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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Title

Report to the Legislature: 2024 Training for
Judicial Officers Pursuant to Government
Code Section 68555.5

Report Type

Information

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Executive Summary

In accordance with Government Code section 68555.5, the Judicial Council submitted the required report to the Legislature, *2024 Training for Judicial Officers Pursuant to Gov. Code, § 68555.5*. The attached report conveys the titles of the training courses offered by the Judicial Council pursuant to Government Code section 68555 and the number of judicial officers who participated in each training.

Relevant Previous Reporting or Action

To meet the requirements of Government Code section 68555, effective January 1, 2025, the Judicial Council established judicial training programs for individuals who perform duties in domestic violence or child custody matters, including judges, commissioners, and referees. The training programs are ongoing training and education programs designed to improve the ability of courts to (1) recognize and respond to child physical abuse, child sexual abuse, domestic violence, and trauma in family victims, particularly children; and (2) make appropriate custody decisions that prioritize child safety and well-being, and are culturally sensitive and appropriate for diverse communities. The report has been sent directly to the Legislature from Judicial Council staff, as required by Government Code section 68555.5.

Analysis/Rationale

Government Code section 68555.5 states the following:

The Judicial Council shall report to the Legislature and the relevant policy committees, on or before January 1, 2025, and each January thereafter, on the trainings for judicial officers provided pursuant to Section 68555. The report shall include both of the following:

- (a) The titles of the training courses being offered by Judicial Council.
- (b) The number of judicial officers that participated in each training.

This report fulfills the requirements of the statute. (See Attachment A.)

Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications

None.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: *2024 Training for Judicial Officers Pursuant to Gov. Code, § 68555*



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Re: *2024 Training for Judicial Officers Pursuant to Gov. Code, § 68555.5 Report*

Dear Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Contreras, and Ms. Parker:

The Judicial Council is submitting the *2024 Training for Judicial Officers Pursuant to Gov. Code, § 68555.5 Report* relating to judicial training programs in domestic violence and child custody matters.

2024 Training for Judicial Officers Pursuant to Gov. Code, § 68555.5 Report	
<i>Title of Training Course</i>	<i>Number of Judicial Officer Participants</i>
Criminal Law Primary Assignment Orientation	50
Family Law Primary Assignment Orientation	42
Juvenile Dependency Primary Assignment Orientation	25
Probate Law Primary Assignment Orientation	24
Childhood Sexual Assault & Recovered Memory Cases Under Code Civ. Proc., § 340.1	30
Immigration Issues in Domestic Violence Cases	30
Juvenile Justice Primary Assignment Orientation	21
Family Law Institute: Emerging Issues in Domestic Violence Cases	144
Domestic Violence Institute	72
The Complex Problem of Child Sexual Abuse in Child Custody Matters, Part 1	42
Cow County Institute: What a State Court Needs to Know About Tribal Law	11
The Complex Problem of Child Sexual Abuse in Child Custody Matters, Part 2	34
Cow County Institute: Family Law Update	44
Criminal Law Primary Assignment Orientation	51
Family Law Primary Assignment Orientation	40
Juvenile Dependency Primary Assignment Orientation	13
The Complex Problem of Child Sexual Abuse in Child Custody Matters, Part 3	40
Evidence-Based Approaches to Batterer Intervention Programs	41
Handling Human Trafficking Cases	53
Judicial College: Domestic Violence	135
Judicial College: Immigration Law for State Court Judges	23
Ethics and Self-Represented Litigants, Part 1	18
Ethics and Self-Represented Litigants, Part 2	15
Ethics and Self-Represented Litigants, Part 3	16
Handling Sexual Assault Cases	25
Family Law Primary Assignment Orientation	20
Criminal Law Primary Assignment Orientation	36

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<i>Title of Training Course</i>	<i>Number of Judicial Officer Participants</i>
Juvenile Justice Primary Assignment Orientation	16
Criminal Law Institute: Evidentiary Issues in Domestic Violence Cases	100
Total	1,211

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Karene I. Alvarado, Director, Center for Judicial Education and Research at 415-865-7761 and Karene.Alvarado@jud.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Statutory citation: Government Code § 68555.5

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The full report can be accessed at www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm.