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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 November 19, 2021, meeting, and is exclusive of items on the January business meeting agenda.

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2021 Year in Review

Annual highlights of Judicial Council actions to maintain and enhance equal access to justice for all Californians in the continuing COVID-19 pandemic were shared branchwide and posted on the California Courts Newsroom: [2021 Year in Review](#).

Judicial Branch Budget

Following the release of the Governor's [proposed budget for fiscal year 2022–23](#), a summary of the proposal for the judicial branch was disseminated branchwide and statewide conference calls were held for branch leadership to share information and respond to questions. An initial meeting was also held with the Legislative Analyst's Office to discuss and respond to questions in relation to the proposal for the judicial branch.

New Laws Summary

During the first year of the 2021–2022 legislative session, the Legislature and Governor enacted numerous bills that affect the courts or are of interest to the judicial branch. The [2021 Summary of Court-Related Legislation](#) was prepared and disseminated to court leadership and made available to the public on the California Courts website.

Local Court Rules

Thirty-seven courts' new or amended local rules were processed and distributed with an effective date of January 1, 2022.

Trial Court Payroll System Expansion

The Superior Court of Modoc County became the 18th court to adopt the Phoenix Human Resources Payroll System. The system supports court payroll management and related administrative needs.

Procurement Practice Audit

The California State Auditor's review of Judicial Council procurement practices for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, concluded that the Judicial Council was in compliance with state law and met public transparency requirements to provide timely and reliable information on the FI\$Cal website, the state's integrated financial-management system.

Pretrial Pilot Projects and Pretrial Release Program

The Pretrial Pilot Program continued into its third and final year, while the statewide Pretrial Release Program (Senate Bill (SB) 129) began in earnest during this reporting period. Courts submitted program descriptions and preliminary budget summaries in accordance with program requirements. Individualized support was provided to 47 courts, together with program materials and Frequently Asked Questions documents and a webinar on Assembly Bill (AB) 1228, which established new standards for the prehearing release of persons charged with probation violations.

Labor and Employee Relations

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 31 trial courts on 52 matters, including impact bargaining on a mandatory vaccination policy, and successor memoranda of understanding negotiations. Additionally, support was provided on 22 different labor and employee-related matters.

Court Facilities Modifications

- Twenty-two real estate transactions were completed involving new or renewed leases and licenses, event licenses, terminations, dispositions, and permits in 15 counties: Alameda, Kern, Lake, Los Angeles, Orange, Placer, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tulare, Ventura, and Yolo.
- Facility modifications status as of January 4, 2022:

<i>Status</i>	<i>Number of Modifications</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
Awaiting Shared Cost	10	\$7,690,674
In Progress	653	\$298,725,555
<i>Total</i>	<i>663</i>	<i>\$306,416,229</i>

Collaboration with Justice Stakeholders

- *Family First Prevention and Services Act Implementation*: Convened by California Probation Officers Committee, staff met with representatives from the California Department of Social Services, California Department of Behavioral Health, and local probation officers to discuss implementation of the Act in probation/juvenile justice cases.
- *Legal Services Trust Fund Commission Homelessness Prevention Committee*: Staff attended to review applications and recommendations for 2022 Equal Access Homelessness Prevention Grants and to consider recommended changes to evaluation formats for Homelessness Prevention, Partnership, and Equal Access grants.
- *Legal Services Trust Fund Commission Partnership Grants Committee*: Staff participated in the review of applications for legal services/court partnerships.

Advisory Bodies

The following Judicial Council advisory bodies convened remotely since the council's November 2021 meeting.

1. Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Civil Remote Access Rules
2. Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
3. Appellate Advisory Committee
4. Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight Advisory Committee
5. Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee
6. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
7. Court Executives Advisory Committee
8. Court Interpreters Advisory Panel
9. Criminal Law Advisory Committee

10. Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
11. Information Technology Advisory Committee
12. Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee
13. Traffic Law Advisory Committee
14. Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
15. Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
16. Tribal Court-State Court Forum
17. Workload Assessment Advisory Committee

Meeting Details

Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Civil Remote Access Rules

- Considered comments received on proposed remote appearance rules and forms, and made modifications that were considered and approved by the council in December.

Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness

- Discussed the 2022 annual agenda and language access updates.
- *Racial Justice Working Group*: Discussed potential projects, including developing a Racial Justice Toolkit as a resource for courts in advancing equity and racial justice in their counties.

Appellate Advisory Committee

- Reviewed and recommended for circulation for public comment a proposal to implement California Environmental Quality Act legislation, including fees to be paid to the courts by project applicants.

Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight Advisory Committee

- From the appellate projects, reviewed an audit pool and sample analysis report, panel composition report, and attorney questionnaire report.

Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee

- Reviewed the revised 2022–24 Education Plan, amendment to California Rule of Court 10.492 (Temporary extension and pro rata reduction of judicial branch education requirements), the Judicial College Steering Committee recommendation for the next program offering, the 2022 draft annual agenda, appellate education curriculum, and proposed revisions to education rules of court.

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee

- Approved the 2022 annual agenda and discussed legislative proposals related to collaborative justice and mental health, including AB 741 (Williams) Mental health: community care facilities.
- *Mental Health Subcommittee*: Discussed upcoming educational events on assisted outpatient treatment and pending legislation, including AB 741 (Williams) Mental health: community care and SB 317 (Stern) Competence to stand trial.

Court Executives Advisory Committee

- *Judicial Branch Statistical Information System (JBSIS) Subcommittee*: Presented the *JBSIS 4.0: Three-Tiered Approach* to the Criminal Law Advisory Committee and Workload Assessment Advisory Committee.

Court Interpreters Advisory Panel

- Reviewed and approved the 2022 annual agenda.

Criminal Law Advisory Committee

- Reviewed pending legislation that would impact criminal courts, including SB 467 (Wiener) Trial testimony.
- Discussed amendments to felony sentencing rules based on changes to Penal Code sections 1170, 1170.1, and 1385; revisions to criminal protective orders for consistency with the civil domestic violence protective order; and amendments to mental competency proceedings rule regarding misdemeanor defendants found incompetent to stand trial.
- Presented a webinar to address new legislation limiting the discretion of the court in sentencing of felony matters. The law will require local courts, in certain circumstances, to submit the determination of aggravating factors to the jury, impose the low term of the determinate sentencing law triad, or strike certain enhancements.

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee

- Reviewed proposed rules and forms in juvenile and family law to be circulated for comment in the Spring 2022 cycle, including forms regarding youth exiting foster care to promote housing and food security, forms to allow the recognition of tribal court judgments in family law matters, and rules to implement legislative changes on transfer of jurisdiction from juvenile to criminal court.
- *Secure Youth Treatment Facility Offense-Based Classification Matrix Working Group Subcommittee*: Reviewed the charge and plan for the work of developing the statutorily required matrix.

Information Technology Advisory Committee

- Received an update on the activities of the Judicial Council Technology Committee and the final report from the Work Group on Homelessness.
- Approved the 2022 annual agenda.

Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee

- Discussed a proposal to revise two guardianship forms.

Traffic Law Advisory Committee

- Reviewed public comments for the 2022 Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedules, made amendments as appropriate, and submitted final schedules that were then approved by the council in December.

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Developed trial court funding priorities for 2023–24 budget change proposals for consideration by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee at its January 2022 meeting.
- Approved allocation methodology recommendations to be considered by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee for: 1) ongoing \$30 million to increase the number of court reporters in family and civil law, 2) ongoing \$7 million to cover the costs associated with increased transcript rates, and 3) Court Interpreter Program funding.
- Approved additional recommendations for consideration by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee to: 1) delegate Trial Court Trust Fund authority to the council’s Administrative Director to move council-approved funding between programs, 2) adjust 2021–22 State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund allocations for Information Technology communications, statewide planning, and development support programs, 3) increase the base funding floor for Superior Courts of Alpine and Sierra County, 4) make one-time reductions for 2020–21 fund balances above the three percent cap, and 5) approve the committee’s 2022 annual agenda.

Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee

- Authorized a total expenditure of \$5,631,091 for facility projects and an additional \$244,120 for security-related projects.
- Received updates on the Invitation to Comment period for the draft *Judicial Council of California Policy on the Use of Air Filtration Devices During Wildfires*, and on the ceiling collapse at the San Diego North County Regional Center.

Tribal Court–State Court Forum

- Discussed efforts undertaken with the Superior Court of Humboldt County to jointly address criminal cases involving Yurok Tribal members, and discussed rules proposals regarding the implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act and implementation of AB 627 (Waldron) Recognition of tribal court orders.

Workload Assessment Advisory Committee

- Discussed filings for use in the Resource Assessment Study annual update. Due to the impact of the pandemic on filings, discussion focused on whether adjustments should be made to the most recent year of filings as part of three-year average filings used in study. The committee did not recommend adjustment to FY 2020–21 filings for use in FY 2022–23 trial court allocations.

Judicial Branch Education

Summary

Judicial Education

Programs/Courses

1. Experienced Assignment Course—Ethics and Self-Represented Litigants in Domestic Violence Cases
2. Experienced Assignment Course—Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases
3. Experienced Assignment Course—Fundamentals of Felony Sentencing
4. New Judge Orientation
5. Primary Assignment Orientation—Juvenile Justice
6. Qualifying Judicial Ethics Program (2 offerings)

Podcasts

7. Arbitration Awards
8. Domestic and Qualified Domestic Relations Orders
9. LGBTQ Sensitivity in Family Court

Webinar

10. Motivational Interviewing in Your Courtroom: A Foundation for Behavioral Change

Videos

11. Judicial Branch Statistical Information System: A User Guide
12. Mental Health Issues in Family Court
13. *People v. Sanchez* in Probate Court
14. The Neuroscience of Maltreatment and Human Trafficking
15. Tribal Customary Adoption: What Judges and Attorneys Need to Know
16. Understanding Substance Use Disorders and Improving Outcomes for Adults and Youth
17. Welfare and Institutions Code § 709 Competency: The Law & Services for Attaining Competency

Webinars

18. Arbitration Law Update 2021–2022
19. Family Court Services

Publication

20. Benchguide 97: Superior Court Death Penalty Habeas Corpus Proceedings

Court Staff Education

Programs/Courses

21. Educational Development—Institute for Court Management
22. Core 40: Basic Skills for Supervisors
23. Core Leadership and Training Skills

Videos

24. A Closer Look at Skills of Emotionally Intelligent Leaders

Webinars

25. California Access to Visitation Grant Program
26. Child Welfare Services: An Insider’s Look for Probate Investigators
27. Collaborative Justice

28. Employee Engagement and Retention for Human Resources Professionals
29. Family First Prevention Services Act Questions and Answers
30. Juvenile Delinquency Healing to Wellness Courts
31. Legal Process of Juvenile Dependency Court
32. Sexual Harassment Prevention for Judicial Officers, Managers, and Supervisors
33. State/Tribal Joint Jurisdiction Courts
34. Title IV-E (Foster Care) Law and Process
35. Unlawful Detainers A-Z and Basics

Details

A Closer Look at Skills of Emotionally Intelligent Leaders

Emotional intelligence and critical leadership skills necessary to successfully manage common challenges for court leaders.

Arbitration Awards

Basics of confirming, vacating, and correcting arbitration awards.

Arbitration Law Update 2021–2022

For justices and appellate judicial attorneys.

Benchguide 97: Superior Court Death Penalty Habeas Corpus Proceedings

Implementation of Proposition 66 (Death Penalty Procedures) and adjudication of postconviction capital habeas corpus petitions.

California Access to Visitation Grant Program

Three days of education for 55 multidisciplinary organizational professionals, court and community-justice partners, and statewide professional providers of supervised visitation.

Child Welfare Services: An Insider’s Look for Probate Investigators

How Child Welfare Services screens, investigates, and evaluates allegations of child abuse.

Collaborative Justice

In conjunction with the Treatment Advocacy Center, the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee hosted an introductory webinar for courts and justice partners on court-ordered Assisted Outpatient Treatment (Laura’s Law) for individuals with serious mental illness who have had recent hospitalizations or incarcerations or who are a danger to themselves or others.

Core Leadership and Training Skills

For lead and senior clerks.

Domestic and Qualified Domestic Relations Orders

Use of domestic and qualified relations orders.

Educational Development—Institute for Court Management

Knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to develop, implement, sustain, evaluate, and improve education for and development of court staff.

Experienced Assignment Courses

Courses included Ethics and Self-Represented Litigants in Domestic Violence Cases, Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases, Fundamentals of Felony Sentencing, and Immigration Issues in Domestic Violence Cases.

Employee Engagement and Retention for Human Resources Professionals

Best practices and anticipating employee engagement levels based on tenure.

Family Court Services Directors, Managers, and Supervisors Trainings

Working with underserved populations.

Judicial Branch Statistical Information System (JBSIS): A User Guide

Instruction on how to access the JBSIS website and associated resources as well as how to use the JBSIS manual to assist in reading and interpreting data.

Juvenile Delinquency Healing to Wellness Courts

Webinar for judicial officers, court staff, attorneys, and social workers on collaborations between state and tribal justice systems to improve outcomes for tribal youth.

Motivational Interviewing in Your Courtroom: A Foundation for Behavioral Change

Motivational interviewing and the benefits of using these techniques in the courtroom.

New Judge Orientation

Introduces 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.

***People v. Sanchez* in Probate Court**

The impact of *People v. Sanchez* on the admissibility of expert testimony in probate court.

Primary Assignment Orientation—Juvenile Justice

Examines all aspects of juvenile delinquency law and procedure, basic child and adolescent development, and the impact of substance abuse and domestic violence on children.

State/Tribal Joint Jurisdiction Courts

Webinar training for judicial officers, court staff, attorneys, and justice partners on ways to improve outcomes in domestic violence criminal cases.

The Neuroscience of Maltreatment and Human Trafficking

Brain science behind behavior and trauma responses of survivors of maltreatment and abuse in the context of human trafficking.

Title IV-E (Foster Care) Law and Process

Training for the Superior Court of Santa Barbara County on likely date findings, mandatory forms usage, and Family First Prevention Services Act check-in.

Tribal Customary Adoption: What Judges and Attorneys Need to Know

Requirements of Tribal Customary Adoption and the role of county counsel and attorneys in ensuring the best permanency outcome.

Understanding Substance Use Disorders and Improving Outcomes for Adults and Youth

The impact of substance abuse disorders on families and youth, and how to improve outcomes through collaborative interventions and effective treatment.

Unlawful Detainers A-Z and Basics Webinar Training

Three trainings for Self Help Center staff on the unlawful detainer process and how to identify potential issues.

Welfare and Institutions Code § 709 Competency: The Law & Services for Attaining Competency

Reviews the legal framework when the competency of a minor is in doubt and explores service options available to help a minor attain competency or assist in remediation.

Staffing Metrics

As of December 31, 2021

STAFFING	Executive Division				Leadership Services Division		Operations & Programs Division					Administrative Division				Judicial Council
	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	
Authorized Position (FTE)	14.00	12.00	10.00	9.00	65.80	55.00	18.00	89.30	48.50	32.00	152.00	150.00	38.00	147.00	56.00	896.60
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	9.80	10.80	8.00	7.00	57.30	40.60	16.00	69.55	43.00	22.60	98.00	136.00	30.00	118.00	45.00	711.65
Headcount - Employees	10	11	8	7	58	41	16	70	43	23	98	136	30	118	45	714.00
Vacancy (FTE)	4.20	1.20	2.00	2.00	8.50	14.40	2.00	19.75	5.50	9.40	54.00	14.00	8.00	29.00	11.00	184.95
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	30.0%	10.0%	20.0%	22.2%	12.9%	26.2%	11.1%	22.1%	11.3%	29.4%	35.5%	9.3%	21.1%	19.7%	19.6%	20.63%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3.00
*Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	57.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	61.00
TOTAL WORKFORCE (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	9.80	11.80	8.00	7.00	57.30	41.60	18.00	70.55	44.00	22.60	155.00	136.00	30.00	119.00	47.00	777.65

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: The Governor made 14 new judicial appointments since the November Judicial Council meeting.

- Courts of Appeal Appointments: Third Appellate District (1).
- Superior Court Appointments: Alameda (1), Fresno (1), Kern (1), Kings (1), Los Angeles (3), Modoc (1), Merced (1), Nevada (1), Sacramento (2), and Tulare (1).

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant as of **January 1, 2022**

TYPE OF COURT	NUMBER OF COURTS	NUMBER OF JUDGESHIPS					
		Authorized	Filled	Vacant	Vacant (Unfunded AB 159 positions)	<i>Filled (Last Month)</i>	<i>Vacant (Last Month)</i>
Supreme Court	1	7	6	1	0	6	1
Courts of Appeal	6	106	97	9	0	98	8
Superior Courts	58	1,755	1,649	83	23	1,658	97
All Courts	65	1,868	1,752	116		1,762	106

*50 new (AB 159) judgeships were authorized, but not funded, in 2008; funding was provided for two of the judgeships in the 2018 Budget Act and for a further 25 positions in the 2019 Budget Act.

Vacancies occurring in the current reporting month are highlighted below in yellow:

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: APPELLATE COURTS

Supreme Court	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Justice to be Replaced	Last Day In Office
Supreme Court	1	Resigned	Hon. Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar	10/31/2021
TOTAL VACANCIES	1			
Appellate District	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Justice to be Replaced	Last Day In Office
First District, Division Two	1	Retirement	Hon. J. Anthony Kline	12/15/2021
First District, Division Four	1	Elevated	Hon. Alison M. Tucher	8/30/2021
Second District, Division Three	1	Retirement	Hon. Halim Dhanidina	3/31/2021
Second District, Division One	1	Removed	Hon. Jeffrey W. Johnson	6/2/2020
Second District, Division Seven	1	Retirement	Hon. Laurie D. Zelon	8/31/2020
Second District, Division Eight	1	Retirement	Hon. Tricia Ann Bigelow	6/30/2021
Fourth District, Division One	1	Retirement	Hon. Patricia D. Benke	7/31/2021
Fourth District, Division Three	2	Retirement	Hon. David A. Thompson	10/15/2021
Fourth District, Division Three		Retirement	Hon. Richard M. Aronson	6/30/2021
TOTAL VACANCIES	9			

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: SUPERIOR COURTS

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day In Office
Alameda	3	Retirement	Hon. Winifred Younge Smith	12/2/2021
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Allan D. Hymer	10/29/2021
Alameda		Elevated	Hon. Victor A. Rodriguez	10/13/2021
Contra Costa	2	Retirement	Hon. Judy Johnson	4/2/2021
Contra Costa		Retirement	Hon. Cheryl Mills	3/9/2021
El Dorado	1	Retirement	Hon. Suzanne N. Kingsbury	12/31/2021
Fresno	2	Retirement	Hon. Denise Lee Whitehead	11/30/2021
Fresno		Retirement	Hon. Debra J. Kazanjian	3/31/2021
Kern	2	Retirement	Hon. Robert S. Tafoya	4/30/2021
Kern		Retirement	Hon. Craig Philips	2/26/2021
Kings	1	Retirement	Hon. Donna L. Tarter	10/29/2021
Los Angeles	14	Retirement	Hon. Kathleen A. Kennedy	12/6/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Ann I. Jones	11/1/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. John A. Slawson	9/15/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Victor H. Greenberg	8/24/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Rolf Michael Treu	8/16/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Patricia Nieto	7/30/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Michael D. Abzug	6/29/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Robert J. Schuit	6/19/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Jose I. Sandoval	5/5/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Norman Perry Tarle	4/20/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. John A. Torribio	4/14/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Clifford L. Klein	4/1/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Gary J. Ferrari	3/19/2021
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Anthony J. Mohr	3/19/2021
Mariposa	1	Retirement	Hon. F. Dana Walton	1/31/2021
Merced	2	Retirement	Hon. John D. Kirihara	9/7/2021
Merced		Retirement	Hon. Jeanne Schechter	6/15/2021
Monterey	1	Retirement	Hon. Lydia M. Villarreal	4/28/2021
Orange	9	Retirement	Hon. Kirk H. Nakamura	11/12/2021
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Charles Margines	10/1/2021
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Joy Wiesenfeld Markman	9/30/2021
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Debra D. Carrillo	9/9/2021
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Salvador Sarmiento	7/28/2021
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Gregory W. Jones	6/4/2021
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Mark S. Millard	4/30/2021
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Sheila B. Fell	3/22/2021
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Gary L. Moorhead	2/17/2021
Placer	2	Retirement	Hon. Charles D. Wachob	9/17/2021
Placer		Retirement	Hon. Mark S. Curry	9/3/2021
Riverside	5	Retirement	Hon. James T. Latting	12/2/2021

Riverside		Retirement	Hon. David M. Chapman	9/1/2021
Riverside		Retirement	Hon. Jackson Lucky	7/20/2021
Riverside		Retirement	Hon. David A. Gunn	7/19/2021
Riverside		Retirement	Hon. Bambi J. Moyer	4/1/2021
Sacramento	2	Retirement	Hon. Trena H. Plavan	10/12/2021
Sacramento		Retirement	Hon. Benjamin G. Davidian	8/16/2021
San Benito	1	Retirement	Hon. Steven R. Sanders	1/15/2021
San Bernardino	6	Retirement	Hon. Ronald M. Christianson	4/30/2021
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Elia V. Pirozzi	4/22/2021
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Donna G. Garza	4/16/2021
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Pamela P. King	3/12/2021
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Dwight W. Moore	3/1/2021
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Stephan G. Saleson	3/1/2021
San Diego	9	Retirement	Hon. Richard E.L. Strauss	12/31/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Amalia L. Meza	8/31/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Sharon B. Majors-Lewis	8/4/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Margo Lewis Hoy	7/30/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Ronald L. Styn	7/23/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Edlene C. McKenzie	6/30/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Timothy M. Casserly	6/23/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Margie G. Woods	6/7/2021
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Roger W. Krauel	5/5/2021
San Francisco	1	Retirement	Hon. Newton J. Lam	12/31/2021
San Joaquin	1	Retirement	Hon. Roger Ross	6/29/2021
San Luis Obispo	1	Retirement	Hon. Ginger E. Garrett	10/13/2021
Santa Barbara	1	Retirement	Hon. James E. Herman	12/31/2021
Santa Clara	6	Retirement	Hon. Joseph Huber	12/13/2021
Santa Clara		Elevated	Hon. Cynthia C. Lie	8/30/2021
Santa Clara		Elevated	Hon. Charles E. Wilson II	8/30/2021
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Linda R. Clark	4/30/2021
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. James L. Stoelker	3/26/2021
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Ronald I. Toff	2/16/2021
Siskiyou	1	Retirement	Hon. William J. Davis	2/19/2021
Sonoma	3	Retirement	Hon. Jamie E. Thistlethwaite	10/6/2021
Sonoma		Retirement	Hon. Nancy Case Shaffer	7/5/2021
Sonoma		Retirement	Hon. Barbara Phelan	1/31/2021
Stanislaus	1	Retirement	Hon. Thomas D. Zeff	12/22/2021
Tulare	2	Retirement	Hon. Michael B. Sheltzer	12/31/2021
Tulare		Retirement	Hon. Gary L. Paden	9/8/2021
Tuolumne	1	Retirement	Hon. Donald I. Segerstrom, Jr.	12/31/2021
Ventura	2	Retirement	Hon. William Q. Liebmann	5/7/2021
Ventura		Retirement	Hon. Kevin J. McGee	4/29/2021
TOTAL VACANCIES	83			

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant, December 2019–December 2021 (two years) *

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled and Vacant as of the End of Each Month: From December 2019 through December 2021 (two years)*								
	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
Month	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
Dec-19	1,743	1,661	82	4.7%	106	104	2	1.9%
Jan-20	1,743	1,658	85	4.9%	106	105	1	0.9%
Feb-20	1,743	1,650	93	5.3%	106	105	1	0.9%
Mar-20	1,743	1,642	101	5.8%	106	105	1	0.9%
Apr-20	1,743	1,648	95	5.5%	106	105	1	0.9%
May-20	1,743	1,643	100	5.7%	106	105	1	0.9%
Jun-20	1,754	1,646	108	6.2%	106	104	2	1.9%
Jul-20	1,754	1,639	115	6.6%	106	103	3	2.8%
Aug-20	1,754	1,646	108	6.2%	106	102	4	3.8%
Sep-20	1,754	1,635	119	6.8%	106	101	5	4.7%
Oct-20	1,754	1,625	129	7.4%	106	101	5	4.7%
Nov-20	1,754	1,642	112	6.4%	106	101	5	4.7%
Dec-20	1,754	1,669	85	4.8%	106	101	5	4.7%
Jan-21	1,755	1,662	93	5.3%	106	100	6	5.7%
Feb-21	1,755	1,655	100	5.7%	106	99	7	6.6%
Mar-21	1,755	1,659	96	5.5%	106	99	7	6.6%
Apr-21	1,755	1,642	113	6.4%	106	98	8	7.5%
May-21	1,755	1,639	116	6.6%	106	98	8	7.5%
Jun-21	1,755	1,630	125	7.1%	106	95	11	10.4%
Jul-21	1,755	1,641	114	6.5%	106	98	8	7.5%
Aug-21	1,755	1,633	122	7.0%	106	96	10	9.4%
Sep-21	1,755	1,647	108	6.2%	106	97	9	8.5%
Oct-21	1,755	1,640	115	6.6%	106	96	10	9.4%
Nov-21	1,755	1,658	97	5.5%	106	98	8	7.5%
Dec-21	1,755	1,649	106	6.0%	106	97	9	8.5%

* As of January 1, 2021.
 Note: Growth in number of Authorized Judicial Positions reflects SJO conversions, as well as newly funded positions via the 2019 Budget Act. Since 2007, 157 SJO positions have been converted to judgeships.

Percent of Judgeship Vacancies in the Superior Courts, December 2019–December 2021

