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Friday, July 18, 2025

10:05 AM

San Francisco

CLOSED SESSION (RULE 10.6(b))—PLANNING, PERSONNEL, AND DISCUSSION PROTECTED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero, Chair of the Judicial Council, called the closed session to order at 9:00 a.m.

OPEN SESSION (RULE 10.6(a))—MEETING AGENDA

Attendance

Council Members

- Present:** 27 - Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero, Justice Carol A. Corrigan, Administrative Presiding Justice Brad R. Hill, Justice Stacy Boulware Eurie, Justice Carin T. Fujisaki, Justice Joan K. Irion, Presiding Judge Maureen F. Hallahan, Presiding Judge Maria D. Hernandez, Presiding Judge Lisa M. Rogan, Presiding Judge Tamara L. Wood, Assistant Presiding Judge Ricardo R. Ocampo, Judge Khymberli S. Apaloo, Judge Maria Lucy Armendariz, Judge C. Todd Bottke, Judge Kyle S. Brodie, Judge Charles S. Crompton, Judge Judith K. Dulcich, Judge Ann C. Moorman, Assembly Member Ash Kalra, Ms. Kate Bieker, Ms. Rachel W. Hill, Mr. Charles Johnson, Ms. Gretchen Nelson, Mr. Darrel E. Parker, Mr. Craig M. Peters, Mr. Maxwell V. Pritt, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki
- Absent:** 3 - Presiding Judge Bunmi O. Awoniyi, Commissioner Ryan Davis, and Senator Thomas J. Umberg

Call to Order

Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero, Chair of the Judicial Council, called the open session to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Judicial Council Board Room.

Public Comment

Written comments were provided to the council members and filed in the record. Mr. Michael Schaefer, Mr. Phillip Sanders and Mr. Kai On addressed the council on general matters of judicial administration. Mr. Alex Harris and Mr. Scott Jalowiec addressed the council on item 25-107, Jury Instructions | Civil Jury Instructions (release 47).

Chief Justice's Report

Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero reported on her activities since the last council meeting.

Administrative Director's Report

[25-003](#)

Administrative Director's Report

Administrative Director Michelle Curran reported on some of the many activities Judicial Council staff engaged in to further the council's strategic goals and priorities for the judicial branch since the last business meeting, exclusive of items on the July meeting agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion to approve all of the following items on the Consent Agenda was made by Judge Moorman and seconded by Justice Corrigan. The motion was adopted.

[25-008](#)

Minutes of April 25, 2025, Judicial Council Meeting

[25-117](#)

Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts | Funding for Court Reporters in Family Law and Civil Law Case Types (Action Required)

Summary: Senate Bill 170 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240), which amended the Budget Act of 2021, included a \$30 million ongoing General Fund to the Judicial Council for establishing a methodology to allocate funding to all trial courts to increase the number of court reporters in family law and civil cases. The budget language in the Budget Act of 2022 and ongoing expanded the use of this funding; however, these changes do not impact how these funds are allocated to the courts. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving an allocation of the ongoing \$30 million to all trial courts, as specified, for fiscal year 2025-26.

Recommendation: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 18, 2025, approve the \$30 million allocation to the trial courts as outlined in Attachment A.

[25-123](#)

Child Support | AB 1058 Program Funding Methodologies and Fiscal Year 2025-26 Funding Allocations (Action Required)

Summary: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends allocating funds for the Assembly Bill 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program based on the current funding methodologies, with updated workload and population data. The workload-based funding methodology of the Child Support Commissioner program was implemented in fiscal year (FY) 2019-20, the

population-based funding methodology of the Family Law Facilitator program was implemented in FY 2021-22, and the underlying data for both are updated every two years. The committee also recommends approving base and federal drawdown allocations for the AB 1058 program funding for FY 2025-26. The funds are provided through a cooperative agreement between the California Department of Child Support Services and the Judicial Council and requires the council to annually approve these funding allocations.

Recommendation: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 18, 2025:

1. Approve the committee's recommended base allocation for the Child Support Commissioner program for FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27, as described below and set forth in Attachment A, maintaining the current funding methodology approved by the council in 2019 with updated workload data.
2. Approve the committee's recommended base allocation for the Family Law Facilitator program for FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27, as described below and set forth in Attachment B, maintaining the current funding methodology approved by the council in 2021 with updated population data.
3. Approve the committee's recommendation for FY 2025-26 AB 1058 program funding for the courts composed of the base funding allocations derived from recommendations 1 and 2 and federal drawdown funding based on the methodology adopted by the Judicial Council in January 2019, as set forth in Attachments C and D.

[25-120](#)

Collaborative Justice | Fiscal Year 2025-26 Substance Abuse Focus Grant and Dependency Drug Court Augmentation Grant Funding (Action Required)

Summary: The Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council allocate the Substance Abuse Focus Grant (SAFG) Program's fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 funds to the trial courts using the population-based methodology approved in September 2023. The Budget Act of 2025 allocated \$1.16 million for the SAFG Program to the superior courts to maintain, expand, or enhance collaborative courts. A total of \$75,000 in federal Court Improvement Program funds is also available in FY 2025-26 to fund dependency drug courts.

Recommendation: The Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 18, 2025, approve the distribution of grants from the Collaborative Justice Courts SAFG Program and the Dependency Drug Court Augmentation for FY 2025-26 to courts as allocated by the population-based methodology approved at the Judicial Council meeting on September 19, 2023, as outlined in Attachment A.

[25-122](#)**Court Facilities | Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan and Capital-Outlay Budget Change Proposals for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Action Required)**

Summary: The Court Facilities Advisory Committee recommends approval of the *Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan* and nine capital-outlay budget change proposals for fiscal year (FY) 2026-27 for submission to the state Department of Finance. The five-year plan forms the basis for capital project funding requests for the upcoming and outlying fiscal years, and the budget change proposals reflect funding requested for the phases of the projects in year 1 (FY 2026-27) of the plan.

Recommendation: The Court Facilities Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 18, 2025:

1. Approve the *Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan for Fiscal Year 2026-27*;
2. Approve the nine capital-outlay budget change proposals for FY 2026-27; and
3. Direct staff to submit the plan and the nine budget change proposals to the state Department of Finance.

[25-115](#)**Judicial Branch Technology | IT Modernization Funding, Fiscal Year 2025-26 (Action Required)**

Summary: The fiscal year 2025-26 judicial branch budget includes IT Modernization local court grant funding of approximately \$12.5 million to trial and appellate courts. This funding is allocated to courts through an application process to support projects that align with the judicial branch's technological goals and allow individual courts to expand their use of technology to best meet their particular business needs.

Recommendation: The Technology Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 21, 2025, allocate approximately \$12.5 million to trial and appellate courts in fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 for judicial branch technology modernization. The proposed allocations are included as Attachment A, IT Modernization Funding Local Court Grants: Proposed Allocations for FY 2025-26. The allocations are based on an evaluation of funding requests for proposed projects submitted by the courts and a methodology that considers technology priorities identified for the year, funding one high-priority project for small courts and a pro rata distribution of the remaining funds to courts for approved projects.

[25-114](#)**Judicial Branch Technology | Jury Management System Grants, Fiscal Year 2025-26 (Action Required)**

Summary: The Judicial Council Technology Committee recommends approving the proposed allocations of the \$500,000 Jury Management System Grant. The goal of the Jury Management System Grant is to improve juror experience and reduce court resource needs by enhancing access to information. For fiscal year 2025-26, 12 trial courts submitted grant applications for a total of 15 projects.

Recommendation: The Technology Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 18, 2025, approve the proposed allocations of the \$500,000 Jury Management System Grant and direct Judicial Council staff to work on intrabranch agreements with each awarded court.

[25-107](#)

Jury Instructions | Civil Jury Instructions (release 47) (Action Required)

Summary: The Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions recommends approval of new and revised civil jury instructions and verdict forms prepared by the committee. Among other things, these changes bring the instructions up to date with developments in the law over the previous six months. Upon Judicial Council approval, the instructions will be published in the midyear supplement to the official 2025 edition of the *Judicial Council of California Civil Jury Instructions*.

Recommendation: The Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 18, 2025, approve for publication under rules 2.1050 and 10.58 of the California Rules of Court:

1. Revisions to 15 instructions and verdict forms: CACI Nos. 1621, 1803, 1804A, 1804B, 1805, 3066, VF-3035, 3704, 3713, 4013, 4306, 4307, 4409, 4601, and 4602; and
2. Addition of 2 instructions and 2 verdict forms: CACI Nos. 1013, VF-1003, 1930, and VF-1930.

[25-106](#)

Juvenile Law | Fiscal Year 2025-26 Funding Allocations for Court Appointed Special Advocate Local Assistance (Action Required)

Summary: The fiscal year 2025-26 judicial branch budget includes \$2.713 million for Judicial Council Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) grants. The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends the Judicial Council allocate \$2.713 million to fund 45 CASA programs serving 52 counties and approximately 10,470 children statewide.

Recommendation: The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 18, 2025, allocate the \$2.713 million in total grant funds for fiscal year 2025-26 using the amended funding methodology approved by the council on July 12, 2024. Proposed allocations are detailed in Attachment A.

[25-069](#)

Language Access Plan | Allocations for Signage and Technology Grant Program, Cycle 7, Fiscal Year 2025-26 (Action Required)

Summary: The Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness and the Information Technology Advisory Committee recommend approving proposed grant awards for the Language Access Signage and Technology Grant Program of \$2.35 million to improve services and expand language access for court users. For Cycle 7 (fiscal year 2025-26), 17 courts applied for and will be awarded grants for signage and technology projects.

- Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness and the Information Technology Advisory Committee recommend that the Judicial Council, effective July 18, 2025:
1. Approve the proposed allocations of \$707,792 for signage and \$1,642,208 for technology, totaling \$2.35 million for the Language Access Signage and Technology Grant Program for fiscal year 2025-26; and
 2. Direct staff to work with Branch Accounting and Procurement to draft and execute intrabranch agreements with each awarded court.

25-108**Rules and Forms | Adjustment to Deposit Account Exemption from Enforcement of Judgment (Action Required)**

Summary: The Code of Civil Procedure requires the dollar amount of the exemption for a judgment debtor's deposit account to be adjusted annually in July to reflect increases in the minimum basic standard of care for a family of four. Judicial Council staff recommend revising the form that lists the dollar amounts of exemptions from enforcement of judgment to reflect the updated figure for deposit accounts.

Recommendation: Judicial Council staff recommend that the Judicial Council, effective July 21, 2025, revise *Current Dollar Amounts of Exemptions From Enforcement of Judgments* (form EJ-156) to reflect increases in the minimum basic standard of care for a family of four.

25-118**Trial Court Budget | Fiscal Year 2025-26 Allocation of Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act Funding (Action Required)**

Summary: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) recommends allocation of \$32.9 million to trial courts for fiscal year 2025-26 included in the Budget Act of 2025 for the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act. The allocation may change based on final appropriations included in the enacted Budget Act.

Recommendation: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends the Judicial Council, effective July 18, 2025:

1. Approve the continuation of all elements of the allocation methodology approved in fiscal year (FY) 2023-24, including employing the Workload Formula and the funding base already defined; and
2. Approve an allocation of \$32.9 million, with base funding and pro rata distribution of remaining funds, to fund trial court operations related to the CARE Act for FY 2025-26.

[25-033](#)**Trial Court Budget | State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Allocations for Fiscal Year 2025-26
(Action Required)**

Summary: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving (1) allocations for fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund in the amount of \$47.9 million, and (2) the delegation of authority to the Administrative Director of the Judicial Council to authorize baseline technical adjustments to Judicial Council-approved allocations. With the proposed allocations, the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund is projected to end FY 2025-26 with a fund balance of \$31.3 million, of which approximately \$29.3 million will be unrestricted. The allocations will provide the necessary funding for specific programs and services for the trial courts, and the delegation of authority will allow for greater efficiency in the implementation of required budgetary adjustments.

Recommendation: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee, with Judicial Branch Budget Committee approval on April 24, 2025, recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 18, 2025:

1. Approve a total of \$47.9 million in allocations for FY 2025-26 from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund; and
2. Approve the delegation of authority to the Administrative Director to authorize baseline technical adjustments to Judicial Council-approved allocations, up to a maximum of 10 percent of specific allocations, to allow for the efficient implementation of required budgetary adjustments.

The requested allocations and difference from the FY 2024-25 allocation value, by Judicial Council office, are as follows:

- \$433,000 to Audit Services, an increase of \$34,000;
- \$305,000 to Branch Accounting and Procurement, an increase of \$3,000;
- \$8,000 to Budget Services, a decrease of \$10,000;
- \$5.5 million to Center for Families, Children & the Courts, an increase of \$66,000;
- \$2.8 million to Center for Judicial Education and Resources, an increase of \$638,000;
- \$9,000 to Criminal Justice Services, no change;
- \$23,000 to Human Resources, an increase of \$23,000;
- \$34.2 million to Information Technology, an increase of \$653,000;
- \$2.3 million to Legal Services, a decrease of \$439,000;
- \$2.3 million to Leadership Support Services, an increase of \$296,000; and
- \$9,000 to Research, Analytics, and Data, no change.

DISCUSSION AGENDA[25-035](#)**Trial Court Budget | Allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund and Trial Court Allocations for Fiscal Year 2025-26
(Action Required)**

Summary: Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(A) requires the Judicial Council to make a preliminary allocation for the trial courts in July and finalize allocations in January of each fiscal year. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends the Judicial Council allocate \$3.076 billion to the trial courts, which includes \$2.958 billion from the Trial Court Trust Fund and \$117.8 million from the General Fund, for fiscal year (FY) 2025-26. The allocation reflects the \$55 million ongoing reduction to trial court operations included in the Budget Act of 2024.

The proposed allocations, current revenue projections, and estimated savings from FY 2024-25 appropriations will result in a fund balance of \$151.8 million (\$41.7 million is unrestricted) in the Trial Court Trust Fund for FY 2025-26.

Recommendation: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 18, 2025:

1. Approve the standard annual updates to the Workload Formula model, including updated filings, salary, benefits, operating expenditures and equipment, Bureau of Labor Statistics data, and court executive officer salary data, and continue to use the existing 2017 caseweights in the Workload Formula calculations for FY 2025-26. This results in a statewide funding percentage of 85.9 percent;
2. Approve the deferral of the updated 2024 caseweights in the Workload Formula calculations to FY 2026-27 to allow time for evaluation of the changes in the weights and their impact on funding allocations to the trial courts;
3. Approve base, discretionary, and nondiscretionary program allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund and General Fund in the amount of \$3.076 billion, including any needed technical adjustments and contingent on funding included in the enacted budget for FY 2025-26:
 - a. General Fund allocation of \$68.8 million for employee benefits; and
 - b. As a subset of the \$3.076 billion total allocation, a Workload Formula allocation of \$2.571 billion based on methodologies approved by the Judicial Council; and
4. Approve the delegation of authority to the Administrative Director of the Judicial Council to authorize baseline technical adjustments for Trial Court Trust Fund allocations, up to a maximum of 10 percent of specific allocations, to allow for the efficient implementation of required budgetary adjustments.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Judge Moorman and seconded by Judge Bottke. The motion was adopted.

[25-032](#)**Trial Court Budget | Allocation Methodologies for Potential Future Funding Reductions and Restorations (Action Required)**

Summary: The Workload Formula is the Judicial Council-approved policy by which certain funding is allocated to the trial courts to support funding equity, stability, and predictability. The policy does not include methodologies for addressing trial court funding reductions and restorations. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends updating the policy to incorporate allocation methodologies to address future budget situations including (1) budget reductions, (2) a funding restoration in the same fiscal year as the reduction occurred, and (3) a funding restoration that occurs in a future fiscal year following a reduction in a prior fiscal year. Establishing these policies will increase transparency regarding how funding is allocated to the trial courts so they can plan for changes in funding levels and allow the Judicial Council to address budget changes more efficiently going forward.

Recommendation: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 18, 2025:

1. Approve the reverse Workload Formula equity reduction allocation methodology without reduction limitation calculated on each court's Workload Formula allocation for any potential future funding reduction. This methodology will apply the reduction based on a court's size and position from the statewide average funding level. Courts surrounding the statewide average within a specified band will take a proportional reduction, courts above the band will take a larger reduction, and courts below the band take a lesser reduction;
2. Approve an allocation methodology for a restoration of funding that occurs in the same fiscal year the reduction took place based on a recalculation of the reduction using the initial methodology with the restored funding; and
3. Approve an allocation methodology for a restoration of funding in a *future fiscal year* that follows a reduction in a prior fiscal year based on the existing Judicial Council-approved Workload Formula methodology calculated on the Workload Formula need amount. In general, the Workload Formula allocates the first 50 percent of funding to courts under the statewide average and then the remaining 50 percent is allocated to all courts.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Judge Moorman and seconded by Mr. Yamasaki. The motion was adopted.

[25-034](#)

**Judicial Branch Budget | Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Change
Proposals for Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, Superior Courts,
Judicial Branch Facilities Program, and Judicial Council
(Action Required)**

Summary: To balance responsible investment in core programs and services provided by the judicial branch in the context of the state's multiyear projected deficit, the Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommends submitting 15 budget change proposals to the Department of Finance for consideration in the fiscal year 2026-27 Governor's Budget.

Recommendation: The Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 18, 2025, approve the following fiscal year 2026-27 budget change proposals (not in priority order) for submission to the Department of Finance in September 2025:

1. Inflationary Adjustment for Trial Courts (Consumer Price Index)--\$80 million General Fund;
2. Trial Court Equity Funding to Statewide Average--\$36.6 million General Fund;
3. Language Access in the California Courts--\$16.9 million General Fund;
4. Litigation Management Program--\$3 million General Fund;
5. Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal Court-Appointed Counsel Programs--\$27.7 million General Fund;
6. Courts of Appeal Security: Judicial Protection and Unarmed Guard Coverage--\$3.4 million General Fund;
7. Racial Justice Act Retroactivity for California Courts--\$19.8 million General Fund;
8. Continuation of Courts of Appeal Workload--\$6.1 million General Fund;
9. Capital Outlay Funding: Fiscal Years 2026-27 through 2030-31--\$668 million General Fund and Public Buildings Construction Fund;
10. Capital Outlay Projects Prioritization and Reassessment--\$4.5 million General Fund;
11. Orange Central Justice Center - Facility Modifications--\$40-\$60 million General Fund and \$4-\$6 million reimbursement authority;
12. Support for Judicial Branch Facility Modifications--\$38.5 million General Fund and reimbursement authority;
13. Support for Judicial Branch Facilities Maintenance and Utilities--\$74.8 million General Fund and reimbursement authority;
14. Trial Court Physical Security Assessment and Evaluation--\$2.8 million General Fund; and
15. Los Angeles Spring Street Courthouse - Courtrooms Relocation--\$42.4 million General Fund. Street Courthouse - Courtrooms Relocation--\$42.4 million

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Presiding Judge Hernandez and seconded by Mr. Yamasaki. Judge Moorman made a friendly amendment to add a 16th proposal of \$1.1 million in one-time General Fund for a comprehensive workload assessment of dependency representation to determine which factors in the existing methodology require revision for Court-Appointed Dependency Counsel. The motion was adopted.

[25-113](#) **Judicial Branch Technology | IT Modernization Program Success Stories (No Report. No Action Required.)**

Summary: The chairs of the Technology Committee will present success stories from the appellate and trial courts about how funding received from the IT Modernization program has improved access to justice.

[25-105](#) **Report to the Legislature | 2025 Language Need and Interpreter Use Study (No Action Required)**

Summary: Under Government Code section 68563, every five years the Judicial Council is required to submit to the Governor and the Legislature a study of language need and interpreter use in the superior courts. The *2025 Language Need and Interpreter Use Study*, prepared by the Judicial Council's Language Access Services, details interpreter usage in the superior courts for fiscal years 2020-21 through 2023-24 and projects future language need.

[25-109](#) **Rules and Forms | Judicial Branch Administration: Rule and Standard for Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Court-Related Work (Action Required)**

Summary: The Artificial Intelligence Task Force recommends adopting one rule of court and one standard of judicial administration to address the use of generative artificial intelligence for court-related work. The task force developed this proposal as part of its charge from the Chief Justice to oversee the development of policy recommendations on the use of artificial intelligence in the judicial branch. Adopting the proposed rule and standard will help promote responsible innovation in court operations while protecting confidential information, ensuring appropriate oversight, and maintaining public trust in the judicial branch.

Recommendation: The Artificial Intelligence Task Force recommends that the Judicial Council, effective September 1, 2025, adopt California Rules of Court, rule 10.430 and California Standards of Judicial Administration, standard 10.80, to address the use of generative artificial intelligence for court-related work.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Ms. Nelson and seconded by Justice Fujisaki. Mr. Pritt opposed the proposed rule and standard. The motion was adopted.

INFORMATION AGENDA (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

[25-125](#) **Child Support | Midyear Funding Reallocation for Fiscal Year 2024-25**

Summary: The Judicial Council is required to annually allocate non-Trial Court Trust Fund funds to the AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program and has done so since 1997. Funds for this program are provided through a cooperative agreement between the California Department of Child Support Services and the Judicial Council. Any funds unspent during the fiscal year revert to the state

General Fund and cannot be used in subsequent years. This report details the midyear reallocation of funding for the AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program for fiscal year 2024-25.

[25-121](#)**Judicial Council Update | Trial Court Facility Modifications Report for Quarter 3 of Fiscal Year 2024-25**

Summary: This informational report to the Judicial Council outlines the allocations of facility modification funding made to improve trial court facilities in the third quarter (January through March) of fiscal year 2024-25. To determine allocations, the Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee reviews and approves facility modification requests from across the state in accordance with the council's *Trial Court Facility Modifications Policy*.

[25-111](#)**Report to the Legislature | Court Realignment Data (Calendar Year 2024)**

Summary: Penal Code section 13155 requires Judicial Council staff, commencing January 1, 2013, to collect information from trial courts regarding the implementation of the 2011 Criminal Justice Realignment legislation and make the data available annually to the California Department of Finance (DOF), Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), and Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) by September 1. This is the 13th annual court realignment data report. It will be distributed to the DOF, BSCC, and JLBC. The report, *Court Realignment Data (Calendar Year 2024)*, is included as Attachment A to this report.

[25-116](#)**Report to the Legislature | Electronic Recording Equipment**

Summary: Under Government Code section 69958, the Judicial Council is required to report to the Legislature semiannually on the purchase and lease of any electronic recording equipment that will be used to record superior court proceedings. For the reporting period of July 1 through December 31, 2024, six courts reported a combined total of \$460,024 for the purchase of electronic recording equipment or related items. The Judicial Council's Policy and Research Office staff submitted this information to the Legislature, in *Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts (July 1 through December 31, 2024)*, in June 2025.

[25-110](#)**Report to the Legislature | Findings of Extraordinary Circumstances in 2024**

Summary: Under Welfare and Institutions Code section 6608.6(e), the Judicial Council is required to report annually to the Legislature about court findings of extraordinary circumstances in sexually violent predator cases. Judicial Council staff identified one such case in 2024. The attached letter to the Legislature describes the findings and grounds supporting those findings. The council will submit its annual report to the Legislature on or before July 18, 2025.

[25-015](#) **Report to the Legislature | Fiscal Year 2024-25 Funding for California Court Appointed Special Advocate Association**

Summary: The Budget Act of 2022 (Stats. 2022, ch. 45) amended the Judicial Council's Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) grant funding to include an additional \$60 million, to be paid in three increments over three years, to the California CASA Association for support of CASA programs across the state. On or before July 1, 2025, staff for the Judicial Council's Center for Families, Children & the Courts submitted to the Legislature *Report on California Court Appointed Special Advocate Association Funding Allocations and Program Development: Year Three*, in accordance with the requirements stated in the Budget Act of 2024.

[25-124](#) **Report to the Legislature | Shriver Civil Counsel Act Report**

Summary: On June 30, 2025, Judicial Council staff submitted a report to the Legislature on Shriver Civil Counsel Act funding, services, and outcomes in accordance with Assembly Bill 590 (Stats. 2009, ch. 457). Between fiscal years 2019-20 and 2023-24, the period covered by the report, 14 programs were allocated \$54.7 million.

[25-068](#) **Report to the Legislature | Trial Court Interpreters Program Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24**

Summary: On June 30, 2025, the Judicial Council's Language Access Services submitted the annual report on trial court interpreter expenditures to the Legislature and the Department of Finance. This report is required by the Budget Act of 2023 (Sen. Bill 101; Stats. 2023, ch. 12).

[25-112](#) **Trial Courts | Quarterly Investment Report for Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2024-25**

Summary: This quarterly investment report covers the period from January 1 through March 31, 2025, and provides the financial results for the funds invested by the Judicial Council on behalf of the trial courts as part of the judicial branch treasury program. The report is submitted under the Resolutions Regarding Investment Activities for the Trial Courts, approved by the Judicial Council on February 27, 2004.

Judicial Council Internal Committee Reports

[25-127](#) **Written Reports**

Appointment Orders

[25-091](#) **Appointment Orders since the last business meeting.**

Adjournment

With the meeting's business completed, the Chief Justice adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:31 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Administrative Director Michelle Curran, Secretary to the Judicial Council,
on October 24, 2025.*