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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 January 21, 2022, meeting, and is exclusive of items on the March business meeting agenda.

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Annual Judicial Demographics Report

The Judicial Council published the 16th annual report on judicial demographics for the state, showing a continued increase in judicial diversity for California’s bench. Government Code section 12011.5(n) requires the council to collect and release aggregate data relative to the gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and veteran and disability status of California state court justices and judges, by specific jurisdiction each calendar year. As of December 31, 2021:

- 38.6 percent of judicial officers across all court levels identify as female, a slight increase over the prior year and an increase of more than 11 percent since 2006—the first year that data were collected for this purpose.
- The bench also has continued to become more racially and ethnically diverse, as the percentage of Asian, Black, and Hispanic judicial officers has nearly doubled since 2006, with now 35 percent of current justices and judges identifying as non-white.
- Of the Governor’s 169 appointments in the past three years, 49 percent were women and 58 percent identified themselves as Asian, Black or African-American, Hispanic, or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.

The report is posted on the California Courts public website at:

<https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/2022-JO-Demographic-Data.pdf>

MyCitations: Online Tool for Adjudicating Infraction Violations

Implementation activities continue for the statewide expansion of the MyCitations application for online Ability-to-Pay determinations as required by Assembly Bill 143, with the Superior Court of Santa Cruz becoming the eighth court to deploy the system. Interbranch agreements for the next six courts scheduled for implementation have been submitted for processing, and updated resources were added to the statewide portal available to all courts.

Court Facilities Modifications

- In Stanislaus County, the groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new Modesto Courthouse. With an estimated completion date in December 2024, this new 27-courtroom courthouse will replace three leased buildings in Ceres, Modesto, and Turlock.
- Fifteen real estate transactions were completed involving new or renewed leases and licenses, event licenses, terminations, dispositions, and permits in: Butte, Contra Costa, Humboldt, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Plumas, Riverside, San Diego, San Joaquin, Sonoma, and Tuolumne Counties.
- Facility modifications status as of February 22, 2022:

<i>Status</i>	<i>Number of Modifications</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
Awaiting Shared Cost	7	\$11,293.395
In Work	715	\$314,152,595
<i>Total</i>	<i>722</i>	<i>\$325,365,990</i>

Labor and Employee Relations

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 19 trial courts on 28 matters. Services included salary negotiations, drafting and editing personnel policies, and successor memoranda of understanding negotiations. Additionally, support was provided on 20 different labor and employee-related matters.

Collaboration with Justice Stakeholders

- *Services for Unhoused Individuals:* Judicial Council staff met with representatives from California Health and Human Services to discuss the creation of a program aimed at providing court monitored treatment and services for unhoused individuals with serious mental illness.
- *Mental Health Courts:* Staff participated in a meeting hosted by the National Center for State Courts with representatives from approximately 10 states to discuss methods for strengthening and enhancing mental health courts in the country.
- *Department of Justice:* Judicial Council staff met with department representatives to discuss issues of mutual interest and to improve communication between the department and the judicial branch more broadly.

Advisory Bodies

The following Judicial Council advisory bodies convened remotely since the council's January 2022 meeting.

1. Ad Hoc Workgroup on Post-Pandemic Initiatives
2. Administrative Presiding Justices Advisory Committee
3. Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
4. Appellate Advisory Committee
5. Audits and Financial Accountability Committee
6. Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee
7. Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
8. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
9. Court Executives Advisory Committee
10. Court Facilities Advisory Committee
11. Court Security Advisory Committee
12. Criminal Law Advisory Committee
13. Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
14. Information Technology Advisory Committee
15. Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee
16. Traffic Law Advisory Committee
17. Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
18. Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
19. Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee
20. Tribal Court–State Court Forum

Meeting Details

Ad Hoc Workgroup on Post-Pandemic Initiatives

- Presented an update to the joint Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee/Court Executives Advisory Committee statewide meeting on post-pandemic concepts in development, the first interim report to the Chief Justice on remote access to the courts, and the Remote Proceedings Resource Guide for Judicial Officers.

Administrative Presiding Justices Advisory Committee

- Received updates on both live and distance education, a proposal for billing for assistance for new project staff attorneys, and potential budget change proposal concepts for fiscal year 2023–24.

Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness

- Discussed annual agenda.
- *Racial Justice Working Group*: Focused on identifying racial justice work within the branch and discussed developing an online racial justice toolkit to assist trial courts with racial justice programming.

Appellate Advisory Committee

- Reviewed and approved draft invitations to comment on Spring rules and forms proposals for expedited review of California Environmental Quality Act cases, appeals from orders transferring a minor to criminal court, updating language to conform to guidelines under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and extending the retention time for reporter transcripts in felony appeals.

Audits and Financial Accountability Committee

- Discussed 10 audit reports of the trial courts and the Judicial Council, which were performed by the State Controller’s Office, State Auditor’s Office, and Judicial Council staff. The reports focused on various issues ranging from financial reporting, procurement, and court compliance with Judicial Council fiscal and reporting policies.

Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee

- Discussed and reviewed all education related California Rules of Court with the goals to increase court discretion and flexibility to adapt to emergency circumstances, remove outmoded delivery methods, and simplify and update rule language.
- Discussed the 2022–22 Education Plan, revisions to committee roles document, and anti-bias compliant training for court personnel.

Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee

- Considered proposals from the winter cycle (including civil harassment form revisions to implement Assembly Bill (AB) 143, revisions to an enforcement of judgment form to implement AB 1580, and spring cycle proposals to be circulated for comment (including amending court rules on expedited review of cases brought under the California Environmental Quality Act, elder abuse form revisions to implement AB 1243, and gun violence form revisions to implement AB 1057 and Senate Bill (SB) 538.

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee

- Discussed pending legislation and the role of Judicial Council advisory bodies within the legislative process.
- *Mental Health Subcommittee*: Discussed the council’s mental health diversion data collection requirements, the impacts of SB 317 on mental health diversion and assisted outpatient treatment, and legislative updates including areas under the review by the Committee on the Revision of the Penal Code.
- *Juvenile Subcommittee*: Heard a presentation from the National Center for Youth Law on the needs of high acuity youth, discussed project priorities, and identified resource gaps.
- *Veterans Subcommittee*: Discussed potential support of upcoming proposed legislation to ensure that provisions are extended to all eligible veterans.

Court Executives Advisory Committee

- Discussed the 12th edition of the Trial Court Financial Policies and Procedures Manual, updates to the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System (JBSIS) review, and information technology initiatives, and received a demonstration of the Self-Help Data Dashboard.
- *JBSIS Subcommittee*: Presented the JBSIS 4.0: Three-Tiered Approach to the Court Executives Advisory Committee and discussed definitional clarification and reporting standards around matters such as Petitions and Case-Ageing Calculations.

Court Facilities Advisory Committee

- Received an update on the status of courthouse capital projects in the Governor’s Budget proposal, and the California Five-Year Infrastructure Plan.
- Approved the performance criteria phase for the Lake—New Lakeport Courthouse and the schematic design phase for the Butte—Butte County Juvenile Hall Addition and Renovation.

Court Security Advisory Committee

- Received an update on Court Security Plan services, including a reminder to trial courts to notify the council of any court security plan changes.
- Heard a presentation about the Emergency and Continuity Planning Program and a planned survey to all courts to focus future improvements.

Criminal Law Advisory Committee

- Reviewed pending legislation that would impact the criminal court system, including AB 1630 (Competence to stand trial: statewide application), AB 1613 (Theft: jurisdiction), AB 1744 (Probation and mandatory supervision: flash incarceration), AB 1706 (Cannabis crimes: resentencing), and SB 903 (Prisons: California Rehabilitation Oversight Board).
- Discussed rule/form proposals including felony sentencing, criminal protective orders, and amending Rule of Court 4.130 regarding mental competency proceedings.

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee

- Considered the statutorily required Child Support Guideline Study for circulation and reviewed recently adopted rules and forms to implement new federal requirements regarding short-term residential therapeutic placements.

- *Secure Youth Treatment Facility Offense-Based Classification Matrix Working Group Subcommittee*: Received updates on implementing Secure Youth Treatment Facility programs in California.
- *Protective Order Working Group*: Reviewed a proposal for statutory amendments to domestic violence restraining orders.

Information Technology Advisory Committee

- Approved an amendment to the committee’s annual agenda to add a Joint Information Security Governance Subcommittee.
- Approved rule amendment proposals from the Rules and Policy Subcommittee to circulate for public comment, including removing the requirement to submit e-filing program reports, and authorize access to electronic records for private criminal defense attorneys and administrators contracted to run appointed counsel programs.

Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee

- Considered a proposal to implement AB 473, which requires the Judicial Council to adjust and publish specified property values by April 1, 2022, and preliminary responses to the enactment of AB 1194 (Conservatorship) and AB 260 (Guardianships).
- *Legislation Subcommittee*: Discussed pending legislation that would affect decedents’ estates, guardianship, conservatorship, and trust proceedings, including AB 1093 (Remote online notaries public), AB 1745 (Trusts: notifications), and SB 1279 (Guardian ad litem appointment).

Traffic Law Advisory Committee

- Discussed a proposed rule of court for remote proceedings for infractions to replace current Rule of Court 4.220.

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Approved recommendations to be considered by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee for: 1) allocation of \$1 million in Juvenile Dependency Council Collections Program Funds collected in 2020–21, 2) allocation of \$1.5 million in new Family First Prevention Services Act federal funding, and 3) reallocation of \$878,000 in unspent funding for court-appointed counsel in dependency cases for 2021–22.
- Approved four 2023–24 budget change concepts for the trial courts for consideration by the Budget Committee including: 1) annual automatic inflationary adjustment (consumer price index) and catch up, 2) civil assessment revenue shift and backfill, 3) workload formula gap funding to 100 percent, and 4) maintenance of effort buyout.

Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee

- Approved a total expenditure of \$8,751,430 for facilities modifications and an additional \$46,136 for security-related projects; the 2022 annual agenda; quarter two report; fiscal year 2023–24 budget change proposals; and the draft policy on the use of air filtration devices during wildfires.

- Received updates on real estate lease/license expense and revenue forecasts, the 2020–21 annual report to the Legislature on Court Facilities Trust Fund Expenditures, facility modification projects on hold, and the status of deferred maintenance projects.

Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee

- Discussed the Judges in the Classroom and Judicial Mentor programs.
- *Joint Business Meeting with Court Executives Advisory Committee:* The Chief Justice addressed the meeting. Heard updates on the proposed budget and upcoming legislation, the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Post-Pandemic Initiatives, filing and disposition data trends, the Temporary Assigned Judges Program, and Information Technology initiatives.

Tribal Court–State Court Forum

- Discussed implementation of AB 627 (Recognition of tribal court orders: rights in retirement plans or deferred compensation), public safety and enforcement of tribal exclusion orders, discretionary tribal participation in non-Indian Child Welfare Act juvenile cases, and procedures for recognition of tribal court child custody orders.

Judicial Branch Education

Summary

Judicial Education

Programs/Courses

1. Experienced Assignment Course—Advanced Topics in Felony Sentencing
2. Experienced Assignment Course—Death Penalty Trials
3. Experienced Assignment Course—Fundamentals of Felony Sentencing
4. Experienced Assignment Course—Handling Sexual Assault Cases
5. Experienced Assignment Course—Homicide Trials
6. Immigration Law for State Court Judges
7. New Judge Orientation
8. Presiding Judge and Court Executive Officer Court Management Institute
9. Primary Assignment Orientation—Civil Law (Basic)
10. Primary Assignment Orientation—Criminal Law
11. Primary Assignment Orientation—Family Law
12. Primary Assignment Orientation—Juvenile Dependency
13. Primary Assignment Orientation—Probate
14. Supervising Judges Institute

Podcasts

15. Civil Law Update: Evidence in Civil Motions
16. Department of Juvenile Justice Realignment: Local Perspectives on Implementation
17. Family Finding and Relative Placement for Children Entering/In Foster Care

Recorded Webinars

18. Arbitration Law Update
19. Motivational Interviewing in Your Courtroom: A Foundation for Behavioral Change

Webinars

20. Domestic Violence and Firearms Legal Update
21. Removal of a Trustee
22. Rulings in Probate Court
23. Sexual Harassment Prevention for Judicial Officers, Managers, and Supervisors

Publications

24. Benchguide 104: Juvenile Dependency Selection and Implementation Hearing
25. Benchguide 74: Sentencing Guidelines for Common Misdemeanors and Infractions
26. Benchbook: Civil Proceedings After Trial
27. Benchbook: Small Claims Court and Consumer Law
28. Handbook: Mandatory Criminal Jury Instructions

Court Staff Education

Programs/Courses

29. Advanced Core 40 for Supervisors and Managers
30. Core 40: Basic Training for Supervisors and Managers
31. Core Competencies: Preparing for Leadership
32. Core Leadership and Training Skills
33. Inclusive Leadership

Webinars

34. Conservatorship Investigations: Legislative Update
35. Family Court Services Directors, Managers, and Supervisors Training
36. Indian Child Welfare Act Qualified Expert Witness: What Judges and Attorneys Need to Know
37. Managing Change in the Court
38. Sexual Harassment Prevention for Judicial Officers, Managers, and Supervisors
39. Title IV-E (Foster Care) and Family First Prevention Services Act Law and Process Training, Imperial and San Bernardino Counties

Details

Arbitration Law Update

Explores the interface between courts and the arbitration process to help justices and appellate judicial attorneys navigate this difficult jurisprudential terrain.

Advanced Core 40 for Supervisors and Managers

Designed for experienced supervisors who have either previously attended Core 40 or who have been a supervisor for at least one year.

Civil Law Update: Evidence in Civil Motions

Examination of cases clarifying the proper use of evidence in support of civil motions.

Conservatorship Investigations: Legislative Update

Legislative update for probate court investigators focused on how AB 1194 will impact conservatorship investigations.

Core 40: Basic Training for Supervisors and Managers

Information for managers and supervisors to help improve overall staff performance.

Core Competencies: Preparing for Leadership

For court employees interested in developing leadership skills.

Core Leadership and Training Skills

Lead and senior clerks build and improve leadership and training skills while interacting with peers from other counties.

Department of Juvenile Justice Realignment: Local Perspectives on Implementation

Conversations about implementation of secure track and secure youth treatment facilities; individualized rehabilitation plans; options for girls and other populations; jurisdiction over non-minors; and the role of judicial leadership.

Domestic Violence and Firearms Legal Update

Legal updates related to firearms relinquishment in domestic violence cases. Guidance on the court's role, implementation of policies and procedures, and amendments effective Jan. 1, 2022, to the Family Code.

Experienced Assignment Course—Advanced Topics in Felony Sentencing

Complexities of advanced sentencing scenarios and alternative sentencing schemes.

Experienced Assignment Course—Death Penalty Trials

Difficult and specialized issues likely to present a risk of mistrial or reversal.

Experienced Assignment Course—Handling Sexual Assault Cases

Key issues and guidance on a sexual assault trial from arraignment to sentencing and post-sentencing procedures.

Experienced Assignment Course—Homicide Trials

Reviews substantive homicide law, the law regarding special circumstances, and other issues common in homicide cases.

Family Court Services Directors, Managers, and Supervisors Trainings

Two webinar training for 42 Family Court Services directors, managers, and supervisors on “The Heart of Supervision” podcast series.

Immigration Law for State Court Judges

Essentials for handling cases involving noncitizens.

Inclusive Leadership

How to recognize the unique needs and abilities of all employees and engage their full involvement and participation in the workplace.

Managing Change in the Court

Practical strategies on how to navigate personal response to changes in the court.

Motivational Interviewing in Your Courtroom: A Foundation for Behavioral Change

Overview of motivational interviewing, principles, benefits of using motivational interviewing techniques in the courtroom, how to listen and talk to youth and adults to help them solve problems from a motivational perspective rather than from fear of legal consequences.

New Judge Orientation

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

Presiding Judge and Court Executive Officer Court Management Institute

Opportunity for presiding judges, assistant presiding judges, and court executive officers to critically examine and reflect on individual and collective court governance and leadership responsibilities.

Primary Assignment Orientation—Civil Law (Basic)

Comprehensive orientation to basic civil law and procedure for 1) judges and subordinate judicial officers new to a civil law assignment, and 2) judges and subordinate judicial officers from smaller courts who do not have a full-time civil law caseload.

Primary Assignment Orientation—Criminal Law

Procedural and substantive law governing criminal cases from arraignment through posttrial from a judge's perspective.

Primary Assignment Orientation—Family Law

Comprehensive review of the basic law and procedure necessary to handle family law matters in courts of various sizes.

Primary Assignment Orientation—Juvenile Dependency

Juvenile dependency law, procedure, and evidence rules; the philosophy and responsibilities that underlie the child welfare system and dependency court.

Primary Assignment Orientation—Probate

Substantive and procedural law governing decedents' estates administration, trusts litigation, guardianships, and conservatorships.

Removal of a Trustee

Removal and replacement of trustees in probate court.

Rulings in Probate Court

Procedural ways to strengthen probate court rulings for appellate review.

Sexual Harassment Prevention for Judicial Officers, Managers, and Supervisors

Meets the training requirements mandated by Government Code §12950.1 for managers, supervisors, commissioners, referees, and any other court personnel who serve in a managerial role.

Supervising Judges Institute

Each new supervising judge is expected to attend this program, as stated in rule 10.462(c)(2) of the California Rules of Court.

Ten-Minute Mentor, Family Finding and Relative Placement for Children Entering and in Foster Care

Legal determinations and judicial obligations for relative placement and family finding for all children in or entering foster care, required in both child welfare and juvenile justice proceedings.

Staffing Metrics

As of March 1, 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	12.00	10.00	9.00	65.80	55.00	18.00	89.30	48.50	32.00	152.00	150.00	38.00	147.00	56.00	896.60
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	9.00	10.80	8.00	6.00	57.30	40.60	17.00	70.55	43.00	22.00	99.00	136.00	30.00	118.00	46.00	713.25
Headcount - Employees	9	11	8	6	58	41	17	71	43	22	99	136	30	118	46	715.00
Vacancy (FTE)	5.00	1.20	2.00	3.00	8.50	14.40	1.00	18.75	5.50	10.00	53.00	14.00	8.00	29.00	10.00	183.35
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	35.7%	10.0%	20.0%	33.3%	12.9%	26.2%	5.6%	21.0%	11.3%	31.3%	34.9%	9.3%	21.1%	19.7%	17.9%	20.45%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5.00
*Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	58.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	63.00
TOTAL WORKFORCE (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	9.00	11.80	8.00	7.00	57.30	42.60	20.00	72.55	44.00	22.00	157.00	136.00	30.00	119.00	48.00	784.25

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

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

TYPE OF COURT	NUMBER OF COURTS	NUMBER OF JUDGESHIPS					
		Authorized	Filled	Vacant	Vacant (Unfunded AB 159 positions)	<i>Filled (Last Month)</i>	<i>Vacant (Last Month)</i>
Supreme Court	1	7	7	0	0	6	1
Courts of Appeal	6	106	95	11	0	95	11
Superior Courts	58	1,755	1,631	101	23	1,639	116
All Courts	65	1,868	1,733	135		1,740	128

*50 new (AB 159) judgeships were authorized, but not funded, in 2008; funding was provided for two of the judgeships in the 2018 Budget Act and for a further 25 positions in the 2019 Budget Act.

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 One	1	Resigned	Hon. Gabriel P. Sanchez	1/22/2022
First District, Division Two	1	Retirement	Hon. J. Anthony Kline	12/15/2021
First District, Division Four	1	Elevated	Hon. Alison M. Tucher	8/30/2021
Second District, Division Three	1	Retirement	Hon. Halim Dhanidina	3/31/2021
Second District, Division One	1	Removed	Hon. Jeffrey W. Johnson	6/2/2020
Second District, Division Seven	1	Retirement	Hon. Laurie D. Zelon	8/31/2020
Second District, Division Eight	1	Retirement	Hon. Tricia Ann Bigelow	6/30/2021
Third District	1	Retirement	Hon. William J. Murray, Jr.	1/27/2022
Fourth District, Division One	1	Retirement	Hon. Patricia D. Benke	7/31/2021
Fourth District, Division Three	2	Retirement	Hon. David A. Thompson	10/15/2021
Fourth District, Division Three		Retirement	Hon. Richard M. Aronson	6/30/2021
TOTAL VACANCIES	11			

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: SUPERIOR COURTS

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day In Office
Alameda	3	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	2	Retirement	Hon. Judy Johnson	4/2/2021
Contra Costa		Retirement	Hon. Cheryl Mills	3/9/2021
El Dorado	1	Retirement	Hon. Suzanne N. Kingsbury	12/31/2021
Fresno	3	Retirement	Hon. Gary D. Hoff	1/20/2022
Fresno		Retirement	Hon. Denise Lee Whitehead	11/30/2021
Fresno		Retirement	Hon. Debra J. Kazanjian	3/31/2021
Kern	2	Retirement	Hon. Robert S. Tafoya	4/30/2021
Kern		Retirement	Hon. Craig Philips	2/26/2021
Kings	1	Retirement	Hon. Donna L. Tarter	10/29/2021
Los Angeles	18	Retirement	Hon. Cynthia L. Ulfig	2/28/2022
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Leslie E. Brown	2/21/2022
Los Angeles		To Fed Court	Hon. Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong	2/6/2022
Los Angeles		To Fed Court	Hon. Holly A. Thomas	1/23/2022
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Kathleen A. Kennedy	12/6/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Ann I. Jones	11/1/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. John A. Slawson	9/15/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Victor H. Greenberg	8/24/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Rolf Michael Treu	8/16/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Patricia Nieto	7/30/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Michael D. Abzug	6/29/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Robert J. Schuit	6/19/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Norman Perry Tarle	4/20/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. John A. Torribio	4/14/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Clifford L. Klein	4/1/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Gary J. Ferrari	3/19/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Anthony J. Mohr	3/19/2021
Mariposa	1	Retirement	Hon. F. Dana Walton	1/31/2021
Merced	2	Retirement	Hon. John D. Kirihara	9/7/2021
Merced		Retirement	Hon. Jeanne Schechter	6/15/2021
Monterey	1	Retirement	Hon. Lydia M. Villarreal	4/28/2021
Orange	12	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

Orange		Retirement	Hon. Debra D. Carrillo	9/9/2021
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Salvador Sarmiento	7/28/2021
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Gregory W. Jones	6/4/2021
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Mark S. Millard	4/30/2021
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Sheila B. Fell	3/22/2021
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Gary L. Moorhead	2/17/2021
Placer	2	Retirement	Hon. Charles D. Wachob	9/17/2021
Placer		Retirement	Hon. Mark S. Curry	9/3/2021
Riverside	6	Retirement	Hon. Roger A. Luebs	1/23/2022
Riverside		Retirement	Hon. James T. Latting	12/2/2021
Riverside		Retirement	Hon. David M. Chapman	9/1/2021
Riverside		Retirement	Hon. Jackson Lucky	7/20/2021
Riverside		Retirement	Hon. David A. Gunn	7/19/2021
Riverside		Retirement	Hon. Bambi J. Moyer	4/1/2021
Sacramento	3	Elevated	Hon. Laurie M. Earl	1/6/2022
Sacramento		Retirement	Hon. Trena H. Plavan	10/12/2021
Sacramento		Retirement	Hon. Benjamin G. Davidian	8/16/2021
San Benito	1	Retirement	Hon. Steven R. Sanders	1/15/2021
San Bernardino	8	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 Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Pamela P. King	3/12/2021
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Dwight W. Moore	3/1/2021
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Stephan G. Saleson	3/1/2021
San Diego	10	Retirement	Hon. Richard E.L. Strauss	12/31/2021
San Diego		To Fed Court	Hon. Jinsook Ohta	12/27/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Amalia L. Meza	8/31/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Sharon B. Majors-Lewis	8/4/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Margo Lewis Hoy	7/30/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Ronald L. Styn	7/23/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Edlene C. McKenzie	6/30/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Timothy M. Casserly	6/23/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Margie G. Woods	6/7/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Roger W. Krauel	5/5/2021
San Francisco	2	Retirement	Hon. Angela M. Bradstreet	2/18/2022
San Francisco		Retirement	Hon. Newton J. Lam	12/31/2021
San Joaquin	1	Retirement	Hon. Roger Ross	6/29/2021
San Luis Obispo	1	Retirement	Hon. Ginger E. Garrett	10/13/2021
Santa Barbara	1	Retirement	Hon. James E. Herman	12/31/2021

Santa Clara	7	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 Clara		Retirement	Hon. Ronald I. Toff	2/16/2021
Sierra	1	Other	Hon. Yvette Durant	1/3/2022
Siskiyou	1	Retirement	Hon. William J. Davis	2/19/2021
Sonoma	4	Retirement	Hon. 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	1	Retirement	Hon. Thomas D. Zeff	12/22/2021
Tulare	2	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. William Q. Liebmann	5/7/2021
Ventura		Retirement	Hon. Kevin J. McGee	4/29/2021
TOTAL VACANCIES	101			

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

Month	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
Feb-20	1,743	1,650	93	5.3%	106	105	1	0.9%
Mar-20	1,743	1,642	101	5.8%	106	105	1	0.9%
Apr-20	1,743	1,648	95	5.5%	106	105	1	0.9%
May-20	1,743	1,643	100	5.7%	106	105	1	0.9%
Jun-20	1,754	1,646	108	6.2%	106	104	2	1.9%
Jul-20	1,754	1,639	115	6.6%	106	103	3	2.8%
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%

* As of March 3, 2022.

Note: Growth in number of Authorized Judicial Positions reflects SJO conversions, as well as newly funded positions via the 2019 Budget Act. Since 2007, 157 SJO positions have been converted to judgeships.

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

