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Executive Summary

As outlined in rule 10.16 of the California Rules of Court, the Technology Committee oversees the Judicial Council's policies concerning information technology. The committee assists the council by providing technology recommendations focusing on the establishment of policies that emphasize long-term strategic leadership and align with judicial branch goals. The committee is responsible for ensuring that specific projects approved and funded by the council comply with relevant council policies, proceed on schedule, and stay within scope and budget. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the last Judicial Council internal committee written report, which was submitted for the council's September 20, 2024, business meeting.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Information Technology Advisory Committee

The Information Technology Advisory Committee, overseen by the Technology Committee, held an open meeting on September 25, 2024, in which the committee unanimously approved the revised allocations for the Language Access Signage and Technology Grant Program, Cycle 6, for fiscal year (FY) 2024–25. The committee also approved the proposal for public comment on revising rule 10.172 (Court security plans) of the California Rules of Court and adopting a new rule 10.405 aimed at establishing technological and data security standards for the courts.

Technology Committee

The Technology Committee held an open meeting on October 14, 2024, in which it unanimously approved the Jury Management System Grant Program allocations for FY 2024–25 and a project revision request from the Superior Court of San Francisco County related to the FY 2023–24 grant program.

The Technology Committee will hold an open meeting on November 14, 2024, to review and consider for approval the proposal for public comment on revising rule 10.172 of the California Rules of Court and adopting a new rule 10.405 aimed at establishing technological and data security standards for the courts.

Technology outreach

As chair of the Technology Committee, I led a presentation with Judicial Council technology experts titled "Expanding Into the Digital Frontier" on October 30 at the 2024 Pathways to Justice Conference. Together, we highlighted the advancements in remote hearings and virtual services, discussing how projects are prioritized, addressing resource challenges, and gathering user feedback. The Pathways to Justice Conference is California's only statewide assembly of legal service providers, pro bono volunteers, and court staff, focusing on topics such as legal trends, best practices, and innovative projects aimed at improving access to justice. Our presentation was well received, and those in attendance offered a number of constructive suggestions on how our services can be enhanced to provide an even greater level of service.