	4	Retirement	Richard J. Guiliani	8/31/2022
San Joaquin		Retirement	Elizabeth Humphries	7/12/2022
San Joaquin		Newly Created Position	Budget Act of 2022	7/1/2022
San Joaquin		Retirement	Hon. Roger Ross	6/29/2021
San Luis Obispo	4	Retirement	Hon. Charles S. Crandall	8/31/2022
San Luis Obispo		Elevated	Hon. Hernaldo J. Baltodano	8/3/2022
San Luis Obispo		Retirement	Hon. Dodie A. Harman	6/30/2022
San Luis Obispo		Retirement	Hon. Ginger E. Garrett	10/13/2021
San Mateo	1	Retirement	Hon. Gerald J. Buchwald	4/1/2022
Santa Barbara	3	Retirement	Hon. Timothy J. Staffel	7/15/2022
Santa Barbara		Retirement	Hon. James K. Voysey	6/30/2022
Santa Barbara		Retirement	Hon. James E. Herman	12/31/2021
Santa Clara	7	Retirement	Hon. Paul O. Colin	3/4/2022
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Katherine Lucero	1/14/2022
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Joseph Huber	12/13/2021
Santa Clara		Elevated	Hon. Cynthia C. Lie	8/30/2021
Santa Clara		Elevated	Hon. Charles E. Wilson II	8/30/2021
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Linda R. Clark	4/30/2021
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. James L. Stoelker	3/26/2021
Santa Cruz	1	Retirement	Hon. John Steven Salazar	4/25/2022
Shasta	1	Retirement	Hon. Daryl E. Kennedy	7/1/2022
Sierra	1	Transferred	Hon. Yvette Durant	1/3/2022
Sonoma	5	Retirement	Hon. Arthur A. Wick	7/31/2022
Sonoma		Retirement	Virginia G. Marcoida	2/14/2022
Sonoma		Retirement	Hon. Jamie E. Thistlethwaite	10/6/2021
Sonoma		Retirement	Hon. Nancy Case Shaffer	7/5/2021
Sonoma		Retirement	Hon. Barbara Phelan	1/31/2021
Stanislaus	2	Newly Created Position	Budget Act of 2022	7/1/2022
Stanislaus		Retirement	Hon. Thomas D. Zeff	12/22/2021
Sutter	1	Newly Created Position	Budget Act of 2022	7/1/2022

Tulare	3	Newly Created Position	Budget Act of 2022	7/1/2022
Tulare		Retirement	Hon. Michael B. Sheltzer	12/31/2021
Tulare		Retirement	Hon. Gary L. Paden	9/8/2021
Tuolumne	2	Retirement	Hon. Kate Powell Segerstrom	1/31/2022
Tuolumne		Retirement	Hon. Donald I. Segerstrom, Jr.	12/31/2021
Ventura	2	Retirement	Hon. John R. Smiley	8/1/2022
Ventura		Retirement	Hon. William Q. Liebmann	5/7/2021
TOTAL VACANCIES	132			

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant, August 2020–August 2022 (two years)*

Month	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
Aug-20	1,754	1,646	108	6.2%	106	102	4	3.8%
Sep-20	1,754	1,635	119	6.8%	106	101	5	4.7%
Oct-20	1,754	1,625	129	7.4%	106	101	5	4.7%
Nov-20	1,754	1,642	112	6.4%	106	101	5	4.7%
Dec-20	1,754	1,669	85	4.8%	106	101	5	4.7%
Jan-21	1,755	1,662	93	5.3%	106	100	6	5.7%
Feb-21	1,755	1,655	100	5.7%	106	99	7	6.6%
Mar-21	1,755	1,659	96	5.5%	106	99	7	6.6%
Apr-21	1,755	1,642	113	6.4%	106	98	8	7.5%
May-21	1,755	1,639	116	6.6%	106	98	8	7.5%
Jun-21	1,755	1,630	125	7.1%	106	95	11	10.4%
Jul-21	1,755	1,641	114	6.5%	106	98	8	7.5%
Aug-21	1,755	1,633	122	7.0%	106	96	10	9.4%
Sep-21	1,755	1,647	108	6.2%	106	97	9	8.5%
Oct-21	1,755	1,640	115	6.6%	106	96	10	9.4%
Nov-21	1,755	1,658	97	5.5%	106	98	8	7.5%
Dec-21	1,755	1,649	106	6.0%	106	97	9	8.5%
Jan-22	1,755	1,639	116	6.6%	106	95	11	10.4%
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	1,780	1,623	132	7.4%	106	92	14	13.2%

* As of September 1, 2022

Note: Growth in number of Authorized Judicial Positions reflects SJO conversions, as well as newly funded positions via the 2022-23 Budget Act. Since 2007, 157 SJO positions have been converted to judgeships.

Percent of Judgeships Vacant Between August 2020 and August 2022 in the Superior Courts

