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Executive Summary

The following information outlines some of the many activities staff are engaged in to further the Judicial Council's strategic goals and priorities for the judicial branch. The report focuses on action since the council's meeting on May 12, 2023, and is exclusive of items on the July business meeting agenda.

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Judicial Branch Budget

Budget discussions and information sharing with the State Department of Finance and legislative staff related to the fiscal year 2023–24 budget continued through the lead up to the passing and signing of the 2023 Budget Act. A memorandum detailing the \$5.2 billion budget for the judicial branch, which included a net increase of \$426.9 million, was disseminated and statewide conference calls were held with court leadership.

Chief Justice Liaison Meetings

The Chief Justice, Chair of the council’s Legislation Committee, and Acting Administrative Director participated in liaison meetings with the California Defense Counsel, Consumer Attorneys of California, California Judges Association, California District Attorneys Association, and State Bar. The meetings addressed ongoing collaboration on access to justice issues of common interest and concern .

Legislative Advocacy

Judge Marla Anderson, Chair of the Legislation Committee, testified at a joint hearing of the Assembly Judiciary Committee and Assembly Natural Resources and Committee on the Governor’s proposed clean infrastructure plan, addressing how expedited judicial review of California Environmental Quality Act cases affect courts. Judge Lisa Rodriguez, Vice Chair of the Criminal Law Advisory Committee, testified at the Senate Public Safety hearing on Assembly Bill 1214 related to remote criminal proceedings

Environmental Summit

The first Judicial Council Environmental Summit convened judges, court administrators, and subject matter experts to inform, educate, and raise awareness about the effects of environmental changes on courts and litigation, and help identify court needs in this area. Areas of focus included climate science for judicial officers and climate change impacts in California and on the courts; water law; climate change litigation; legal stakeholders; and economic, social, cultural, and environmental impacts.

Youth Court Summit

The 18th Annual California Youth Court Summit convened judicial officers, court staff, and youth and professionals associated with youth courts convened for education on serving justice-involved youth through restorative justice principles.

Data Summit

A data summit was held for court administrators, analysts, and judicial officers on improving the use of data analytics in courts. More than 200 participants represented 42 trial courts as well as several courts of appeal. This was the third such summit designed to foster a community of collaboration and practice around data analytics.

Judicial Branch Statistical Information System

The Superior Courts of Contra Costa, Siskiyou, and Sutter Counties were certified to report data using the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System (JBSIS). Thirty-seven courts are now

using the full system, with 15 additional courts in the process of being certified. JBSIS data is used for statewide statistical reporting and in judicial branch funding allocation methodologies.

Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court

A meeting of the first CARE Court implementation cohort in the new fiscal year brought together court and county partners from Glenn, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne Counties as well as state partners from Health and Human Services, the Department of Health Care Services, and the Department of Finance. Trainings were also held for court implementation planning teams, judicial officers, court staff, and Self-Help Centers. Site visits relating to Self-Help Center readiness were conducted at seven courts.

Pretrial Release Program

Staff presented on the pretrial release program at the California Association of Pretrial Service Providers Conference.

Court Facilities

Forty-six real estate transactions were completed in nine counties involving permits, new expense and revenue lease/licenses, event licenses, and lease amendments and renewals for court facilities. As of July 2023, there are 1,387 facility modification projects in progress with an estimated cost of \$646 million.

Audit Services

Fieldwork was completed for audits of the Superior Courts of Los Angeles, Marin, Monterey, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Tulare, and Yuba Counties. Audit entrance conferences were held, or fieldwork conducted with the Superior Courts of Fresno, Madera, Plumas, San Bernardino, and Sonoma Counties.

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

The mandated Annual Comprehensive Financial Report on behalf of all trial courts for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, was submitted to the State Controller's Office.

Labor and Employee Relations

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 19 trial courts on 38 matters. Services included side letter negotiations, impact bargaining, and successor memoranda of understanding negotiations. Support was also provided on 54 different labor and employee-related matters, including advising on policies related to remote work and flex schedules.

Information Technology Modernization Projects

The council's Information Technology Modernization Fund Workstream reviewed 135 project proposals across the various categories of the [California Courts Connected](#) framework. The approved funding model prioritized case management systems, small court priority-one projects, and a pro rate distribution of remaining funding among courts with approved projects.

Transitions to Modern Case Management Systems

Ten superior courts—Amador, Colusa, Contra Costa, Lassen, Marin, Mariposa, Mono, Nevada, Shasta, and Solano—migrated to a new case management system to ensure a stable platform and increased access to justice. Additionally, the Superior Courts of Orange, Sacramento, and Ventura Counties transitioned from the old state-supported V3 case management system. The final decommissioning of V3 began in June.

Expansion of Online Tool for Adjudicating Infraction Violations

Statewide expansion of the MyCitations application for online ability-to-pay determinations, as required by Assembly Bill 143, continued with deployment to four additional superior courts—Glenn, Alameda, Colusa, and Tehama. Thirty-one courts are now using the application. Interbranch agreements for the next five courts scheduled for implementation activities are being processed.

Collaboration with Justice System Stakeholders

Examples of recent stakeholder collaborations included meetings with the:

- *Department of State Hospitals and Groundswell*: Launch of the Incompetency to Stand Trial (IST) Evaluator Training Program, and the project to improve the quality of reporting on IST proceedings.
- *Center for Effective Public Policy and Council of State Governments*: Discussion of programming focused on advancing racial equity for people with behavioral health needs in the justice system.
- *Council of Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health*: Discussion of projects and policy priorities affecting trial courts.

Advisory Bodies

The following standing Judicial Council advisory bodies convened since the May 2023 business meeting:

1. Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch
2. Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions
3. Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
4. Appellate Advisory Committee
5. Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
6. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
7. Court Security Advisory Committee
8. Criminal Law Advisory Committee
9. Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
10. Information Technology Advisory Committee
11. Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee
12. Traffic Law Advisory Committee

13. Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
14. Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
15. Tribal Court–State Court Forum

Meeting Details

Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch

- Recommended council approval of annual updates to the Judicial Branch Contracting Manual, 14th edition to conform to statutory requirements and facilitate access to information on contracting and procurement.
- Approved the fiscal year (FY) 2023–24 audit plan, which includes initiating five trial court audits during FY 2023–24 and eleven in FY 2024–25.

Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions

- Discussed 12 proposals, including drafting a new instruction on implicit bias.
- Reviewed recent case law regarding aiding and abetting second degree murder to inform instruction revisions.

Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness

- Recommended Language Access Signage and Technology Grant Program (Cycle 5) awards for Judicial Council consideration.
- *Language Access Subcommittee*: Provided feedback concerning Assembly Bill 432 (California Court Interpreter Workforce Pilot Program) and Assembly Bill 1032 (Court Interpreters).

Appellate Advisory Committee

- Recommended four proposals for council action following the spring comment period. Proposals involved amending rules governing time for filing or electing an appendix, revising forms for requesting an extension of time to file a brief, revising the civil notice of appeal forms, and amending rules governing petitions for review to the Supreme Court to permit attachment of the entire trial court order in certain cases.

Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee

- Considered recommending proposals for council action following the spring comment period. Proposals included revisions to unlawful detainer forms to implement new law concerning partial evictions, a new rule of court to clarify service requirements after remote appearances at a restraining order hearings and related form revisions, and revisions to civil forms to implement new law concerning appointment of guardians ad litem.

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee

- Discussed interim funding and the reallocation process for the Substance Abuse Focus Grant.
- Provided input on proposed legislation that may impact collaborative courts statewide.

- *Mental Health Subcommittee*: Received presentations by the Department of State Hospitals regarding its Independent Placement Panel pilot to revise assessments of conditional release eligibility for persons under its care, the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal Justice-Involved Initiative, launch of the Incompetency to Stand Trial Evaluator Training Program, and the executive branch’s proposal to amend the Mental Health Services Act.

Court Security Advisory Committee

- Approved a recommendation to the council to adopt a Security Systems Program policy to formalize existing procedures and align with other Judicial Council Facilities Services programs.

Criminal Law Advisory Committee

- Reviewed legislation, including sentencing recall and resentencing, discrimination in criminal procedure, and writ of habeas corpus.
- Discussed public comments regarding amending the rule on appointment of qualified counsel in capital cases, revising the felony plea form, revising the petition for resentencing based on health conditions due to military service, and adopting a new rule and forms for trial court reporting of determinations affecting voting rights.

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee

- Recommended Court Appointed Special Advocate funding methodology for Judicial Council consideration.
- Reviewed post public invitation-to-comment changes to 13 rules of court and court forms proposals implementing recent legislation regarding adoption, psychiatric residential treatment for children, incarcerated or involuntarily institutionalized child support obligors, and protective orders.

Information Technology Advisory Committee

- Approved the fiscal year 2023–2024 Tactical Plan for Technology.
- Approved Information Technology Modernization Fund projects for fiscal year 2023–24.

Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee

- Reviewed post public invitation-to-comment changes to four rules of court and court forms proposals.
- *Legislative Subcommittee*: Provided input on legislative proposals including Senate Bill (SB) 35 (Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act).

Traffic Law Advisory Committee

- Discussed potential revisions to forms on Traffic/Nontraffic Notice to Appear, Agreement to Pay and Forfeit Bail Installments, Agreement to Pay Traffic Violator School Fees in Installments, and California Rules of Court, rule 4.107: Mandatory reminder notice-traffic procedures.
- Discussed legislative updates.

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Approved recommendations for allocation methodologies for backfill funding related to fee waivers (SB 154) and criminal fee elimination (SB 101) for distribution to the trial courts.
- Approved an allocation methodology recommendation for civil assessment backfill funding for the trial courts for fiscal year 2023–24 and ongoing.

Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee

- Authorized the committee’s fiscal year 2023–24 budget.
- Authorized expenditures of approximately \$8 million for facility modifications.
- Approved the draft facility modifications quarter four report and annual summary report for fiscal year 2022–23.
- Received updates on facility modification projects on hold, facilities maintenance performance, trial court real estate portfolio expense and revenue forecast for fiscal year 2023–24, deferred maintenance projects, fiscal year 2023–24 and 2024–25 budget, delegated courts interbranch agreements, statewide solar project, and reports on the presence of Legionella bacteria at the Napa courthouse.

Tribal Court–State Court Forum

- Reviewed post public invitation-to-comment changes to a rule of court and court form proposal implementing recent legislation regarding discretionary tribal participation in non-Indian Child Welfare Act cases.

Judicial Branch Education

The following courses and programs were created, updated, or delivered during this reporting period:

Summary

Judicial Education

1. Appellate Judicial Attorney Institute
2. Cow County Judges Institute
3. Handling Cases Involving Abuse in Later Life
4. Language Access Services
5. New Judge Orientation
6. Primary Assignment Orientations: Civil (Experienced), Criminal, Family, Juvenile Dependency
7. Qualifying Judicial Ethics Program

Judicial Officer, Court Employee, and Justice Partner Programs

8. Access to Visitation Grant Training
9. Classism and Poverty Bias in the Child Welfare System: Advocacy Starts on Day 1
10. Core 24: Advanced Skills for Experienced Court Managers and Administrators

11. Court Clerk Training Institute: Civil
12. Court Clerk Training Institute: Traffic
13. Court Operations Management
14. Court Self-Help Center and Family Law Facilitator Trainings
15. Effective Communication with Youth Understanding their Rights
16. Family Court Services, for Directors, Managers, Supervisors, and Court Administrators
17. Indian Child Welfare Act in Probate Guardianships
18. Near Passer Interpreter Training
19. Need for Identification of Native American Children and Collaboration with Tribes
20. Preventing Workplace Burnout
21. Regional Centers and Disability Benefits: How Can They Help Prevent Family Separation and Support Family Reunification
22. Safely Surrendered Baby and Indian Child Welfare Act
23. Understanding the Court Process for Nonminor Dependents
24. Using Zoom for Video Remote Interpreting (Court Interpreters Program)

Distance Education

Video

25. Criminal Series Updated
26. Implicit Bias in the Courts: A Call to Behavioral Realism
27. Legal Update 2023: Criminal Law, Juvenile Justice

Webinar

28. Hot Topics in Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act Litigation
29. Pretrial Release Program
30. Sexual Harassment Prevention, for Judicial Officers, Managers, and Supervisors

Detail

Access to Visitation Grant Training

Family Code section 3200.5 and Standard 5.20 of the California Standards of Judicial Administration training for court staff and professional providers of supervised visitation and safe exchange services.

Appellate Judicial Attorney Institute

Updates on substantive law and procedure, and forum for refining skills and sharing innovative practices.

Classism and Poverty Bias in the Child Welfare System: Advocacy Starts on Day 1

Importance of appropriate family visitation schedules and case plans in reunifying families.

Core 24: Advanced Skills for Experienced Court Managers and Administrators

Opportunity for experienced leaders to enhance skills and share ideas.

Court Clerk Training Institute: Civil

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

Court Clerk Training Institute: Traffic

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

Court Operations Management, Institute for Court Management

Identifying the most critical, foundational judicial branch purposes and examine accessible tools that measure essential components' efficacy in supporting core court purposes.

Court Self-Help Center and Family Law Facilitator Staff Trainings

- Language Access Toolkit.
- Conflict Resolution and De-escalation.

Cow County Judge Institute

Forum for general assignment judges and commissioners from small courts or rural counties to share innovative practices and keep up to date in all substantive law areas.

Criminal Series Updated

Courtroom Simulations, Criminal Series—videos illustrating techniques used by experienced judges during criminal proceedings updated to include a new segment on Co-Defendant Felony Pleas.

Effective Communication with Youth Understanding their Rights

Foster Bill of Rights and Welfare and Institutions Code related to youth rights.

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

Series of trainings for court staff on case consultation, mental health resources, interviewing children, bias, and other aspects of family court services.

Handling Cases Involving Abuse in Later Life

Ways to manage and navigate the complexities of cases in probate, family, and criminal court settings, including cultural issues.

Hot Topics in Song-Beverly Litigation

Lemon Law (consumer protection: vehicles) and developments on motions to compel arbitration of a claim and address fraudulent concealment causes of action joined with a core Lemon Law claim.

Implicit Bias in the Courts: A Call to Behavioral Realism

Overview of implicit bias and its impact on judicial decision-making.

Indian Child Welfare Act in Probate Guardianships

Legal requirements and challenges for probate guardianship.

Language Access Services

Effective use of interpreters in remote domestic violence cases.

Legal Update 2023

- Criminal Law: Recent legislation and court decisions affecting criminal law and procedure.
- Juvenile Justice: New laws and cases affecting juvenile justice court proceedings.

Near Passer Interpreter Training

Training for interpreting exam candidates who came close to passing the Bilingual Interpreting Examination.

Need for Identification of Native American Children and Collaboration with Tribes

Value of tribal participation and collaborations among state, tribal courts, and service providers on juvenile justice cases.

New Judge Orientation

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

Pretrial Release Program

- Courts and probation partners learn about program changes for the upcoming year.
- Snowflake data cloud court users receive demonstration on how to use Snowflake and Power BI to visualize outcomes related to pretrial pilot data.

Preventing Workplace Burnout (Trainings for Juvenile Court Stakeholders)

- Harnessing Stress and Battling Burnout with Happiness Factors: Strategies to maintain effectiveness and engagement in work.
- Creating an Engaged, Happy and High-Performing Team: Identifying signs of burnout and implement approaches to address burnout.

Primary Assignment Orientations

- Civil Law (Experienced): Comprehensive overview of civil law and procedure for judges, commissioners, and referees returning to a civil law assignment or who had recent substantial experience in civil law as a lawyer.
- Criminal Law: Procedural and substantive law governing criminal cases from arraignment through posttrial, from a judge's perspective.
- Family Law: Orientation to basic law and procedure necessary to handle family law matters in courts of various sizes, from the first ex parte appearance to final judgment and post judgment modifications.
- Juvenile Dependency: Law, procedure, and evidence rules; philosophy and responsibilities underlying the child welfare system and dependency court; child development; substance abuse; mental health; domestic violence; disproportionately high minority contact; the role of the judicial officer in juvenile court, and their unique ethical issues.

Qualifying Judicial Ethics Program

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

Regional Centers and Disability Benefits: How Can They Help Prevent Family Separation and Support Family Reunification

Regional centers and underutilized legal mandated service avenues for disabled children.

Safely Surrendered Baby and Indian Child Welfare Act

Conflicts between Indian Child Welfare Act and Safely Surrendered Baby laws and strategies to align these two systems.

Sexual Harassment Prevention

Tools to identify behaviors that constitute sexual harassment, discrimination, retaliation, and abusive conduct, and how to prevent and address these situations.

Understanding the Court Process for Nonminor Dependents

Training for probation officers on probation-involved foster youth.

Using Zoom for Video Remote Interpreting

Training for American Sign Language court interpreters and Language Access representatives.

Judicial Council Staffing Metrics

As of June 30, 2023

	Executive Division				Leadership Services Division		Operations & Programs Division					Administrative Division				
STAFFING	Audit Services	Executive Office	Governmental Affairs	Public Affairs	Leadership Support Services	Legal Services	Business Mgmt Services	Center for Families, Children and the Courts	Center for Judicial Education & Research	Criminal Justice Services	Information Technology	Branch Accounting & Procurement	Budget Services	Facilities Services	Human Resources	Judicial Council
Authorized Position (FTE)	14.00	13.00	10.00	9.00	66.00	61.00	23.00	93.80	52.50	31.00	191.00	155.00	34.00	147.00	56.00	956.30
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	9.00	10.00	6.85	6.00	58.00	45.40	16.00	71.50	45.00	26.00	104.00	142.00	28.00	132.00	50.75	750.50
Headcount - Employees	9	10	7	6	59	46	16	72	45	26	104	142	28	132	51	753.00
Vacancy (FTE)	5.00	3.00	3.15	3.00	8.00	15.60	7.00	22.30	7.50	5.00	87.00	13.00	6.00	15.00	5.25	205.80
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	35.7%	23.1%	31.5%	33.3%	12.1%	25.6%	30.4%	23.8%	14.3%	16.1%	45.5%	8.4%	17.6%	10.2%	9.4%	21.52%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	7.00
*Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	55.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	58.00
TOTAL WORKFORCE (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	9.00	12.00	6.85	6.00	59.00	46.40	19.00	81.50	46.00	27.00	160.00	142.00	28.00	132.00	52.75	827.50

See following page for definition of terms.

Staffing Category	Definition
Authorized Position (FTE)	All regular ongoing positions approved in the Budget Act for that year. The number is based on the position's approved full-time equivalency.
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	The number of authorized positions filled based on the employee's full-time equivalency.
Headcount	The actual count of persons employed by the Judicial Council, regardless of FTE. This number could be more than the FTE count due to part-time employees being counted as "1." This count does not include Judicial Council Temporary Employees (909) or Employment Agency Temporary Workers.
Vacancy (FTE)	The number of authorized positions minus the number of filled authorized positions.
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	The number of authorized positions divided by the number of vacant authorized positions, excluding temporary employees ("909" funded employees). See Judicial Council Temporary Employees, below.
Judicial Council Temporary Employees (909)	An employee whose salary is not funded through the Budget Act and who may receive benefits if employed at least half-time and the term of employment is for more than six months. A 909 position is categorized by the Office of the State Controller as a temporary position used in the absence of an authorized position. 909 positions may be occupied by regular full-time employees because of the unavailability of an authorized vacant position. Types of "909" Temporary Employees include retired annuitants, who are hired by their former employer or by another employer that participates in the same retirement system as the former employer. This includes a former participant in a state retirement system who has previously retired and who is currently receiving retirement benefits. Temporary: Employees employed on a temporary basis; they do not receive full benefits (but do receive CalPERS retirement service credit).
Employment Agency Temporary Workers (FTE)	Workers from/employees of an employment agency who provide short-term support.
Contractor (FTE)	Individuals augmenting the work of the organization and providing services for a limited period or on a specific project, where a particular skill set is required that is either (1) not within an existing classification and/or job description or (2) where recruitment issues require the use of a contractor.
Full Time Equivalency (FTE)	The number of total maximum compensable hours designated in a year divided by actual hours worked in a year. For example, the work year is defined as 2,080 hours; one employee occupying a paid full-time job all year would consume one FTE. One employee working for 1,040 hours each year would consume .5 FTE.
Time Base	Full time: Employee is scheduled to work 40 hours per week. Receives full benefits. Part time: Employee is scheduled to work less than 40 hours per week. Employees that work more than 20 hours per week receive full benefits. Intermittent: Employee has no established work schedule and works on an as-needed basis that varies from one pay period to the next. Eligibility for certain benefits may be limited for these employees.
Regular Employee	Commonly referred to as "permanent employees." They receive full benefits.
Limited Term	A position that is funded through the Budget Act with a specific end date. The position is counted as an authorized position. Employees in limited-term positions may be regular or temporary.

Judicial Appointments and Vacancies Report

Judicial Appointments:

The Governor made 45 new judicial appointments since the March Judicial Council meeting:

- Courts of Appeal: Second District (2), Fourth District (1).
- Superior Courts: Alameda (1), Contra Costa (2), Fresno (1), Kern (3), Kings (1), Los Angeles (10), Orange (2), Sacramento (2), San Bernardino (3), San Diego (2), San Mateo (1), San Joaquin (1), Santa Clara (3), Santa Cruz (1), Sonoma (3), Stanislaus (1), Tulare (3), Tuolumne (1) and Yolo (1).

Judicial Vacancy Roster Report:

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant as of **July 1, 2023**

Type of Court	Number of Courts	Number of Judgeships				
		Authorized	Filled	Vacant	Filled (Last Month)	Vacant (Last Month)
Supreme Court	1	7	7	0	7	0
Courts of Appeal	6	106	97	9	95	11
Superior Courts	58	1,755	1,646	109	1,647	108
All Courts	65	1,868	1,750	118	1,749	119

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

Judicial Vacancies: Appellate Courts

Appellate District	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Justice to be Replaced	Last Day
1st District	3			
Division One		Resigned	Hon. Gabriel P. Sanchez	01/22/2022
Division Two		Elevated	Hon. Therese M. Stewart	11/30/2022
Division Four		Elevated	Hon. Tracie L. Brown	04/07/2023
2nd District	3			
Division Four		Elevated	Hon. Brian S. Currey	05/19/2023
Division Four		Retired	Hon. Nora M. Manella	01/31/2023
Division Seven		Retired	Hon. Laurie D. Zelon	08/31/2020
3rd District	2			
Third Appellate District		Retired	Hon. Andrea L. Hoch	12/31/2022
Third Appellate District		Retired	Hon. Vance W. Raye	05/31/2022
4th District	1			

Appellate District	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Justice to be Replaced	Last Day
Division Three		Retired	Hon. Richard D. Fybel	03/31/2022
TOTAL APPELLATE COURT VACANCIES	9			

Judicial Vacancies: Superior Courts

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
Alameda	2			
		Elevated	Hon. Kelli M. Evans	01/02/2023
		Retired	Hon. Gail Brewster Bereola	12/31/2022
Butte	1			
		Retired	Hon. Sandra L. McLean	11/16/2022
El Dorado	1			
		Retired	Hon. Dylan M. Sullivan	04/05/2023
Fresno	3			
		Retired	Hon. Timothy A. Kams	04/30/2023
		Retired	Hon. Jon N. Kapetan	04/12/2023
		Retired	Hon. Rosemary T. McGuire	01/20/2023
Kern	2			
		Retired	Hon. Ralph W. Wyatt	06/20/2023
		Newly created position	Budget Act of 2022	
Kings	1			
		Newly created position	Budget Act of 2022	
Los Angeles	24			
		Retired	Hon. Allen Joseph Webster, Jr.	06/29/2023
		Retired	Hon. Mark A. Borenstein	06/29/2023
		Retired	Hon. Rafael A. Ongkeko	06/27/2023
		Retired	Hon. Mary H. Strobel	06/23/2023
		Retired	Hon. Hernan D. Vera	06/20/2023
		Retired	Hon. Terry A. Green	06/15/2023
		Retired	Hon. Katherine Chilton	06/02/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Helen Zukin	05/19/2023
		Retired	Hon. Wesley L. Hsu	05/18/2023
		Retired	Hon. Monica Bachner	05/12/2023
		Retired	Hon. Dalila Corral Lyons	05/01/2023
		Retired	Hon. Yolanda Orozco	05/01/2023
		Retired	Hon. James R. Dabney	04/23/2023
		Retired	Hon. Nancy L. Newman	04/21/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Audra M. Mori	04/17/2023
		Retired	Hon. Randy Rhodes	04/15/2023
		Retired	Hon. Christine W. Byrd	04/11/2023
		Retired	Hon. Steven J. Kleifield	04/07/2023
		Retired	Hon. Norman J. Shapiro	04/01/2023
		Retired	Hon. Dennis J. Landin	03/31/2023

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
		Retired	Hon. Bruce E. Brodie	03/07/2023
		Deceased	Hon. Beverly L. Bourne	03/02/2023
		Retired	Hon. Craig D. Karlan	03/01/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Rashida A. Adams	02/17/2023
Madera	1			
		Retired	Hon. James E. Oakley	02/17/2023
Merced	2			
		Retired	Hon. David W. Moranda	04/24/2023
		Retired	Hon. John D. Kiriara	09/07/2021
Monterey	1			
		Retired	Hon. Larry E. Hayes	06/04/2022
Orange	16			
		Retired	Hon. Gerald G. Johnston	06/29/2023
		Retired	Hon. Dennis J. Keough	06/29/2023
		Retired	Hon. Derek W. Hunt	05/31/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Martha K. Gooding	05/19/2023
		Retired	Hon. Claudia J. Silbar	04/30/2023
		Retired	Hon. James L. Crandall	04/27/2023
		Retired	Hon. Gary M. Pohlson	03/27/2023
		Retired	Hon. Michael S. McCartin	02/28/2023
		Retired	Hon. Glenda Sanders	02/17/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Steven D. Bromberg	11/07/2022
		Retired	Hon. Gregg L. Prickett	08/25/2022
		Retired	Hon. Robert James Moss	06/10/2022
		Retired	Hon. James J. Di Cesare	05/06/2022
		Retired	Hon. John L. Flynn III	03/09/2022
		Retired	Hon. Frank Ospino	02/14/2022
		Retired	Hon. Jacki C. Brown	02/02/2022
Placer	1			
		Newly created position	Budget Act of 2022	
Riverside	1			
		Retired	Hon. Dale R. Wells	12/27/2022
Sacramento	9			
		Retired	Hon. Gerrit W. Wood	04/15/2023
		Retired	Hon. Patrick Marlette	03/31/2023
		Retired	Hon. R. Steven Lapham	03/27/2023
		Retired	Hon. Sharon A. Lueras	03/14/2023
		Retired	Hon. John P. Winn	02/28/2023
		To Fed Court	Hon. Daniel J. Calabretta	02/21/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Shama Hakim Mesiwala	02/14/2023
		Retired	Hon. Michael P. Kenny	01/23/2023
		Retired	Hon. Geoffrey A. Goodman	10/31/2022
San Bernardino	6			
		Retired	Hon. Lorenzo R. Balderrama	03/05/2023
		Retired	Hon. Tara Reilly	02/28/2023

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		Retired	Hon. Bryan F. Foster	02/18/2023
		Newly created position	Budget Act of 2022	
		Newly created position	Budget Act of 2022	
		Newly created position	Budget Act of 2022	
San Diego	9			
		Retired	Hon. Gary M. Bubis	06/09/2023
		Retired	Hon. Desiree A. Bruce-Lyle	05/05/2023
		Retired	Hon. Peter L. Gallagher	04/28/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Julia Craig Kelety	04/07/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Jose Scher Castillo	04/07/2023
		Retired	Hon. Jeffrey S. Bostwick	04/04/2023
		Retired	Hon. Browder A. Willis III	03/31/2023
		Elevated	Hon. David M. Rubin	03/30/2023
		Retired	Hon. Kenneth K. So	03/26/2023
San Francisco	1			
		Retired	Hon. Gail Dekreon	01/06/2023
San Joaquin	3			
		Retired	Hon. Robin Appel	03/31/2023
		Retired	Hon. Bernard J. Garber	02/28/2023
		Retired	Hon. Elizabeth Humphreys	07/12/2022
San Luis Obispo	2			
		Retired	Hon. Charles S. Crandall	08/31/2022
		Elevated	Hon. Hernaldo J. Baltodano	08/03/2022
San Mateo	1			
		Elevated	Hon. Danny Y. Chou	06/23/2023
Santa Barbara	2			
		Retired	Hon. Brian Hill	03/29/2023
		Retired	Hon. Arthur A. Garcia	12/30/2022
Santa Clara	6			
		Retired	Hon. James E. Towery	05/17/2023
		Retired	Hon. Kenneth Paul Barnum	04/30/2023
		Retired	Hon. Patricia M. Lucas	04/26/2023
		Retired	Hon. Shelyna V. Brown	04/12/2023
		Retired	Hon. Deborah A. Ryan	02/28/2023
		Retired	Hon. Paul O. Colin	03/04/2022
Shasta	2			
		Retired	Hon. Cara Beatty	10/28/2022
		Retired	Hon. Daryl E. Kennedy	07/01/2022
Sierra	1			
		Transferred	Hon. Yvette Durant	01/03/2022
Solano	2			
		Retired	Hon. Earl Bradley Nelson	06/28/2023
		Retired	Hon. D. Scott Daniels	04/13/2023
Sonoma	1			
		Retired	Hon. Arthur A. Wick	07/31/2022

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Stanislaus	3			
		Retired	Hon. Jack M. Jacobson	04/25/2023
		Retired	Hon. Ricardo Cordova	04/16/2023
		Newly created position	Budget Act of 2022	
Sutter	1			
		Newly created position	Budget Act of 2022	
Ventura	3			
		Retired	Hon. Manuel J. Covarrubias	04/30/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Tari L. Cody	04/17/2023
		Retired	Hon. John R. Smiley	08/01/2022
Yolo	1			
		Transferred	Hon. Peter M. Williams	05/19/2023
TOTAL VACANCIES	109			
STATEWIDE TOTAL	118			

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant: June 2021–June 2023

Month	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
Jun-21	1,755	1,630	125	7.1%	106	95	11	10.4%
Jul-21	1,755	1,641	114	6.5%	106	98	8	7.5%
Aug-21	1,755	1,633	122	7.0%	106	96	10	9.4%
Sep-21	1,755	1,647	108	6.2%	106	97	9	8.5%
Oct-21	1,755	1,640	115	6.6%	106	96	10	9.4%
Nov-21	1,755	1,658	97	5.5%	106	98	8	7.5%
Dec-21	1,755	1,649	106	6.0%	106	97	9	8.5%
Jan-22	1,755	1,639	116	6.6%	106	95	11	10.4%
Feb-22	1,755	1,631	124	7.1%	106	95	11	10.4%
Mar-22	1,755	1,643	112	6.4%	106	95	11	10.4%
Apr-22	1,755	1,636	119	6.8%	106	95	11	10.4%
May-22	1,755	1,637	118	6.7%	106	93	13	12.3%
Jun-22	1,755	1,637	118	6.7%	106	90	16	15.1%
Jul-22	1,755	1,627	128	7.3%	106	90	16	15.1%
Aug-22	1,755	1,646	132	7.5%	106	92	14	13.2%
Sep-22	1,755	1,647	131	7.5%	106	92	14	13.2%
Oct-22	1,755	1,634	144	8.2%	106	92	14	13.2%
Nov-22	1,755	1,636	142	8.1%	106	92	14	13.2%
Dec-22	1,755	1,644	111	6.3%	106	92	14	13.2%
Jan-23	1,755	1,656	99	5.6%	106	90	16	15.1%
Feb-23	1,755	1,650	105	6.0%	106	91	15	14.2%
Mar-23	1,755	1,650	105	6.0%	106	91	15	14.2%
Apr-23	1,755	1,628	127	7.2%	106	95	11	10.4%
May-23	1,755	1,647	108	6.2%	106	95	11	10.4%
Jun-23	1,755	1,646	109	6.2%	106	97	9	8.5%

Percentage of Superior Court Judgeships Vacant: June 2021–June 2023

