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Executive Summary

The Legislation Committee represents the Judicial Council's position with other agencies and entities, such as the Legislature, the Governor's Office, the State Bar of California, local government, local bar associations, and other court-related professional associations. The committee determines positions consistent with the council's policy goals and oversees advocacy for those positions. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the last Judicial Council internal committee written report, which was submitted for the council's September 19, 2023, business meeting.

2023–2024 Legislative Session

The first year of the 2023–2024 Legislative session ended September 14.

Governmental Affairs staff are currently tracking 930 bills and have provided technical drafting assistance on over 100 bills so far in the first year of the 2023–2024 Legislative Session.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Since the September Judicial Council meeting, the Legislation Committee has met twice by video and once in person for its annual in-person new members orientation and approval of meeting minutes of the following meetings:

- June 22, 2023;

- August 31, 2023;
- September 7, 2023;
- September 12, 2023; and
- November 2, 2023.

Further, the Legislation Committee has taken formal positions on behalf of the Judicial Council on **36** bills in total this year.

At the committee's September 7 and September 12 meetings, the committee reviewed and voted on the following bills:

- Senate Bill 81 (Skinner), as amended September 1, 2023, Parole hearings. (Oppose unless amended.)
- Assembly Bill 1032 (Pacheco), as amended September 8, 2023, Courts: court interpreters. (Change position from oppose unless amended to support as amended.)

Key Deadlines

The deadline for the Governor to sign or veto bills was October 14.

Membership

The Legislation Committee welcomed new members Judge Alin Cintean and Ms. Kate Bieker, former member Mr. David D. Fu, and returning members Judge Maria Lucy Armendariz as vice-chair, Judge Jonathan B. Conklin, Judge Judith K. Dulcich, and Ms. Gretchen M. Nelson.

For further information on any of the bills on which the Legislation Committee has taken a position, please refer to the Legislative Status Chart, www.courts.ca.gov/4121.htm#legcharts.

Position letters and fiscal impact statements on legislation are available on the Governmental Affairs webpage, www.courts.ca.gov/position-letters.htm, a valuable resource throughout the legislative year.