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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 meeting.

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2021 Court Statistics Report and Pandemic Case Trends

The [2021 Court Statistics Report](#) for fiscal year 2019–20 was published on the California Courts public website, together [Trends in Caseloads During COVID-19](#), a shorter report focused on 2020 calendar year filings and dispositions. The trends report showed a 39 percent decrease in case filings during the initial COVID-19 surge (March–August 2020 compared to March–August 2019), with certain case type filings subsequently returning to pre-pandemic levels.

Observance of Native American Day as a Court Holiday

A Judicial Council-sponsored bill making Native American Day an official court holiday was signed into law. Beginning in 2022, the holiday, which falls on the fourth Friday in September, replaces Columbus Day as an official court holiday. With this change, the judicial branch conforms with all legislative and executive branch entities, which already remain open on Columbus Day. The bill makes the courts the first state-level entity in California to observe the holiday honoring Native Americans.

Judicial Diversity Summit

The Judicial Council convened the fourth Judicial Diversity Summit since 2006 in partnership with the California Judges Association (CJA) and California Lawyers Association (CLA). The summit served as a five-year review of accomplishments since the 2016 summit and encouraged open dialogue on key issues and solutions impacting judicial diversity. An updated five-year action plan will be created for consideration by the council, CJA, and CLA. The summit was attended by judicial officers, attorneys, and law students, and included opening remarks by the Chief Justice and the Governor’s Judicial Appointments Secretary.

Wildfires Response

A pilot project was initiated to collect data on the effectiveness of air scrubbers being deployed to courthouses affected by wildfire smoke. Monitored air scrubbers were deployed at courts in El Dorado and Shasta Counties.

New Trial Court Web Templates

Funded by Court Technology Modernization Funding, 20 trial courts have migrated their websites to templates created by the Judicial Council. The new templates, (an example of which may be accessed [here](#)), offer greater performance on mobile devices and improve accessibility. Fifteen additional courts are expected to migrate to the new platform by July 2022.

Statewide Online Traffic Adjudication and Ability to Pay

More than 200 court attendees participated in a webinar providing an overview of Assembly Bill (AB) 143, which allocates funds for the statewide expansion of online ability-to-pay determinations and backfills associated revenue reductions to the judicial branch.

Labor and Employee Relations

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 23 trial courts on 34 matters, including impact bargaining on a mandatory vaccination policy, side letter negotiations on salaries, and successor memoranda of understanding on negotiations. Additionally, support was provided on 37 different labor and employee-related matters.

Judicial Resources and Technical Assistance

In-person file reviews of juvenile cases were conducted in the courts at Imperial, Lassen, Riverside, San Benito, San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz Counties. Remote file reviews were conducted in Santa Barbara, Sonoma, and San Mateo Counties.

Budget

- Twelve 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 2022–23 Governor’s Budget. Educational briefing sessions were held for Department staff on court interpreter funding, court reporters, the history and structure of branch revenues, the resource assessment study and workload formula for trial court allocations, and the branch’s information technology modernization strategy.
- An update on additional budget appropriations made by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor for fiscal year 2021–21 was distributed to courts. Additional funding will support court interpreter incentive grants (\$30 million), court reporters in family/civil cases (\$30 million), a court reporters’ transcript fee increase (\$7 million), and court construction (\$52.8 million).

Court Facilities Modifications

- Fifteen real estate transactions were completed involving new or renewed licenses or permits in Alameda, Lake, Los Angeles, Orange, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, San Diego, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Joaquin, and Tuolumne Counties.
- Facility modifications status as of September 2021:

<i>Status</i>	<i>Number of Modifications</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
Awaiting Shared Cost	10	\$4,890,277
In Design	22	\$7,978,273
In Work	752	\$270,936,265
Total	784	\$283,804,814

Justice Partner Collaboration

- Collaboration and liaison continues with justice system partners and stakeholders on access to justice issues, including the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency on dissemination of information on the Emergency Rental Assistance Program to legal services agencies and court-based self-help programs; the California Access to Justice Commission’s Racial Justice and Intersectionality Committee about enhanced coordination on common areas; and the Department of State Hospitals Incompetent to Stand Trial Solutions Working Group to advance alternatives to placement in restoration of competency programs.

Advisory Bodies

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

1. Ad Hoc Workgroup on Post-Pandemic Initiatives
2. Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
3. Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch
4. Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions
5. Appellate Advisory Committee
6. Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight Advisory Committee
7. Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
8. Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee
9. Criminal Law Advisory Committee
10. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
11. Court Executives Advisory Committee
12. Court Security Advisory Committee
13. Family and Juvenile 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 Presiding Judges Advisory Committees
19. Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
20. Workgroup on Homelessness

Meeting Details

Ad Hoc Workgroup on Post-Pandemic Initiatives

- Issued an [interim report](#) on remote proceedings concluding that such proceedings increase efficiency and access.
- Formed recommendations and prioritized action items and next steps.

Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness

- Discussed recommendations for Language Access Signage and Technology grants, and allocation of \$5 million in Equal Access Funding for grants to civil legal aid nonprofits. Recommendations to be submitted to Information Technology Advisory Committee for approval.
- *Racial Justice Working Group*: Discussed a working definition of racial justice and collecting information on racial justice work throughout the state.

Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch

- Approved the annual audit plan for fiscal year 2021–22. Revisions include resuming travel to the trial courts to review cash handling controls and adding the enhanced collections program for delinquent court-ordered debt to the standard audit scope.

- Recommended revisions to the *Judicial Branch Contracting Manual* and issued an audit advisory to clarify the accounting process for year-end accruals in response to recurring audit findings issued by the State Controller’s Office.

Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions

- Considered recommending changes and additions to instructions to reflect new case law, including new wage and hour instructions and revisions to the insurance series on bad faith (third party) refusal to accept a reasonable settlement demand.

Appellate Advisory Committee

- Reviewed comments on two appellate procedure proposals circulated for public comment: (1) Electronic Signatures, and (2) Notice of Appeal After Plea or Admission of Probation Violation.
- Discussed potential projects for next year’s annual agenda.

Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight Advisory Committee

- Reviewed a sample analysis of cases and an attorney questionnaire report from the most recent audit pool, and a report on panel attorney demographics for court appointed counsel.

Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee

- Developed and revised 11 forms, including forms to implement tenant protections provisions in AB 832 relating to unlawful detainer actions and recovery of due back rent in small claims and civil actions.

Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee

- Discussed and reviewed the draft 2022–24 Education Plan, proposed revisions to the Education Rules of Court, an update on remote education offerings, and the status of court leadership courses.
- Convened an emergency meeting to discuss an amendment to Rule 10.492 – temporary extension and pro rata reduction of judicial branch education requirements. Following a review period, the rule change is expected to reach the Judicial Council for consideration in November.

Criminal Law Advisory Committee

- Reviewed pending bills, including: AB 256 (Criminal procedure: discrimination), AB 1228 (Supervised persons: release), AB 1318 (Deferred entry of judgment pilot program), AB 1474 (Sentencing: consideration of costs), AB 1452 (Pilot program: increased fee for low-income jurors: criminal trials), AB 1540 (Criminal procedure: resentencing), Senate Bill (SB) 81 (Sentencing: dismissal of enhancements), SB 483 (Sentencing: resentencing to remove sentencing enhancements), and SB 775 (Felony murder: resentencing).

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee

- Considered the impact of data usage in collaborative justice courts throughout the state.
- *Mental Health Subcommittee*: Discussed Assisted Outpatient Treatment/Laura’s Law training.
- *Veterans in the Court and Military Families Subcommittee*: Discussed a national research study examining who benefits and who recidivates in veterans’ courts.

Court Executives Advisory Committee

- Discussed performance measures used to analyze the effectiveness of collection entities, the Transcript Assembly Program replacement proposal, and the Information Technology e-filing workstream.

Court Security Advisory Committee

- Received updates on the Security Systems Program for installing and maintaining electronic security equipment and systems in trial courts, and on last fiscal year spending, and approved seven additional projects at four courts.

Family and Juvenile Advisory Committee

- Reviewed pending legislation and circulated proposed rules and forms for public comment in the areas of protective orders, family law, and juvenile record sealing.
- *Violence Against Women Education Project Subcommittee*: Considered an upcoming grant-funded domestic violence training to be provided at the Child and Family Focused Education Conference.

Information Technology Advisory Committee

- Reviewed three proposals from the Rules and Policy Subcommittee, approved the proposed signage and technology grant allocations for fiscal year 2021–22 for 22 courts, reviewed status reports from workstreams and subcommittees, and received an update on Court Technology Modernization Funding allocations.

Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee

- Discussed comments received on a joint proposal with the Tribal Court–State Court Forum to amend rules regarding applying the Indian Child Welfare Act to probate guardianships.
- *Legislation Subcommittee*: Considered pending legislation affecting probate and mental health proceedings, including AB 260 (guardianships), AB 1079 (duties of trustee), AB 1194 (conservatorships), and SB 315 (revocable transfer on death deeds).

Traffic Law Advisory Committee

- Discussed pending legislation, including AB 143 (the courts trailer bill) and SB 128 and 129 (the Budget Act) to learn about the expansion of the ability-to-pay pilot program and new legislation for remote proceedings for infractions.

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Approved recommendations for 2021–22 allocations of \$60 million one-time backlog funding, \$140 million one-time and ongoing pretrial funding, and \$4.45 million for AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program reimbursement authority increase.
- *Fiscal Planning Subcommittee*: Approved recommendations for continued receipt of Children’s Waiting Room funds for the Superior Courts of Alameda and Ventura Counties, biennial fund balance cap adjustments for such funds, and Trial Court Trust Fund monies to be held on behalf of the trial courts: 11 new requests and 10 amended requests from 14 trial courts.

- *Funding Methodology Subcommittee*: Approved the recommendation for distribution of \$30 million for the Dependency Counsel program.

Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee

- Discussed the Judicial Mentor program, how courts are handling case backlogs, updates on pretrial release programs, the proposed 2021–22 budget allocation, and effective practices and peer education.
- *Joint meeting with Court Executives Advisory Committee*: Received updates on the Judicial Council Technology Committee, Ad Hoc Workgroup on Post-Pandemic Initiatives, new programs and services provided by Judicial Council Criminal Justice Services, and data trends during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee

- Approved the 2021–22 facility modification budget and operations and maintenance spending plan, and proposed list of facility modification projects.
- Authorized expenditure of \$7.19 million for facility modifications, and \$64,887 for security-related projects.
- Adopted an interim guideline for costs related to the deployment of air scrubbers to deal with wildfires in fiscal year 2021–22.

Tribal Court – State Court Forum

- Discussed comments on the rule proposal for the Indian Child Welfare Act in probate guardianship cases and received an update on legislation for recognition of trial court judgments in dividing pension assets.

Workgroup on Homelessness

- Finalized recommendations developed after meeting with representatives of dozens of stakeholders from all three branches of government. More than 100 interviews were conducted with subject matter experts in the field. Final recommendations will include collaboration proposals with other branches and entities to address homelessness and methods to improve access and assistance for court users at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The report will be presented to the Chief Justice and Judicial Council in November.

Judicial Branch Education

Summary

Judicial Education

Programs/Courses (remote delivery)

1. New Judge Orientation
2. Probate and Mental Health Institute
3. Qualifying Judicial Ethics Program

Podcast

4. Dependency Legal Update: Indian Child Welfare Act, Parentage, Jurisdiction, Disposition, and Review Hearings
5. Dependency Legal Update: Reasonable Services, 388 and 366.26 Hearings, Procedure, and Due Process
6. Family Law Update: Domestic Violence and Civil Harassment, Child and Spousal Support
7. Family Law Update: Property and Reimbursements, Procedural Issues
8. Juvenile Justice Legal Update: Disposition, Department of Juvenile Justice Realignment, Probation, Restitution, Record Sealing, Strikes
9. Juvenile Justice Legal Update: Remote Appearances, Trafficking, Transfers, Miranda
10. Supreme Court of the United States Update: Recap of the October Term 2020
11. Pitfalls in Handling Domestic Violence Cases in Family Court

Video

12. Today's Law: Family Law Update
13. Today's Law: Criminal Law Update
14. Orientation for New Court Executive Officers

Webinars

15. AB 1058 New Child Support Commissioners and Primary Assignment Orientation
16. AB 1058 New Family Law Facilitators Orientation
17. Family Court Services Directors, Managers, Supervisors and Court Administrators Training
18. Family Court Services Institute for New Court Professionals
19. Privacy: Judicial Roles, Responsibilities, and Requirements
20. Public Affairs and Strategic Communications for New Court Executive Officers
21. Sexual Harassment Prevention for Judicial Officers, Managers, and Supervisors
22. The Neuroscience of Maltreatment and Human Trafficking

Publication Updates

23. Benchbook: Civil Proceedings—Trial
24. Benchbook: Domestic Violence Cases in Criminal Court
25. Benchguide 103: Juvenile Dependency Review Hearings

Court Staff Education

Programs/Courses (remote delivery)

26. Civil Procedures: Counter to Courtroom—Court Clerk Training Institute
27. Core 40—Basic Training for Supervisors
28. Core Leadership and Training Skills
29. Public Relations—Institute for Court Management
30. Video Remote Interpreting Training

Videos

31. Documenting Processes

Webinars

32. AB 1950 (Probation): A Practical Court Operations Guide to Implementation
33. AB 1058/Child Support Court Clerks Training
34. AB 1058 Program Court Accounting Staff Training
35. California Access to Visitation Grant Program Standard 5.20 and Uniform Standards of Practice for Providers of Supervised Visitation
36. Can a Social Justice Lawyer Like Me Become a Judge?
37. Domestic Violence and Tribal Courts: Full Faith and Credit and Enforcement of Tribal Court Protective Orders
38. Enhancing Outcomes and Morale in Dependency Cases
39. Family First Prevention and Services Act
40. Fostering Workplace Civility at Your Court
41. Introduction to Excel
42. Investigating Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Guardianship Petitions
43. Judicial Appointment Process: What You Need to Know
44. Juvenile Case Activity Tracking System
45. Pretrial Justice Practice Institute
46. Sexual Harassment Prevention
47. Surviving Compassion Fatigue: Secondary and Vicarious Trauma and the Importance of Self-Care, Part 2

Details

AB 1058 Trainings

Mandatory training for court clerks; orientation and primary assignment training for new child support commissioners; orientation for new family law facilitators; and accounting training for the Rolling Time Study methodology.

Advanced Core 40

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

California Access to Visitation Grant Program Standard 5.20 and Uniform Standards of Practice for Providers of Supervised Visitation

For multidisciplinary organizational professionals, court and community-justice partners, and statewide professional providers of supervised visitation in San Diego County.

Can a Social Justice Lawyer Like Me Become a Judge?

Co-sponsored by California Change Lawyers, this training reviews the latest statistics on judicial diversity and efforts under way to support attorneys historically underrepresented on the bench in their judicial application process.

Civil Procedures: Counter to Courtroom—Court Clerk Training Institute

Overview of civil case types, procedures for reviewing and processing documents, and civil courtroom procedures.

Core Leadership and Training Skills

For lead and senior clerks to build and improve skills and have the opportunity to interact with peers from other counties.

Dependency Legal Updates

Cases involving the Indian Child Welfare Act, parentage, jurisdiction, disposition, review hearings, reasonable services, 388 and 366.26 hearings, procedure, due process, and other matters.

Enhancing Outcomes and Morale in Dependency Cases Through Effective Courtroom Advocacy and Collaborative Skill Building

Two-day training for juvenile dependency attorneys and social workers.

Family Court Services Institute for New Court Professionals

Series of live webinars for new mediators, child custody recommending counselors, and custody evaluators.

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

Two webinars on mandated management, supervision, and training for probate court investigators.

Family First Prevention and Services Act

Multidisciplinary, three-part training series focusing on requirements to assess and place a youth in a short-term residential therapeutic placement; and new court process, findings, and hearing requirements.

Investigating Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Guardianship Petitions

Challenges investigating guardianship petitions.

Judicial Appointment Process: What You Need to Know

Overview of the latest statistics on judicial diversity and efforts under way to support attorneys historically underrepresented on the bench in their judicial application process.

Juvenile Case Activity Tracking System

Eight weekly webinar sessions for court-appointed dependency counsel providers on the case activity tracking system.

New Judge Orientation

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

Pitfalls in Handling Domestic Violence Cases in Family Court

Tips and techniques to assist judges in managing family law domestic violence cases and avoiding situations that may cause problems.

Pretrial Justice Practice Institute

Topics included the *Humphrey* decision, risk assessment tool validation, carrying forward pretrial practices after COVID-19, and strategies for reducing failure-to-appear cases.

Privacy: Judicial Roles, Responsibilities, and Requirements

Balancing personal privacy interests with the public's right to reasonable access to California courts and court records and understand the emerging legal protections for private information.

Probate and Mental Health Institute

Primary program for judicial education on probate matters, including decedents' estates, probate conservatorships and guardianships, and Lanterman-Petris-Short Act proceedings.

Public Affairs and Strategic Communications for New Court Executive Officers

Requirements, responsibilities, best practices, and resources.

Public Relations—Institute for Court Management

Delivering messages about court activities and performance, and determining the line between legal advice and legal information.

Qualifying Judicial Ethics Program

Mandatory core course for judicial officers.

Surviving Compassion Fatigue: Secondary and Vicarious Trauma and the Importance of Self-Care, Part 2

Self-care needs of juvenile delinquency and dependency attorneys and other professionals working with children, youth, and adults impacted by traumatic life events.

Staffing Metrics

As of August 31, 2021

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	88.30	48.50	32.00	147.00	150.00	38.00	147.00	51.00	885.60
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	9.80	9.80	8.00	6.00	56.30	40.50	15.00	68.55	43.00	23.60	101.00	134.00	28.00	116.00	45.00	704.55
Headcount - Employees	10	10	8	6	57	41	15	70	43	24	101	135	28	116	45	709.00
Vacancy (FTE)	4.20	2.20	2.00	3.00	9.50	14.50	3.00	19.75	5.50	8.40	46.00	16.00	10.00	31.00	6.00	181.05
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	30.0%	18.3%	20.0%	33.3%	14.4%	26.4%	16.7%	22.4%	11.3%	26.3%	31.3%	10.7%	26.3%	21.1%	11.8%	20.44%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3.00
*Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	60.60	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	64.60
TOTAL WORKFORCE (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	9.80	11.80	8.00	6.00	56.30	41.50	17.00	72.55	43.00	23.60	162.60	134.00	28.00	117.00	45.00	776.15

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 46 new judicial appointments since the July Judicial Council meeting.

- Court of Appeal Appointments: First Appellate District, Division Three (2), Division Five (1); Sixth Appellate District (2).
- Superior Court Appointments: Alameda (2), Contra Costa (2), Fresno (1), Kern (2), Los Angeles (8), Madera (1), Monterey (1), Orange (3), Riverside (4), Sacramento (2), San Bernardino (2), San Diego (3), San Francisco (1), San Mateo (4), Santa Clara (3), Santa Cruz (1), Solano (1).

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant as of **September 1, 2021**

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	7	0
Courts of Appeal	6	106	96	10	0	98	8
Superior Courts	58	1,755	1,633	99	23	1,641	114
All Courts	65	1,868	1,736	132		1,746	122

*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 Three	1	Elevated	Hon. Teri L. Jackson	8/30/2021
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. Mary Kathleen Butz	6/30/2020
Fourth District, Division One	1	Retirement	Hon. Patricia D. Benke	7/31/2021
Fourth District, Division Three	2	Retirement	Hon. Richard M. Aronson	6/30/2021
Fourth District, Division Three		Retirement	Hon. Raymond J. Ikola	6/30/2021
TOTAL VACANCIES	10			

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: SUPERIOR COURTS

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day In Office
Alameda	1	Retirement	Hon. Patrick J. Zika	6/29/2021
Butte	1	Retirement	Hon. Robert A. Glusman	1/20/2021
Contra Costa	5	Retirement	Hon. Judy Johnson	4/2/2021
Contra Costa		Retirement	Hon. Cheryl Mills	3/9/2021
Contra Costa		Retirement	Hon. Linda Lye	12/31/2020
Contra Costa		Retirement	Hon. John H. Sugiyama	4/30/2020
Contra Costa		Removed	Hon. John T. Laettner	11/6/2019
El Dorado	1	Retirement	Hon. Warren C. Stracener	1/9/2020
Fresno	3	Retirement	Hon. Debra J. Kazanjian	3/31/2021
Fresno		Retirement	Hon. Jane Cardoza	7/22/2020
Fresno		Retirement	Hon. W. Kent Hamlin	7/8/2020
Kern	4	Retirement	Hon. Robert S. Tafoya	4/30/2021
Kern		Retirement	Hon. Craig Philips	2/26/2021
Kern		Retirement	Hon. Lorna H. Brumfield	12/31/2020
Kern		Retirement	Hon. John S. Somers	9/30/2020
Kings	1	New position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Los Angeles	21	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. Jose I. Sandoval	5/5/2021
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
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Ramona G. See	3/12/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Robert J. Perry	3/5/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Michael Anthony Tynan	2/19/2021
Los Angeles		Deceased	Hon. Lori A. Fournier	2/9/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Irma J. Brown	1/27/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. William A. MacLaughlin	12/31/2020
Los Angeles		To Fed Court	Hon. Fernando L Aenlle-Rocha	12/23/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Gilbert M. Lopez	12/12/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Ray A. Santana	12/4/2020
Los Angeles		Deceased	Hon. Victor E. Chavez	10/30/2020
Madera	1	Retirement	Hon. Joseph A. Soldani	6/30/2019
Mariposa	1	Retirement	Hon. F. Dana Walton	1/31/2021
Merced	2	Retirement	Hon. Jeanne Schechter	6/15/2021

Merced		New position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Modoc	1	Retirement	Hon. David A. Mason	10/31/2020
Monterey	2	Retirement	Hon. Lydia M. Villarreal	4/28/2021
Monterey		Retirement	Hon. Susan J. Matcham	8/31/2020
Nevada	1	Retirement	Hon. Robert Lynn Tamietti	10/31/2020
Orange	7	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
Orange		Retirement	Hon. John Dorsey Conley	12/30/2020
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Ronald Lawrence Bauer	5/31/2020
Riverside	6	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
Riverside		Retirement	Hon. Becky Lynn Dugan	4/22/2020
Riverside		New position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Riverside		New position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Sacramento	2	Retirement	Hon. Benjamin G. Davidian	8/16/2021
Sacramento		Retirement	Hon. Jaime R. Román	6/10/2021
San Benito	1	Retirement	Hon. Steven R. Sanders	1/15/2021
San Bernardino	6	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	12	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 Diego		Retirement	Hon. Jeffrey B. Barton	4/21/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Randa Trapp	3/17/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Charles G. Rogers	2/19/2021
San Diego		Elevated	Hon. Truc T. Do	1/14/2021
San Joaquin	1	Retirement	Hon. Roger Ross	6/29/2021
San Mateo	1	Retirement	Hon. Richard H. DuBois	8/10/2021
Santa Clara	9	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
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Mark H. Pierce	9/10/2020
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Michele McKay McCoy	3/10/2020
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Edward Frederick Lee	2/29/2020
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Joshua Weinstein	9/3/2019
Siskiyou	1	Retirement	Hon. William J. Davis	2/19/2021
Solano	2	Retirement	Hon. Michael Mattice	3/25/2020
Solano		Retirement	Hon. Robert C. Fracchia	2/27/2020
Sonoma	3	Retirement	Hon. Nancy Case Shaffer	7/5/2021
Sonoma		Retirement	Hon. Barbara Phelan	1/31/2021
Sonoma		Retirement	Hon. Allan D. Hardcastle	4/3/2020
Tulare	1	Retirement	Hon. Kathryn T. Montejano	10/5/2020
Ventura	2	Retirement	Hon. William Q. Liebmann	5/7/2021
Ventura		Retirement	Hon. Kevin J. McGee	4/29/2021
TOTAL VACANCIES	99			

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant, August 2019–August 2021 (two years) *

Month	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
Aug-19	1,743	1,662	81	4.6%	106	104	2	1.9%
Sep-19	1,743	1,660	83	4.8%	106	104	2	1.9%
Oct-19	1,743	1,668	75	4.3%	106	104	2	1.9%
Nov-19	1,743	1,664	79	4.5%	106	104	2	1.9%
Dec-19	1,743	1,661	82	4.7%	106	104	2	1.9%
Jan-20	1,743	1,658	85	4.9%	106	105	1	0.9%
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%

* As of September 2, 2021.

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 Judgeship Vacancies in the Superior Courts, August 2019–August 2021

