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Friday, July 12, 2024

9:45 AM

San Francisco

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

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

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

Attendance

Council Members

- Present:** 23 - Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero, Justice Carol A. Corrigan, Administrative Presiding Justice Brad R. Hill, Justice Carin T. Fujisaki, Presiding Judge Maureen F. Hallahan, Presiding Judge Maria D. Hernandez, Judge Maria Lucy Armendariz, Judge C. Todd Bottke, Judge Kyle S. Brodie, Judge Jonathan B. Conklin, Judge Michelle Williams Court, Judge Charles S. Crompton, Judge Judith K. Dulcich, Judge Samuel K. Feng, Judge Ann C. Moorman, Judge Erica R. Yew, Senator Thomas J. Umberg, Ms. Kate Bieker, Mr. David D. Fu, Ms. Rachel W. Hill, Mr. Charles Johnson, Mr. Darrel E. Parker, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki
- Absent:** 3 - Assembly Member Brian Maienschein, Ms. Gretchen Nelson, and Mr. Maxwell V. Pritt

Call to Order

Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero, Chair of the Judicial Council, called the open session to order at 9:45 a.m. in the Judicial Council Board Room.

Public Comment

Written comments were provided to the council members and filed in the record. Ms. Natalie R. and Mr. Niles River addressed the council on general matters of judicial administration.

Chief Justice's Report

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

Administrative Director's Report

[24-010](#)

Administrative Director's Report

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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Minutes of May 17, 2024, Judicial Council Meeting

[24-109](#)

Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts | Funding for Court Reporters (Action Required)

Summary: Senate Bill 170 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240), which amended the Budget Act of 2021, included \$30 million ongoing General Fund to the Judicial Council for establishing a methodology to allocate funding to all trial courts to increase the number of court reporters in family law and civil cases. The budget language in the 2022 Budget Act and ongoing expanded the use of this funding but did not affect how these funds are allocated to the courts. The May Revision for the fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 budget reduced the level of funding to \$20 million ongoing but has no impact on how these funds could be used. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving a proportional allocation of the ongoing \$20 million to all trial courts for FY 2024-25.

Recommendation: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 12, 2024, approve the following:

1. Allocate the \$20 million to the trial courts on a proportional basis using the council-approved methodology with updated Assessed Judicial Need data based on the 2022 Judicial Needs Assessment as outlined in Attachment A; and

2. Direct Judicial Council staff to survey the courts after allocations are distributed to the trial courts, no later than midyear of fiscal year 2024-25, for a one-time redistribution of unspent funds to ensure the full appropriation is maximized to increase the number of court reporters in family law and civil cases.

[24-085](#)**Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts | Pretrial Release Funding and Allocation Methodology (Action Required)**

Summary: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving the fiscal year 2024-25 pretrial release funding of \$68.95 million General Fund for the trial courts. This allocation is in accordance with methodologies outlined in the Budget Act of 2024, including minimum funding floors. Funding through the pretrial release program provides for the implementation and operation of ongoing court programs and practices that promote the safe, efficient, fair, and timely pretrial release of individuals booked into jail.

Recommendation: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 12, 2024, approve fiscal year 2024-25 pretrial release allocations of \$68.95 million General Fund for the trial courts in accordance with methodologies outlined in the Budget Act of 2024, including minimum funding floors.

[24-123](#)**Collaborative Justice | Fiscal Year 2024-25 Substance Abuse Focus Grant and Dependency Drug Court Augmentation Grant Funding (Action Required)**

Summary: The Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council allocate the Substance Abuse Focus Grant Program's fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 funds to the trial courts using the population-based methodology approved in September 2023. The Budget Act of 2024 allocated \$1.16 million for the Substance Abuse Focus Grant Program to the superior courts to maintain, expand, or enhance collaborative courts. A total of \$75,000 in federal Court Improvement Program funds is also available in FY 2024-25 to fund dependency drug courts.

Recommendation: The Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 12, 2024, approve the distribution of grants from the Collaborative Justice Courts Substance Abuse Focus Grant Program and the Dependency Drug Court Augmentation for fiscal year 2024-25 to courts as allocated by the population-based methodology approved at the Judicial Council meeting on September 19, 2023.

[24-120](#)**Rules and Forms | Adjustments to Exemptions from Enforcement of Judgments (Action Required)**

Summary: The Code of Civil Procedure requires the Judicial Council to publish a list of the current dollar amounts of exemptions from judgment. The Code of Civil Procedure also provides that the dollar amount of the exemption for a judgment

debtor's deposit account be adjusted every July 1. In addition, the Legislature recently amended the relevant sections of the Code of Civil Procedure to adjust the amount of two other existing exemptions and added two new exemptions. Accordingly, Judicial Council staff recommend revising the form that contains the list of dollar amounts of exemptions from judgment to reflect the updated figure for deposit accounts and to implement the recent statutory amendments.

Recommendation: Judicial Council staff recommend that the Judicial Council, effective July 15, 2024, revise *Current Dollar Amounts of Exemptions From Enforcement of Judgments* (form EJ-156) to reflect increases in the minimum basic standard of care for a family of four and to implement new law.

[24-127](#)

Rules and Forms | Child Support: Implementing Amendments to the Family Code (Action Required)

Summary: The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve 2 new forms, revise 20 forms, and revoke 3 forms related to child support. This action is necessary to implement recent changes to the Family Code that (1) require, in compliance with recent federal regulations, that child support orders be based on evidence of actual income or the specific circumstances of the obligor parent; (2) mandate that local child support agencies provide notice regarding payment of support to parents and the court when they begin and cease to provide child support enforcement services; and (3) increase the time period before child support resumes after an obligor parent has been released from incarceration or confinement.

Recommendation: The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council:

1. Approve the following new forms reflecting changes in law, effective September 1, 2024:
 - *Earning Capacity Factors Attachment* (form FL-302); and
 - *Information Sheet: Notice Regarding Payment of Support* (form FL-632-INFO).
2. Revise the following forms to conform to new law and make improvements, effective September 1, 2024:
 - *Notice of Rights and Responsibilities (Health-Care Costs and Reimbursement Procedures)* (form FL-192);
 - *Child Support Information and Order Attachment* (form FL-342);
 - *Non-Guideline Child Support Findings Attachment* (form FL-342(A)); and
 - *Notice Regarding Payment of Support* (form FL-632).
3. Revise the following forms to conform to new law, with an effective date of January 1, 2026:
 - *Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations (UIFSA)* (form FL-530);
 - *Summons and Complaint or Supplemental Complaint Regarding Parental Obligations* (form FL-600);

- *Answer to Complaint or Supplemental Complaint Regarding Parental Obligations* (form FL-610);
 - *Declaration for Amended Proposed Judgment* (form FL-616);
 - *Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations* (form FL-630);
 - *Notice of Entry of Judgment and Proof of Service by Mail* (form FL-635);
 - *Notice and Motion to Cancel (Set Aside) Support Order Based on Presumed Income* (form FL-640);
 - *Information Sheet for Notice and Motion to Cancel (Set Aside) Support Order Based on Presumed Income* (form FL-640-INFO);
 - *Declaration of Obligor's Income During Judgment Period--Presumed Income Set-Aside Request* (form FL-643);
 - *Findings and Recommendation of Commissioner* (form FL-665);
 - *Notice of Motion* (form FL-680);
 - *Order to Show Cause* (form FL-683);
 - *Order After Hearing* (form FL-687);
 - *Short Form Order After Hearing* (form FL-688);
 - *Minutes and Order or Judgment* (form FL-692); and
 - *Guideline Findings Attachment* (form FL-693).
4. Revoke the following forms immediately upon the council's approval, as the corresponding Family Code provisions were repealed on January 1, 2024:
- *Application for Expedited Child Support Order* (form FL-380);
 - *Response to Application for Expedited Child Support Order and Notice of Hearing* (form FL-381); and
 - *Expedited Child Support Order* (form FL-382).

[24-126](#)

Rules and Forms | Mental Health Law: CARE Act and Related Proceedings (Action Required)

Summary: The Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee recommends approving an optional form for the court's use to order the county agency to provide information to the respondent's attorney in specified related proceedings that a petition to commence proceedings under the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act has been filed on the respondent's behalf. This form, recommended in response to comments from courts and counties, would facilitate the process required by rule 7.2210(e) of the California Rules of Court.

Recommendation: The Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective September 1, 2024, approve *Order to Provide Information to Respondent's Attorney in Related Proceedings* (form CARE-103) for optional use.

[24-111](#)**Rules and Forms | Miscellaneous Technical Changes
(Action Required)**

Summary: Various members of the judicial branch, members of the public, and Judicial Council staff have identified errors in the Judicial Council forms resulting from input errors, as well as minor changes needed to conform to changes in law or previous council actions. Judicial Council staff recommend making the necessary corrections to ensure that the forms conform to the law and to avoid causing confusion for court users, clerks, and judicial officers.

Recommendation: Judicial Council staff recommend that the council, effective September 1, 2024:

1. Revise *Income and Expense Declaration* (form FL-150) to change the form's signature line (following item 15) to be for signature of an attorney.
The form was previously approved by the council to expressly require the attorney's signature, but the word "attorney" was inadvertently replaced with "declarant" when the form was last revised, leading to an ambiguity in the form;
2. Revise *Receipt for Firearms and Firearm Parts* (form SV-800) to renumber the items on the form as two items were inadvertently given the same number; and
3. Revise *Receipt for Firearms and Firearm Parts* (form WV-800) to renumber the items on the form as two items were inadvertently given the same number.

[24-122](#)**Trial Court Budget | Fiscal Year 2024-25 Allocation of Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act Funding
(Action Required)**

Summary: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends allocation to courts of the \$26.5 million for fiscal year 2024-25 included in the Budget Act of 2024 for implementation of the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act. The allocation may change based on final appropriations included in the signed Budget Act.

Recommendation: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 1, 2024:

1. Approve the continuation of all elements of the allocation methodology approved in fiscal year 2023-24, including employing the Workload Formula and the funding base already defined;
2. Approve, for Cohort One courts and Los Angeles, an allocation based on the amount required for a full year of Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act implementation; and
3. Approve, for Cohort Two courts, an allocation with base funding and pro rata distribution of remaining funds available for CARE Act implementation.

[24-087](#)**Trial Court Budget | Fiscal Year 2024-25 Allocation of Court-Appointed Juvenile Dependency Counsel Funding
(Action Required)**

Summary: The fiscal year 2024-25 budget for court-appointed dependency counsel is \$186.7 million. The Judicial Council is required to approve the allocation of court-appointed dependency counsel funding on an annual basis.

Recommendation: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 1, 2024, allocate \$186.7 million for fiscal year 2024-25 to the trial courts for court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel costs.

[24-121](#)

Trial Court Budget | Model Self-Help Pilot Program--Technology Model Project Allocation Methodology (Action Required)

Summary: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve revisions to the methodology for the allocation of funds for the Model Self-Help Pilot Program Technology Model Project to address the urgent need to expand self-help services in all courts.

Recommendation: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 12, 2024, revise the allocation methodology for the Model Self-Help Pilot Program's Technology Model Project to:

1. Require that proposed projects be limited to enabling courts to collaborate in providing self-help services remotely;
2. Award a three-year grant through a competitive solicitation process open to all courts and conducted every three years;
3. Make a single grant award for the project; and
4. If a responsive proposal is not received in the fiscal year 2024-25 solicitation process, allocate funding through the current methodology adopted by the council at its meeting on March 12, 2021.

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Trial Court Budget | Self-Help Funding Allocation Methodology for Fiscal Year 2024-25 through 2026-27 (Action Required)

Summary: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends maintaining the current funding allocation methodology for self-help funding allocated to the trial courts for fiscal year 2024-25 and ongoing. The next allocation changes based on population using this methodology would be made in fiscal year 2027-28. This recommendation will ensure that resources are allocated effectively and will provide adequate notice to courts so they can plan for funding changes.

Recommendation: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 12, 2024, continue the current funding allocation methodology for related to self-help funding to trial courts for fiscal year 2024-25 and ongoing, as follows:

1. Maintain a three-year population update schedule using rolling three-year average census data;
2. Provide annual population updates to trial courts using rolling three-year average data for informational purposes only; and
3. Maintain the current self-help allocation baseline of \$34,000 per court.

[24-030](#)**Trial Court Budget | State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Allocations for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (Action Required)**

Summary: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving allocations for fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund in the amount of \$46.6 million. Assuming approval of the allocations, and with current revenue projections, the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund is projected to end FY 2024-25 with a fund balance of \$28.9 million, of which approximately \$26.8 million will be unrestricted.

Recommendation: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee, with Judicial Branch Budget Committee approval on May 16, 2024, recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 12, 2024, approve a total of \$46.6 million in allocations for FY 2024-25 from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund. The requested allocations and difference from the FY 2023-24 allocation value, by office, are as follows:

- \$399,000 to Audit Services, an increase of \$27,000;
- \$302,000 to Branch Accounting and Procurement, an increase of \$10,000;
- \$9,000 to Business Management Services, no change;
- \$18,000 to Budget Services, a decrease of \$17,000;
- \$5.4 million to Center for Families, Children & the Courts, a decrease of \$866,000;
- \$2.2 million to Center for Judicial Education and Research, an increase of \$689,000;
- \$9,000 to Criminal Justice Services, no change;
- \$0 to Human Resources, a decrease of \$23,000;
- \$33.6 million to Information Technology, a decrease of \$1.3 million;
- \$2.7 million to Legal Services, a decrease of \$131,000; and
- \$2 million to Leadership Support Services, an increase of \$49,000.

DISCUSSION AGENDA[24-128](#)**Court Interpreters | Announcement of Invitation to Participate in the California Court Interpreter Workforce Pilot Program (No Report. No Action Required.)**

Summary: This presentation to the Judicial Council is about the California Court Interpreter Workforce Pilot Program, a five-year pilot that was approved by the council at its meeting on May 17, 2024. The pilot program is intended to increase the number of court interpreter employees in the courts by reimbursing potential interpreters for costs associated with their training, coursework, and up to three examination fees to become a court interpreter.

[24-032](#)**Trial Court Budget | Allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund and Trial Court Allocations for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (Action Required)**

Summary: For fiscal year (FY) 2024-25, the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) recommends the Judicial Council allocate \$3 billion to the trial courts, which includes \$2.8 billion from the Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF) and \$137.8 million from the state General Fund for employee benefits and pretrial funding. Due to the state’s multiyear budget deficit, the May Revision included an ongoing \$97 million General Fund reduction to the trial courts’ operational funding, which is reflected in the total allocations for FY 2024-25. The TCBAC also recommends the Judicial Council approve the Workload Formula allocation of \$2.5 billion, which is a subset of the \$3 billion total allocation, based on recommended methodologies as well as methodologies approved by the Judicial Council. Assuming approval of the allocations, current revenue projections, and estimated savings from FY 2023-24 appropriations, the TCTF will end FY 2024-25 with a fund balance of \$128.6 million, of which approximately \$60.8 million will be unrestricted.

Recommendation: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 12, 2024:

Approve the recommendation that Consumer Price Index funding included in the budget to address inflationary costs for the trial courts is not considered “new money” for the purpose of allocating funding via the Workload Formula, and therefore revise the definition of “new money” in the policy to exclude Consumer Price Index funding.

Approve base, discretionary, and nondiscretionary program allocations in the amount of \$3 billion (Attachment A, column AC), which includes the following:

- a. A reduction of \$97 million to the trial courts (Attachment A, column E);
- b. An allocation of \$50 million from the Trial Court Trust Fund for support of operation of the trial courts (Attachment A, column B); and
- c. An allocation of \$68.8 million General Fund for employee benefit cost increases associated with retirement, employee health, and retiree health benefits for the period 2010-11 through 2011-12 (Attachment A, column T).

Approve a Workload Formula allocation of \$2.5 billion based on the methodology approved by the Judicial Council (Attachment B, column X).

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

[24-119](#)**Court Facilities | Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan and Capital-Outlay Budget Change Proposals for Fiscal Year 2025-26 (Action Required)**

Summary: The Court Facilities Advisory Committee recommends approval of the *Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan* and eight capital-outlay budget change proposals for fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 for submission to the state Department of Finance. The five-year plan forms the basis for capital project funding requests for the upcoming and outlying fiscal years, and the budget change proposals reflect funding requested for the phases of the projects in year 1 (FY 2025-26) of the plan.

Recommendation: The Court Facilities Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 12, 2024:

1. Approve the *Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan for Fiscal Year 2025-26*;
2. Approve the eight capital-outlay budget change proposals for FY 2025-26; and
3. Direct staff to submit the plan and the eight budget change proposals to the state Department of Finance.

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

[24-031](#)**Judicial Branch Budget | 2025-26 Budget Change Proposals for Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, Superior Courts, Habeas Corpus Resource Center, Judicial Branch Facilities Program, and Judicial Council (Action Required)**

Summary: To balance responsible investment in core programs and services provided by the judicial branch in the context of the state's multiyear projected deficit, the Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommends submitting eight budget change proposals to the Department of Finance for consideration in the fiscal year 2025-26 Governor's Budget.

Recommendation: The Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 12, 2024, approve the following fiscal year 2025-26 budget change proposals (not in priority order) for submission to the Department of Finance in September 2024:

1. Inflationary Adjustment for Trial Courts (Consumer Price Index)--\$64.5 million General Fund;
2. Trial Court Equity Funding to Statewide Average--\$43.4 million General Fund;
3. San Diego Hall of Justice Facility Modification--\$9.5 million General Fund;
4. Facilities Program Support--\$6.4 million General Fund;
5. Trial Court Physical Security Assessment and Evaluation--\$2.7 million General Fund;
6. Capital Outlay Funding, fiscal years 2025-26 through 2029-30--\$2.4 billion General Fund and Public Buildings Construction Fund;

7. Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal Court-Appointed Counsel Programs--\$25 million General Fund; and
8. Litigation Management Program--\$3 million General Fund.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Administrative Presiding Justice Hill and seconded by Justice Fujisaki. The motion was adopted.

[24-088](#)

Juvenile Law | Court Appointed Special Advocate Funding Methodology and Fiscal Year 2024-25 Allocations (Action Required)

Summary: The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends the Judicial Council allocate funding for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program, which includes an amendment to the funding methodology for allocation of a \$500,000 funding augmentation. The allocations will fund 45 CASA programs serving 52 counties and approximately 10,600 children statewide.

Recommendation: The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council allocate the \$2.713 million in total grant funds for fiscal year 2024-25 as follows, effective July 1, 2024:

1. Allocate \$2.103 million in base funding based on the previously approved four-tier methodology.
2. Amend the funding methodology approved by the Judicial Council to include an ongoing funding methodology for the \$500,000 augmentation:
 - a. Allocate the funding as a separate growth-based incentive (Growth Incentive A);
 - b. Allocate this growth-based incentive to a total of 30 eligible local CASA programs, composed of 15 small and 15 large programs, based on the current methodology for determining incentive funding eligibility for small and large programs; and
 - c. Allocate this funding equally among the 30 eligible local CASA programs.
3. Allocate \$110,000 equally to the 27 programs, 13 small and 14 large, that are eligible for the existing growth-based incentive (Growth Incentive B).

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Presiding Judge Hernandez and seconded by Judge Court. The motion was adopted.

[24-114](#)

Child Support | AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program Funding for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (Action Required)

Summary: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approval of Assembly Bill 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program funding for fiscal year 2024-25. The funds are provided through a cooperative agreement between the California Department of Child Support Services and the Judicial Council, which requires the council to annually approve these funding allocations.

Recommendation: The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 12, 2024:

1. Approve the recommended allocation for the Child Support Commissioner program for fiscal year (FY) 2024-25. This allocation maintains the current workload-based methodology that was approved by the Judicial Council on January 15, 2019, and is updated with new workload data every two years; and
2. Approve the recommended allocation for the Family Law Facilitator program for FY 2024-25. This allocation maintains the current population-based methodology that was approved by the Judicial Council on July 9, 2021, and is updated with new population data every two years.

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

INFORMATION AGENDA (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

[24-116](#)

Child Support | Midyear Funding Reallocation for Fiscal Year 2023-24

Summary: Effective January 17, 2020, the Judicial Council approved the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee's recommendation to combine the previous two Assembly Bill 1058 Child Support Program midyear funding reallocation processes into one administrative process to maximize program efficiencies. This administrative process for midyear reallocation delegates ongoing authority to the Administrative Director on an annual basis. This report details the midyear reallocation of funding for the AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program for fiscal year 2023-24.

[24-112](#)

Report to the Legislature | Court Realignment Data (Calendar Year 2023)

Summary: Penal Code section 13155 requires Judicial Council staff, commencing January 1, 2013, to collect information from trial courts regarding the implementation of the 2011 Criminal Justice Realignment legislation and make the data available annually to the California Department of Finance (DOF), Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), and Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) by September 1. This is the 12th annual court realignment data report. It will be distributed to the DOF, BSCC, and JLBC.

[24-118](#)

Report to the Legislature | Electronic Recording Equipment

Summary: Government Code section 69958 requires the Judicial Council to report semiannually to the Legislature on the purchase and lease of any electronic recording equipment that will be used to record superior court proceedings. For this reporting period (July 1-December 31, 2023), eight courts reported a combined total of \$5,324,945 for the purchase of electronic recording equipment or related items. Additionally, two courts reported purchases made in prior reporting periods. The Judicial Council's Policy and Research Office staff submitted this information to the Legislature, in

Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts (July 1 through December 31, 2023), on or before June 30, 2024.

[24-089](#)

Report to the Legislature | Fiscal Year 2023-24 Funding for California Court Appointed Special Advocate Association

Summary: On or before July 1, 2024, staff of the Judicial Council’s Center for Families, Children & the Courts submitted to the Legislature the *Report on California Court Appointed Special Advocate Association Funding Allocations and Program Development: Year Two*, in accordance with the requirements stated in the Budget Act of 2023.

[24-097](#)

Report to the Legislature | Trial Court Interpreters Program Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Summary: On June 30, 2024, the Judicial Council’s Language Access Services submitted the annual report on trial court interpreter expenditures to the Legislature and the Department of Finance. This report is required by the Budget Act of 2022 (Sen. Bill 154; Stats. 2022, ch. 43).

[24-115](#)

Trial Courts | Public Notice of Court Closures or Reduced Clerks’ Office Hours

Summary: Government Code section 68106 directs (1) trial courts to notify the public and the Judicial Council before closing courtrooms or clerks’ offices or reducing clerks’ regular office hours; and (2) the council to post all such notices on its website and relay them to the Legislature. This report lists the latest court notices received by the council under this statutory requirement. Since the previous report, one superior court--the Superior Court of Glenn County--has issued a new notice.

[24-110](#)

Trial Courts | Quarterly Investment Report for Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2023-24

Summary: This quarterly investment report covers the period from January 1 through March 31, 2024, and provides the financial results for the funds invested by the Judicial Council on behalf of the trial courts as part of the judicial branch treasury program. The report is submitted under the Resolutions Regarding Investment Activities for the Trial Courts, approved by the Judicial Council on February 27, 2004.

Judicial Council Internal Committee Reports

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Written Reports

Appointment Orders

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Appointment Orders since the last business meeting.

Adjournment

With the meeting's business completed, the Chief Justice adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Director Shelley Curran, Secretary to the Judicial Council, on September 20, 2024.