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Executive Summary

The following information outlines some of the many activities staff is 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 March meeting and is exclusive of issues on the May business meeting agenda.

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Budget Advocacy

The Governor's May Budget Revision for the 2019–2020 fiscal year included proposed funding for 25 new trial court judgeships, a trial court reserves cap adjustment from the current one percent to three percent, \$9.6 million for language access expansion, \$5 million to address workload growth for the Courts of Appeal, and \$20 million in legal-aid funding for renters in landlord-tenant disputes. Briefing calls were held with judicial branch leadership following the May Revise release. Court leaders and Judicial Council staff have provided testimony on branch priorities at three Senate and four Assembly hearings, in addition to multiple meetings with the Administration, legislators, and justice system partners. Advocacy is ongoing with the Administration and the Legislature to pass a final budget by the June 15 constitutional deadline.

Bench-Bar Coalition Day in Sacramento

Bench and bar members participated in 40 meetings with legislators and senior staff on judicial branch priorities and budget needs. The annual meetings are coordinated with the Chief Justice's State of the Judiciary address to both houses of the Legislature.

Find Your Court Web Redesign Launch

A new *Find Your Court* tool was deployed for the California Courts public website. The new site includes individual information on all courthouses searchable by county, city or zipcode. Information for each courthouse includes hours, parking, matters heard, hot link location maps, and clearly identifies whether the courthouse has a self-help center. Users can also use the search function to find onsite self-help centers.

Ability-to-Pay Tool Testing

In-court testing of the Ability-to-Pay software for online traffic adjudication was conducted at the Superior Court of Tulare County, with an initial processing of 23 traffic violations, allowing for training, and litigant and court staff feedback ahead of a full court-wide launch. The average amount owed per violation was above \$700, which litigants were struggling to pay. Using the ability-to-pay tool, the average fine amount was reduced by at least 50 percent.

Veterans Treatment Court Study

Site visits were conducted at the Sacramento and Riverside Veterans Treatment Courts to inform veterans court evaluations mandated by Senate Bill 339. The council is required to submit to the Legislature by June 2020 a statewide assessment of veterans treatment courts currently in operation and a survey of counties that do not operate veterans treatment courts that identifies barriers to program implementation and assesses the need for veterans treatment courts in those counties.

Local Court Assistance

- Courtesy file reviews and follow-up visits were conducted at 10 superior courts (Amador, Butte, Imperial, Lake, Los Angeles, Plumas, San Luis Obispo, San Francisco, San Joaquin, and Yolo) to identify juvenile court issues and training needs for maintaining Title IV-E federal funding.

- Court site visits were conducted for the Superior Court of Siskiyou County to assist in Family Court Services planning, and with the Superior Courts of Glenn, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties to provide technical assistance regarding the Substance Abuse Focus Grant.

Court Interpreter Testing

The Bilingual Interpreting Examination was held at five test sites for 328 candidates testing in 13 languages. The most commonly tested languages are Spanish (70.4 percent), Korean (7.9 percent), and Mandarin (5.8 percent). Results will be available in June.

Labor and Employee Relations

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to seven trial courts. Services included advice on proposed policy revisions and successor memoranda of understanding negotiations. Additionally, support was provided on 21 different labor and employee-related matters, including investigations, and medical leave matters.

Facilities Services

Court facility modifications as of April 25, 2019:

<i>Status</i>	<i>Number of Modifications</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
Awaiting Shared Cost	13	24,978,343
In Design	25	\$7,777,392
In Work	814	148,864,327
<i>Total</i>	852	<i>\$181,620,062</i>

Thirteen real estate transactions were completed, including a new lease/license at the Superior Court of Sonoma County; lease termination at the Superior Court of San Diego County; and 11 short-term event licenses.

Advisory Bodies

Judicial Council advisory bodies focusing on the following areas of judicial administration met in person, by phone, or WebEx since the council's March meeting:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Administrative Presiding Justices 2. Access and Fairness 3. Center for Judicial Education and Research 4. Civil and Small Claims 5. Criminal Jury Instructions 6. Collaborative Justice Courts 7. Court Executives 8. Court Facilities 9. Court Interpreters 10. Court Security | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Criminal Jury Instructions 12. Family and Juvenile Law 13. Futures Traffic 14. Information Technology 15. Pretrial Reform and Operations 16. Probate and Mental Health 17. Traffic 18. Trial Court Budget 19. Trial Court Facility Modification 20. Trial Court Presiding Judges 21. Tribal Court-State Court Forum |
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Advisory Group Meeting Details

Administrative Presiding Justices Advisory Committee

- Approved six Budget Change Proposal concepts for review and consideration by the Judicial Council Branch Budget Committee.
- Discussed continuity of operations planning, and other ongoing matters impacting appellate court operations.

Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness

- Discussed updates for the Judicial Diversity Toolkit, updates to gender identity work, Futures Commission recommendations, and legislation.

Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee

- Discussed Assembly Bill 242 regarding implicit bias training, Proposition 66 education, committee nominations, and the postponement of the Criminal Law Institute.

Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee

- Reviewed and recommended positions on bills relating to the California Environmental Quality Act, discovery and discovery sanctions, and gun violence restraining orders.
- Considered potential pilot projects to implement Futures Commission directives on civil litigation.

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee

- *Collaborative Court Coordinators Workgroup*: Discussed cannabis in the courts, legislative updates, and the California Association of Collaborative Courts 2019 conference.
- *Mental Health Subcommittee*: Received updates on legislation, Assembly Bill 1810 regional roundtables, and Incompetent to Stand Trial survey results.
- *Veterans and Military Families Subcommittee*: Discussed mental health diversion, proposed challenges to MIL 100 form (military status), training proposals for Beyond the Bench, the Veterans Study conducted by the Children and Families Futures organization, and the upcoming strategic plan for veterans courts project.

Court Executives Advisory Committee

- Discussed court executive participation in budget and legislative advocacy; the recent policy update to California Labor Code related to non-discrimination against employees injured during employment; pretrial risk assessment and bail; and council rules and forms adopted pursuant to Proposition 66 (Death Penalty Procedures).

Court Facilities Advisory Committee

- Received a progress update on the reassessment of Courthouse Capital Projects.
- Approved a revised policy on rules and regulations for relocation payments and assistance on judicial branch capital-outlay projects.

Court Interpreters Advisory Panel

- Planned new initiatives to increase the number of qualified candidates, increase examination passage rates, increase the pool of interpreters in high-demand languages, interpreter recruitment, and support for the current pool.

Court Security Advisory Committee

- Discussed reinstating committee oversight and approval of expenditures for trial court security equipment, finalized consultant contracts to assist with an inventory/condition assessment of equipment, and discussed court compliance on submitting court security plans.

Criminal Advisory Committee on Jury Instructions

- *Advisory Committee on California Criminal Jury Instructions Workgroup*: Met to review proposals for the full committee's spring meeting.

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee

- Discussed revising letters of guardianship and the guardianship information sheet.
- Considered recommendations on allocation of funds for the AB 1058 child support commissioner and family law facilitator program.

Futures Traffic Working Group

- Finalized details on the proposed Invitation to Comment to move minor traffic infractions to civil adjudication, and discussed updates to the Futures directives' implementation quarterly status process and forms.

Information Technology Advisory Committee

- Voted to recommend the 2019–20 Tactical Plan for Technology to the Judicial Council Technology Committee (JCTC).
- Received updates on how intelligent chat is being used in courts, and JCTC's and the Judicial Branch Budget Committee's prioritization of four technology Budget Change Proposals for fiscal year 2020–21: electronic forms solution, productizing court innovations grants, cloud hosting, and digitizing documents.

Pretrial Reform and Operations Workgroup

- Reviewed risk assessment tool presentations on local validation and issues of bias.
- Discussed the pretrial pilot program application process, and issues related to data governance and collection.

Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee

- Discussed rules and forms proposals for improving qualifications and training for attorneys appointed to represent proposed conservatees and wards, increasing protection for the personal residence of a conservatee or ward, and providing notice to interested persons in proceedings to determine ownership of property.

Traffic Advisory Committee

- Discussed traffic and infraction-related legislative proposals, and finalized the Invitation to Comment for moving minor traffic infractions to civil adjudication.

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Reviewed recommendations to continue Children’s Waiting Room funds for the Superior Court of Contra Costa County; incorporate an inflationary factor for operating expenses and equipment into the Workload-based Allocation and Funding Methodology model; and use of current fiscal year funds for Sustain Justice Edition California Court Technology Center hosting costs in 2019–20.
- Considered a methodology to manage anticipated 2019–20 and ongoing court interpreter shortfalls; and considered 2019–20 allocations for the child support commissioner and family law programs and court-appointed dependency counsel.
- Considered two new requests and three amended requests to hold funds on behalf of three trial courts.
- Reviewed and prioritized Budget Change Proposal concepts.

Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee

- Authorized expenditure of \$2,618,730 for facility modifications.
- Approved 14 priority one and 42 priority two facility modifications.
- Approved initial funding requests for trial court facility operation and maintenance and trial court deferred maintenance.
- Approved court building seismic renovation studies project reports for public release.

Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee

- Discussed changes to the Temporary Assigned Judges Program; budget advocacy and the role of the presiding judge; the Governor’s proposed Pretrial Pilot Project budget allocation, the use of Pretrial Risk Assessment, and the current bail system; and rules and forms adopted by the Judicial Council pursuant to Proposition 66.

Tribal Court-State Court Forum Advisory Committee

- Received a presentation on the State Bar’s Justice Gap study, and discussed the Federal Bar Association’s 2019 Indian Law Conference.

Judicial Branch Education

Summary

Judicial Education

1. AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner Roundtable
2. Experienced Assignment Courses—Death Penalty Trials, Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases, Felony Sentencing, Sexual Assault Cases, and Homicide Trials
3. Family Law Institute

4. Juvenile Law Regional Trainings
5. New Judge Orientation (x5)
6. Supervising Judges Institute

Judicial Officer, Court Employee, and Justice System Partner Education and Training

7. AB 1810 (Mental Health) Regional Roundtable
8. Access to Visitation Training
9. Advanced Core 40: Supervisors/Managers
10. Child and Family Focused Education Conference
11. Child Support Directors Association Annual Conference
12. Core 40: Basic Training for Managers and Supervisors
13. Court Clerk Training Institute
14. Court-Community Communication (Institute for Court Management)
15. Death Penalty Appeals and Habeas Corpus Proceedings After Proposition 66
16. Emotional Intelligence: A Key Competency for Successful Leaders
17. Family Law Facilitators Summit
18. Felony Abstracts of Judgment
19. Labor Relations Academy
20. Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program Forum
21. Juvenile Justice Roundtable
22. Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court Initiative
23. Probation Information Technology Managers Association Conference
24. Revenue Distribution Training
25. Security/Privacy Training
26. Tribal Court-State Court Program Training

Distance Education

Online Courses

27. Bilingual Court Staff Orientation
28. Introduction to Probate Guardianships

Videos

29. Strategic Thinking and Planning
30. Electronic Civil Discovery

Webinars

31. Anti-Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation (SLAPP) Update
32. Workers' Compensation Fraud: Reality vs. Perception
33. Workers' Compensation Premium Allocation Methodology

Publication Update

34. 2019 Civil Proceedings Benchbook: Before Trial
35. Benchguide for Handling Cases Involving Self-Represented Litigants

Details

AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner Roundtable

Forum on legal and policy issues relating to governmental child support cases and the Title IV-D child support program, including timekeeping and reporting.

AB 1810 Regional Roundtable

Discussion of approaches for implementation and procedural challenges presented by the new mental health diversion law, including screening tools, treatment, and supervision. Thirty-four representatives from 20 counties attended.

Access to Visitation Training

Uniform standards of practice for providers of supervised visitation.

Advanced Core 40: Court Management

For court employees who provide direct supervision, emphasizing skills for more experienced supervisors.

Anti-Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation (SLAPP) Update

Review of recent cases to assist judges hearing anti-SLAPP motions.

Appellate Judicial Attorney Institute

Updates on substantive law and procedure as well as a forum for refining skills and sharing innovative practices.

Bilingual Court Staff Orientation

Orientation on the Judicial Council's *Strategic Plan for Language Access in the California Courts* to assist bilingual court staff in supporting the goals outlined in the plan.

Child and Family Focused Education Conference

Mandatory education requirements for Family Court Services leadership and staff, Child Support Commissioners, and recipients of Access to Visitation grant funding.

Child Support Directors Association Annual Conference

Legal issues briefing for county directors, including recently decided appellate child support cases, recertification of the child support guideline calculators, and challenges with self-represented litigants.

Core 40: Basic Training for Supervisors/Managers

Four-day course focusing on building essential leadership skills.

Court Clerk Training Institute

Civil, criminal, juvenile, probate, and family law, and appeals processing.

Court-Community Communication

Skills and techniques for making courts more understandable, including how to manage customer service, the difference between legal advice and legal information, various technology applications, how to explain complex processes without using jargon, and how to identify and accommodate audiences with special communications needs.

Death Penalty Appeals and Habeas Corpus Proceedings After Proposition 66

Appeals for legal processing clerks and assistants: preliminary record preparation through to certification of the record on appeal, and capital habeas corpus petitions and proceedings in the superior courts following implementation of Proposition 66.

Electronic Civil Discovery

Best practices for proactively managing e-discovery.

Emotional Intelligence: A Key Competency for Successful Leaders

Practical application of emotional intelligence skills to real-life scenarios.

Experienced Assignment Courses

Death penalty trials, evidence in civil and criminal cases, fundamentals of felony sentencing, and handling sexual assault cases.

Family Law Facilitators Summit

Self-help tracking and reporting, general timekeeping principles, and the methodology for the planned rolling time study.

Family Law Institute

Substantive law, procedural law, best judicial practices, and innovations in the family courtroom.

Felony Abstracts of Judgment—Court Personnel Regional Education

Overview of forms, what to include in a “Prison Packet,” and relevant terminology.

Introduction to Probate Guardianships

Introduction to basic vocabulary and the process of a guardianship case.

Judicial Branch Workers’ Compensation Program Forum

Workers’ compensation topics, including Medicare set-asides, ergonomics, legislative updates, and overlapping employment leaves, for human resources staff.

Juvenile Justice Roundtable

Best practices in alternatives to incarceration, reducing recidivism, and diversion. (The council is developing a factsheet and recommendations for the Legislature.)

Juvenile Law Regional Trainings

Recent changes in federal regulations and state law, implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act, and Improving Permanency Outcomes and Repairing Out-of-Home Care, for judicial officers, attorneys, and justice partners.

Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court Forum

One hundred attendees heard presentations on Transforming Trauma's Effects on the Developing Brain, Stopping Discrimination in School Discipline, and youth panel shared ideas on changes needed in the school system. Supreme Court Associate Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuellar was a guest speaker.

Labor Relations Academy

Sessions on leadership topics such as preventing sexual harassment, the performance management process, and communication skills, for supervisors, managers and human resources (HR) professionals new to labor relations or non-HR staff who help support bargaining and contract administration.

New Judge Orientation

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

Probation Information Technology Managers Association Conference

Collaborative efforts between the Judicial Council and Probation departments on facilitating data exchange.

Revenue Distribution Training

More than 260 participants from county and court collections programs participated in this training.

Security/Privacy Training

For judicial officers and court staff at the Superior Courts of Kings and Nevada Counties.

Strategic Thinking and Planning

Practical considerations to assist leaders in a successful planning process.

Supervising Judges Institute

Leadership and ethical responsibilities, and effective communication.

Tribal Court-State Court Program Training

Training for probate court investigators and stakeholders in Kern County and for UC Berkeley child welfare students on the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Workers' Compensation Fraud: Reality vs. Perception

Exploration of the definition of workers' compensation fraud, with real-world examples illustrating how perception can be deceptive.

Workers' Compensation Premium Allocation Methodology

Information for participating courts on how the annual premium is calculated and allocated between participating court members.

Staffing Metrics

As of April 30, 2019

STAFFING	Leadership Services Division						Operations & Programs Division						Administrative Division				Judicial Council
	Executive Office	Governmental Affairs	Public Affairs	Audit Services	Legal Services	Leadership Support Services	Center for Families, Children and the Courts	Court Operations Services	Criminal Justice Services	Center for Judicial Education & Research	Information Technology	Appellate Court Services	Budget Services	Branch Accounting & Procurement	Facilities Services	Human Resources	
Authorized Position (FTE)	12.00	10.00	9.00	14.00	55.00	57.80	63.00	25.60	26.00	48.50	137.00	7.00	45.00	136.00	142.00	52.00	839.90
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	11.00	8.00	9.00	12.00	43.20	53.30	56.55	16.80	21.30	44.00	98.88	5.00	34.00	121.50	110.00	45.00	689.53
Headcount - Employees	11	8	9	12	44	54	57	17	22	44	99	5	34	122	110	45	693.00
Vacancy (FTE)	1.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	11.80	4.50	6.45	8.80	4.70	4.50	38.12	2.00	11.00	14.50	32.00	7.00	150.37
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	8.3%	20.0%	0.0%	14.3%	21.5%	7.8%	10.2%	34.4%	18.1%	9.3%	27.8%	28.6%	24.4%	10.7%	22.5%	13.5%	17.90%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	7.00
*Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	2	2	13.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.60	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.60
TOTAL WORKFORCE (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	13.00	8.00	9.00	12.00	43.20	53.30	57.55	16.80	21.30	44.00	130.48	5.00	36.00	129.50	114.00	47.00	740.13

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: There have been no judicial appointments since the March Judicial Council meeting.

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant as of April 30, 2019

TYPE OF COURT	NUMBER OF COURTS	NUMBER OF JUDGESHIPS					
		Authorized	Filled	Vacant	Vacant (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	105	1	0	105	1
Superior Courts	58	1,743	1,675	20	48*	1,683	60
All Courts	65	1,856	1,787		69	1,795	61

*50 new judgeships were authorized (but not funded) in 2008 with the enactment of AB 159 (Chapter 722, Statutes of 2007); funding was provided for two of the judgeships in the 2018 Budget Act.

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: APPELLATE COURTS

Appellate District	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Justice to be Replaced	Last Day In Office
First Appellate District, Division Three	1	Deferred Retirement	Hon. Martin J. Jenkins	2/22/2019
TOTAL VACANCIES	1			

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: SUPERIOR COURTS

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day In Office
Alameda	1	Retirement	Hon. Kimberly M. Briggs	4/8/2019
Los Angeles	4	Retirement	Hon. Marvin M. Lager	4/5/2019
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. John Joseph Cheroske	2/25/2019
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Gerald Rosenberg	2/14/2019
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Dan Thomas Oki	1/31/2019
Mendocino	1	Retirement	Hon. David A. Riemenschneider	3/31/2019
Napa	1	Retirement	Hon. Diane M. Price	1/31/2019

Orange	4	Retirement	Hon. Franz E. Miller	4/29/2019
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Robert C. Gannon	3/20/2019
Orange		Retirement	Hon. David R. Chaffee	3/4/2019
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Kim Garlin Dunning	1/31/2019
Riverside	1	Retirement	Hon. Sharon J. Waters	4/10/2019
Sacramento	1	Retirement	Hon. Robert M. Twiss	3/1/2019
San Diego	2	Retirement	Hon. Leo Valentine, Jr.	2/18/2019
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Gerald C. Jessop	2/15/2019
San Francisco	1	Retirement	Hon. Carol Yaggy	4/10/2019
San Joaquin	1	Retirement	Hon. Lesley D. Holland	4/2/2019
San Mateo	1	Retirement	Hon. Marta S. Diaz	3/1/2019
Santa Clara	1	Retirement	Hon. Rise Jones Pichon	4/18/2019
Yolo	1	Retirement	Hon. Janet Gaard	3/16/2019
TOTAL VACANCIES	20			

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant, April 2017–April 2019 (two years)*

Month	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
Apr-17	1,730	1,601	129	7.5%	105	98	7	6.7%
May-17	1,730	1,621	109	6.3%	105	98	7	6.7%
Jun-17	1,730	1,610	120	6.9%	105	97	8	7.6%
Jul-17	1,732	1,603	129	7.4%	105	95	10	9.5%
Aug-17	1,732	1,594	138	8.0%	105	94	11	10.5%
Sep-17	1,732	1,584	148	8.5%	105	94	11	10.5%
Oct-17	1,732	1,584	152	8.8%	105	94	11	10.5%
Nov-17	1,732	1,613	119	6.9%	105	96	9	8.6%
Dec-17	1,732	1,630	102	5.9%	105	95	10	9.5%
Jan-18	1,732	1,621	111	6.4%	105	94	11	10.5%
Feb-18	1,732	1,632	100	5.8%	105	97	8	7.6%
Mar-18	1,732	1,623	109	6.3%	105	95	10	9.5%
Apr-18	1,732	1,617	115	6.6%	105	93	12	11.4%
May-18	1,732	1,608	124	7.2%	105	93	12	11.4%
Jun-18	1,732	1,627	105	6.1%	105	97	8	7.6%
Jul-18	1,732	1,633	99	5.7%	105	101	4	3.8%
Aug-18	1,732	1,618	114	6.6%	105	100	5	4.8%
Sep-18	1,743	1,619	124	7.1%	106	100	6	5.7%
Oct-18	1,743	1,658	85	4.9%	106	103	3	2.8%
Nov-18	1,743	1,663	80	4.6%	106	106	0	0.0%
Dec-18	1,743	1,679	64	3.7%	106	106	0	0.0%
Jan-19	1,743	1,687	56	3.2%	106	106	0	0.0%
Feb-19	1,743	1,688	55	3.2%	106	105	1	0.9%
Mar-19	1,743	1,683	60	3.4%	106	105	1	0.9%
Apr-19	1,743	1,675	68	3.9%	106	105	1	0.9%

* As of April 31, 2019.
 Note: Growth in number of Authorized Judgeships reflects SJO conversions.
 Since 2007, 154 SJO positions have been converted to judgeships.

Percent of Judgeship Vacancies in the Superior Courts, April 2017–April 2019

