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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 November 17, 2023, and is exclusive of items on the January business meeting agenda.

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## **Judicial Branch Budget**

Following the release of the Governor’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2024–25, an overview memorandum was shared branchwide outlining the proposal for the judicial branch. Calls were conducted with branch leadership to review the proposals and potential impact on the branch. Additionally, court leadership and Judicial Council staff met with the Legislative Analyst’s Office to review judicial branch proposals and help inform that office’s independent analysis of the proposed budget.

## **Court Statistics Annual Report**

The [2024 Court Statistics Report](#) for fiscal year 2022–2023 was published on the California Courts website. Data shows overall filings have increased in the trial courts. For fiscal year 2022–2023, there were 4.5 million filings in the superior courts, up from 4.4 million in fiscal year 2021–2022. While criminal filings (felonies, misdemeanors, and infractions) remain relatively flat, (increasing by 1,500 filings from 3,242,135 to 3,243,657, civil filings are up 14 percent. There were also increases in family, probate and mental health, and juvenile workload, with a significant increase in juvenile delinquency filings, up 35 percent from two years ago. Court cases are being resolved more quickly with an overall caseload clearance rate of 93 percent, continuing to improve on the prior year rate of 90 percent. Prior to the pandemic, the caseload clearance rate was 86 percent.

## **Summary of Court-Related Legislation**

The Judicial Council’s Governmental Affairs office published the [2023 New Laws Summary of Court-Related Legislation](#) on the California Courts website. The summary highlights new laws, arranged by subject matter, that affect courts or that are of general interest to the judicial branch. Appendices include overviews of legislation affecting appellate procedure and responding to appellate decisions, changes to criminal and civil procedure, new and expanded crimes and causes of action, and budget and trailer bills.

## **Legislative Staff Court Visits**

Staff led site visits for state legislative personnel to observe a session of the Superior Court of Santa Clara County’s drug court and meet with doctors operating the county’s Medically Assisted Treatment mobile unit. A second site visit was conducted at the Superior Court of Sacramento County’s Mental Health Court in connection with a new law expanding mental health diversion eligibility by lifting an exclusion on persons diagnosed with borderline personality disorder.

## **Court Reporter Recruitment, Retention, and Attrition Dashboard**

With the declining availability of California-licensed court reporters, trial courts are challenged to recruit and retain court reporters to meet the needs of court users. In an effort to increase court reporter availability, courts are implementing a variety of employment incentives, including salary increases, signing bonuses, and retention bonuses. A new [dashboard](#) on the California Courts website visualizes court reporter recruitment, retention, and attrition numbers reported by California trial courts in the statewide aggregate, and the various incentives courts are employing to recruit and retain reporters. The data shows a net reduction of 14.8 full-time employee equivalent positions in court reporter availability since January 2023.

### **Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act**

An orientation on resources and information to assist with implementation of the CAER Act was provided for Cohort Two courts (50 remaining counties). A briefing was also provided to court Language Access Representatives on CARE requirements for interpreter services.

### **Criminal Justice Memoranda**

Several memoranda were disseminated to the courts providing guidance related to the implementation of recent legislation pertaining to felony resentencing, the Racial Justice Act, controlled substances, firearm regulations, habeas proceedings, and vehicle code changes.

### **Judicial Resources and Technical Assistance Program**

At the request of the Superior Courts of San Diego and San Francisco Counties, in-person and remote file reviews of juvenile cases were conducted to identify legal issues and training needs.

### **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 superior courts in Sutter and Marin Counties. Forty courts are now using the application. Implementations in the remaining 18 courts is planned for this fiscal year in order to meet the legislative deadline of June 30, 2024.

### **Information Technology Modernization**

A self-assessment inventory tool was distributed to the courts to facilitate evaluation of their IT maturity and inform IT strategy for the branch.

### **Court Facilities Management and Maintenance**

Thirty-seven real estate transactions were completed involving event licenses, Department of Rehabilitation waivers, new revenue, and lease renewals, extensions, or terminations in 14 counties. As of January 2024, there are 1,276 court facility modifications in progress at an estimated cost of \$492 million.

### **Human Resources Payroll System Expansion**

The Superior Court of San Benito County became the 20th court to adopt the Phoenix Human Resources Payroll System. The system has been configured and deployed in collaboration with the trial courts to support their payroll management and related administrative needs.

### **Labor and Employee Relations**

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 13 trial courts, including personnel policy and successor memoranda of understanding negotiations. Additionally, support was provided on 38 labor- and employee-related matters.

## **COVID-Related Workers Compensation Presumptions**

The Judicial Council's Human Resources office informed courts of expiring COVID-19 provisions under Senate Bill 1159 (Workers Compensation Presumption). Effective January 1, 2024, the bill's presumptions no longer apply to COVID-19 claims. All new claims will be handled following standard state rules and regulations.

## **Advisory Bodies**

### **Judicial Council Advisory Body Appointments**

The Chief Justice made out-of-cycle appointments to nine advisory bodies: Access and Fairness, Civil and Small Claims, Court Facilities, Criminal, Data Analytics, Information Technology, Legal Services Trust Fund, Probate and Mental Health, and Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation.

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

1. Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
2. Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee
3. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
4. Court Executives Advisory Committee
5. Court Interpreters Advisory Panel
6. Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
7. Information Technology Advisory Committee
8. Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee
9. Traffic Law Advisory Committee
10. Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
11. Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
12. Trial Court Presiding Judges Committee
13. Tribal Court–State Court Forum

### **Meeting Details**

#### **Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness**

- Reviewed the Racial Justice Toolkit for presentation to the Judicial Council.

#### **Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee**

- Discussed the recommendation by the Judicial Branch Access, Ethics, and Fairness Curriculum Committee to adopt California Rule of Court 10.465 on judicial education antibias and antidiscrimination requirements.
- Provided updates regarding new and amended education rules of court, and Senate Bill 331 (Piqui's Law or the Safe Child Act).
- Reviewed the committee's draft 2024 annual agenda.

**Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee**

- *Mental Health Subcommittee*: Provided a status update on the Incompetent to Stand Trial Project.
- Discussed upcoming projects to include in the 2024 annual agenda.

**Court Executives Advisory Committee**

- *Jury Administration and Management Subcommittee*: Discussed Assembly Bill 1981, the Pilot Program and Juror e-Payment Pilot Project.
- *Records Management Subcommittee*: Discussed annual updates to the Trial Court Records Manual.

**Court Interpreters Advisory Panel**

- Discussed recommendations concerning interpreter testing and credentialing, recommendations concerning the designation status of certified or registered interpreters for specific languages, and the draft 2024 annual agenda.

**Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee**

- Discussed rules and forms proposals, including recognition and enforcement of tribal court child custody orders, new rules and forms for assisted reproduction parentage, and revisions to adoption forms.
- Reviewed and approved recommendations regarding applications to the Access to Visitation Grant Program Reviewer Group.

**Information Technology Advisory Committee**

- Approved a draft Invitation-to-Comment solicitation on the proposal to adopt minimum technology standards for courtroom technology to permit remote participation in court proceedings, as required by Senate Bill 133 (Courts).
- Received an update on the Trial Court Facilities Manual.
- Reviewed the draft of the 2024 annual agenda.

**Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee**

- Discussed rules and forms proposals.

**Traffic Law Advisory Committee**

- Recommended the final version of the 2024 Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedules for approval by the Judicial Council.

**Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee**

- *Fiscal Planning Subcommittee*: Considered recommendations to update the current policy for the “Funds Held on Behalf of Trial Courts” program.

### **Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee**

- Authorized expenditures of \$6,118,172 for court facility modifications, and an additional \$285,353 for security-related projects.
- Received updates on court-funded facilities requests, facility modification projects on hold, facilities maintenance performance, the certificate of occupancy for the new Redding Courthouse for the Superior Court of Shasta County, sustainability requests for proposals, and the Superior Court of San Diego's Central Courthouse.

### **Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee**

- *Joint Rules Subcommittee* of presiding judges and court executives; Discussed rule proposals relating to criminal procedure, mental health, and court technology to permit remote participation in court proceedings.
- *Working Group on California Code of Civil Procedure 367.10*: Discussed progress on the draft rules regarding remote court proceedings.

### **Tribal Court–State Court Forum**

- Discussed rules and forms proposal on recognition and enforcement of tribal court child custody orders.
- Received reports from members attending other meetings and events related to state and tribal courts.

## **Judicial Branch Education**

The following courses and programs for judicial officers, court personnel and justice system partners were created, updated, or delivered during this reporting period:

### **Summary**

#### **Judicial Education**

1. Criminal Law Institute
2. Experienced Assignment Courses: Complex Civil Litigation, Fundamentals of Felony Sentencing, and Water Law
3. New Judge Orientation
4. Primary Assignment Orientations: Civil, Criminal, Family, Juvenile Dependency, Juvenile Justice, and Probate Law
5. Serious Mental Health Conditions
6. Ten-Minute Mentor: Penal Code Section 997 Prison Waivers

#### **Judicial Officer, Court Personnel, and Justice System Partners**

7. Access to Visitation Grant Program
8. Appellate Staff Regional Training: Session II
9. Best Practices in Family Court
10. CARE Act Trainings

11. Core 40: Basic Training, for Supervisors and Managers
12. Core Competencies: Preparing for Leadership
13. Court Clerk Training Institute: Civil
14. Court Self-Help Center and Family Law Facilitator Staff Weekly Trainings
15. Family Court Services
16. Juvenile Court Stakeholder Trainings
17. Mitigating Educational Harm for Children and Youth in Dependency and Juvenile Justice Foster Care
18. Negotiating Personnel Policies
19. Racial Justice Act
20. Revenue Distribution
21. Sexual Harassment Prevention, for Judicial Officers, Managers, and Supervisors
22. Special Immigrant Juvenile Status in Family Court
23. The Legislative Process
24. The Science of Substance Use Disorders and Medications for Addiction Treatment
25. Vacatur Relief for Survivors of Human Trafficking, Intimate Partner Violence or Sexual Violence

### **Publications**

26. Benchbook: Search and Seizure
27. Benchbook: Small Claims Court and Consumer Law

### **Detail**

#### **Access to Visitation Grant Training**

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

#### **Appellate Staff Regional Training: Session II**

Exploration of writs through basic procedural overview, writ rules, orders, opinions, and captions.

#### **Best Practices in Family Court**

Tools and best practices developed by local courts to increase access to justice for family law litigants and support judicial officers in a family assignment.

#### **CARE Act Trainings**

Primer on confidentiality and the CARE Act.

#### **Core 40: Basic Training for Supervisors and Managers**

Leadership responsibilities and effective leadership behaviors, situational leadership, and managing performance.



**Core Competencies: Preparing for Leadership**

Leadership skills, providing effective feedback, and adult training principles for lead, senior, and assistant supervisors.

**Court Clerk Training Institute: Civil Procedures: Counter to Courtroom**

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

**Court Self-Help Center Attorneys and Staff and Family Law Facilitator Staff Weekly Trainings**

Education on the online ability-to-pay fines and fees program (MyCitations), Self-Help Guide User testing results, and strategies for responding to consumer-debt actions.

**Criminal Law Institute**

Recent developments in criminal law for judicial officers experienced in criminal law as well as those new to a criminal law assignment.

**Experienced Assignment Courses**

- *Complex Civil Litigation Roundtable*: Exploration of developing areas of the law germane to complex civil cases and methods for efficiently managing complex matters.
- *Fundamentals of Felony Sentencing*: Practice-based learning, including hypotheticals in the areas of realignment, probation, and fines and fees.
- *Water Law*: The foundations of public and private water rights and navigating the complexities of surface and groundwater regulations, including the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, tribal and federal water rights, and practical insights into handling water cases.

**Family Court Services**

Trainings included: Leading with Compassion, Working with High-Conflict Adults in Mediation, and Working with Families Experiencing Trauma.

**Juvenile Court Stakeholder Trainings**

Trainings included: The Child Witness, Child's Right to Counsel, Competency in Secondary Trauma, Empathetic Strain and the Addictive Behavior Connection, Adolescent Brain Science and Authentic Youth Engagement, Effective Strategies in Understanding How Substance Use Does Not Constitute Abuse or Neglect, and legislative and policy updates.

**Mitigating Educational Harm for Children and Youth in Dependency and Juvenile Justice Foster Care**

Challenges and interruptions facing youth in the juvenile justice system, including learning what questions to ask to ensure a child's educational needs are appropriately identified and addressed.

**Negotiating Personnel Policies**

Trial courts' labor roundtable.

**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.

**Primary Assignment Orientations**

Orientations for judicial officers experienced in, or new to, assignments in Civil, Criminal, Family, Juvenile Dependency, and Probate law.

**Racial Justice Act Implementation**

Webinar presented by current and retired judges on the Racial Justice Act to inform judicial officers and court staff on how to implement the Act in practical terms, including how to consider retroactive requests for relief.

**Revenue Distribution Training**

Statewide revenue distribution training for more than 300 participants, including trial courts, county entities, and collection vendors on new legislation and updates to audit and collections processes impacting the courts and counties.

**Serious Mental Health Conditions**

Podcast on serious mental illnesses, their causes and treatments, their impact on functioning and parenting, and countering bias.

**Sexual Harassment Prevention for Judicial Officers, Managers, and Supervisors**

Sexual harassment prevention from the perspective of an individual with authority and influence in a workplace.

**Special Immigrant Juvenile Status in Family Court**

The state court's role in the immigration process and best practices for evaluating requests for predicate orders for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status classification in family court.

**Ten-Minute Mentor: Penal Code Section 997 Prison Waivers**

Procedures for taking waivers of a defendant's physical presence at resentencing hearings.

**The Legislative Process**

The legislative cycle and how all three branches of government fit within each two-year legislative session.

**The Science of Substance Use Disorders and Medications for Addiction Treatment**

Substance abuse disorders and best practices for using medication assisted treatment programs to support positive outcomes for parents in dependency and adolescents in juvenile justice.

## **Vacatur Relief for Survivors of Human Trafficking, Intimate Partner Violence or Sexual Violence**

Key aspects of the law and potential legal and procedural issues when handling petitions relating to Penal Code Sections 236.14 and 236.15, which allow survivors of human trafficking, intimate partner violence or sexual violence to file a petition to vacate and seal their criminal records.

## Judicial Council Staffing Metrics

As of December 31, 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	24.00	97.13	53.50	31.00	206.00	155.00	34.00	147.00	61.00	981.63
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	10.00	8.00	9.00	7.00	59.50	45.30	19.00	76.63	45.00	26.00	115.00	143.00	26.00	134.00	49.00	772.43
Headcount - Employees	10	8	9	7	60	46	19	77	45	26	115	143	26	134	49	774.00
Vacancy (FTE)	4.00	5.00	1.00	2.00	6.50	15.70	5.00	20.50	8.50	5.00	91.00	12.00	8.00	13.00	12.00	209.20
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	28.6%	38.5%	10.0%	22.2%	9.8%	25.7%	20.8%	21.1%	15.9%	16.1%	44.2%	7.7%	23.5%	8.8%	19.7%	21.31%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	10.00
Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.80	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	65.80
<b>TOTAL WORKFORCE</b> (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	10.00	12.00	9.00	7.00	60.50	46.30	21.00	81.63	45.00	29.00	175.80	143.00	27.00	136.00	51.00	854.23

See following page for definition of terms.

<b>Staffing Category</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Authorized Position (FTE)</b>	All regular ongoing positions approved in the Budget Act for that year. The number is based on the position's approved full-time equivalency.
<b>Filled Authorized Position (FTE)</b>	The number of authorized positions filled based on the employee's full-time equivalency.
<b>Headcount</b>	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.
<b>Vacancy (FTE)</b>	The number of authorized positions minus the number of filled authorized positions.
<b>Vacancy Rate (FTE)</b>	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.
<b>Judicial Council Temporary Employees (909)</b>	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).
<b>Employment Agency Temporary Workers (FTE)</b>	Workers from/employees of an employment agency who provide short-term support.
<b>Contractor (FTE)</b>	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.
<b>Full Time Equivalency (FTE)</b>	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.
<b>Time Base</b>	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.
<b>Regular Employee</b>	Commonly referred to as "permanent employees." They receive full benefits.
<b>Limited Term</b>	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 20 new judicial appointments since the November Judicial Council meeting:

- Court of Appeal: First Appellate District (1), Third Appellate District (1).
- Superior Court: Contra Costa (1), Los Angeles (8), Madera (1), Marin (1), Orange (3), Riverside (1), San Francisco (2), Santa Barbara (1).

### Judicial Vacancy Roster Report:

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant as of **January 1, 2024**

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	98	8	99	7
Superior Courts	58	1,755	1,673	82	1,662	93
<b>All Courts</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1,868</b>	<b>1,778</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>100</b>

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
<b>1st District</b>	<b>4</b>			
Division One		Retired	Hon. Sandra Lynn Margulies	12/11/2023
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
<b>2nd District</b>	<b>1</b>			
Division Seven		Retired	Hon. Dennis M. Perluss	11/15/2023
<b>3rd District</b>	<b>2</b>			
Third Appellate District		Elevated	Hon. Laurie M. Earl	07/10/2023
Third Appellate District		Retired	Hon. Andrea L. Hoch	12/31/2022
<b>4th District</b>	<b>1</b>			
Division Two		Retired	Hon. Marsha G. Slough	08/31/2023
<b>TOTAL APPELLATE COURT VACANCIES</b>	<b>8</b>			

### Judicial Vacancies: Superior Courts

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
<b>Alameda</b>	<b>3</b>			
		Transferred	Hon. Kevin R. Murphy	12/07/2023
		Retired	Hon. Richard L. Seabolt	10/04/2023
		Retired	Hon. Jacob Blea III	08/31/2023
<b>Colusa</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Jeffrey A. Thompson	12/01/2023
<b>Contra Costa</b>	<b>2</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Laurel S. Brady (Lindenbaum)	11/01/2023
		Retired	Hon. Leslie G. Landau	10/08/2023
<b>Fresno</b>	<b>2</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Timothy A. Kams	04/30/2023
		Retired	Hon. Jon N. Kapetan	04/12/2023
<b>Kern</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Stephen D. Schuett	12/29/2023
<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>16</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Michael I. Levanas	10/13/2023
		Retired	Hon. David A. Rosen	09/11/2023
		Retired	Hon. Stephen A. Marcus	08/09/2023
		Retired	Hon. H. Chester Horn, Jr.	08/01/2023
		Transferred	Hon. Michael C. Kelley	07/24/2023
		Retired	Hon. John H. Ing	07/15/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Helen Zukin	07/09/2023
		Retired	Hon. Zaven V. Sinanian	07/07/2023
		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	06/19/2023
		Retired	Hon. Terry A. Green	06/15/2023
		Retired	Hon. Katherine Chilton	06/02/2023
		Retired	Hon. Monica Bachner	05/12/2023
<b>Madera</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Thomas L. Bender	12/31/2023
<b>Merced</b>	<b>2</b>			
		Transferred	Hon. David Hood	10/09/2023
		Retired	Hon. David W. Moranda	04/24/2023
<b>Modoc</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Francis W. Barclay	09/13/2023
<b>Napa</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Elevated	Hon. Monique Langhorne Wilson	12/07/2023
<b>Orange</b>	<b>11</b>			
		Retired	Hon. James Edward Rogan	11/05/2023
		Retired	Hon. Peter J. Wilson	11/01/2023
		Retired	Hon. Douglas Hatchimonji	10/15/2023

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
		Retired	Hon. Stephanie George	08/31/2023
		Retired	Hon. Linda S. Marks	08/27/2023
		Retired	Hon. Matthew S. Anderson	08/22/2023
		Elevated	Hon. Martha K. Gooding	05/19/2023
		Retired	Hon. Gregg L. Prickett	08/25/2022
		Retired	Hon. James J. Di Cesare	05/06/2022
		Retired	Hon. John L. Flynn III	03/09/2022
		Retired	Hon. Jacki C. Brown	02/02/2022
<b>Placer</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Eugene S. Gini, Jr.	12/01/2023
<b>Riverside</b>	<b>4</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Mark Ashton Cope	10/11/2023
		Retired	Hon. John G. Evans	09/27/2023
		Retired	Hon. Craig G. Riemer	09/12/2023
		Retired	Hon. Dale R. Wells	12/27/2022
<b>Sacramento</b>	<b>9</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Allen H. Sumner	11/30/2023
		Retired	Hon. Paul L. Seave	08/18/2023
		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
<b>San Bernardino</b>	<b>4</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Teresa M. Bennett	07/31/2023
		Retired	Hon. Ingrid Adamson Uhler	07/15/2023
		Retired	Hon. Lorenzo R. Balderrama	03/05/2023
		Retired	Hon. Tara Reilly	02/28/2023
<b>San Diego</b>	<b>6</b>			
		Retired	Hon. John S. Meyer	07/17/2023
		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. Jose Scher Castillo	04/07/2023
		Elevated	Hon. David M. Rubin	03/30/2023
<b>San Joaquin</b>	<b>3</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Jose L. Alva	08/31/2023
		Retired	Hon. Robin Appel	03/31/2023
		Retired	Hon. Bernard J. Garber	02/28/2023
<b>San Mateo</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Elevated	Hon. Danny Y. Chou	06/23/2023
<b>Santa Clara</b>	<b>5</b>			
		Retired	Hon. James E. Towery	05/17/2023



County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
		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
<b>Sierra</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Transferred	Hon. Yvette Durant	01/03/2022
<b>Solano</b>	<b>2</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Earl Bradley Nelson	06/28/2023
		Retired	Hon. D. Scott Daniels	04/13/2023
<b>Stanislaus</b>	<b>2</b>			
		Deceased	Hon. Ann Q. Ameral	06/18/2023
		Retired	Hon. Jack M. Jacobson	04/25/2023
<b>Tulare</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Walter L. Gorelick	11/30/2023
<b>Ventura</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Manuel J. Covarrubias	04/30/2023
<b>Yolo</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. David Rosenberg	12/30/2023
<b>Total Vacancies</b>	<b>82</b>			
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>90</b>			

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

	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
Month	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
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%
Jul-23	1,755	1,655	100	5.7%	106	100	6	5.7%
Aug-23	1,755	1,659	96	5.5%	106	99	7	6.6%
Sep-23	1,755	1,652	103	5.9%	106	100	6	5.7%
Oct-23	1,755	1,666	89	5.1%	106	100	6	5.7%
Nov-23	1,755	1,662	93	5.3%	106	99	7	6.6%
Dec-23	1,755	1,662	83	4.7%	106	98	8	7.5%

### Percentage of Superior Court Judgeships Vacant: December 2021–December 2023

