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# REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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**Title**

Report to the Legislature: 2025 Training for  
Judicial Officers

**Report Type**

Information

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### Executive Summary

In accordance with Government Code section 68555.5, the Judicial Council submitted to the Legislature *2025 Training for Judicial Officers*. The attached report conveys the titles of the training courses offered by the Judicial Council under Government Code section 68555.5 and the number of judicial officers who participated in each course.

### Relevant Previous Reporting or Action

To meet the requirements of Government Code section 68555.5, 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. These ongoing training and education programs are 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.

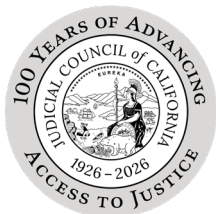
This report fulfills the requirements of the statute. (See Attachment A.)

## **Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications**

None.

## **Attachments and Links**

1. Attachment A: *2025 Training for Judicial Officers*



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*Via email*

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**HON. BRAD R. HILL**

*Chair, Executive and Planning Committee*

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*Chair, Judicial Branch Budget Committee  
Chair, Litigation Management Committee*

Re: *2025 Training for Judicial Officers Under Gov. Code, § 68555.5 Report*

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

The Judicial Council is submitting the *2025 Training for Judicial Officers Under Gov. Code, § 68555.5 Report* relating to judicial training programs in domestic violence and child custody matters.

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<b>2025 Training for Judicial Officers Under Gov. Code, § 68555.5 Report</b>	
<b><i>Title of Training Course</i></b>	<b><i>Number of Judicial Officer Participants</i></b>
B. E. Witkin Judicial College (July): Immigration Law for State Court Judges	47
B. E. Witkin Judicial College (July): Domestic Violence	138
B. E. Witkin Judicial College (October): Immigration Law for State Court Judges	42
B. E. Witkin Judicial College (October): Domestic Violence	138
Beyond the Bench (November): Emerging Issues Impacting Youth—Navigating the New AI Landscape	7
Beyond the Bench (November): The Role of Harm Reduction in the Courtroom and Beyond	5
Beyond the Bench (November): Domestic Violence Legal Update	38
Beyond the Bench (November): Children Exposed to Violence—Understanding Trauma and Supporting Resilience in the Judicial System	13
Cow County Institute (June): Recent Developments in Domestic Violence	33
Cow County Institute (June): Domestic Violence and Firearms—Current Legal Framework	46
Criminal Law Institute (December): Firearms Relinquishment	77
Criminal Law Primary Assignment Orientation (January)	42
Criminal Law Primary Assignment Orientation (June)	54
Criminal Law Primary Assignment Orientation (October)	23
Domestic Violence (February): Nuts and Bolts	64
Family Law Institute (April): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Intersection of Domestic Violence and Custody and Visitation</li> <li>• Do I Let it in? Evidence in Family Law Cases</li> </ul>	133
Family Law Primary Assignment Orientation (January): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Violence Law</li> <li>• Child Custody and Domestic Violence</li> <li>• Domestic Violence Overlay</li> </ul>	39
Family Law Primary Assignment Orientation (June): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Violence Law</li> <li>• Child Custody and Domestic Violence</li> <li>• Domestic Violence Overlay</li> </ul>	25
Family Law Primary Assignment Orientation (October): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Violence Law</li> <li>• Child Custody and Domestic Violence</li> <li>• Domestic Violence Overlay</li> </ul>	24

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Handling Human Trafficking Cases (September)	28
Juvenile Dependency Primary Assignment Orientation (January): Domestic Violence in Dependency Cases	22
Juvenile Dependency Primary Assignment Orientation (June): Domestic Violence in Dependency Cases	15
Juvenile Justice Primary Assignment Orientation (March): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Identifying Risk and Addressing Trauma</li><li>• Restraining Orders</li><li>• Trauma, Mental Health, and Domestic Violence: Recommendations for Practice as a Juvenile Justice Court Judge</li></ul>	17
Juvenile Justice Primary Assignment Orientation (October): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Identifying Risk and Addressing Trauma</li><li>• Restraining Orders</li><li>• Trauma, Mental Health, and Domestic Violence: Recommendations for Practice as a Juvenile Justice Court Judge</li></ul>	24
Probate Law Primary Assignment Orientation (January): Civil Protective Orders	33
Rule 5.632 (December): You Mean We Were Supposed to Be Doing This All Along? A new rule, old law—and big implications for your courtroom	117
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,244</b>

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Sincerely,



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