



Judicial Council of California

455 Golden Gate Avenue · San Francisco, California 94102-3688
courts.ca.gov

REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Item No.: 26-001

For business meeting on February 20, 2026

Title

Administrative Director's Report

Report Type

Information

Submitted by

Michelle Curran, Administrative Director
Judicial Council

Date of Report

February 17, 2026

Contact

Tina Carroll, 415-865-4242
tina.carroll@jud.ca.gov

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 meeting on December 12, 2025, and is exclusive of items on the February business meeting agenda.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

2025 Year in Review	3
Judicial Council 100th Anniversary in 2026	3
Diversity and Inclusion in the Judicial Branch	3
Judicial Branch Budget	3
<i>2025 Legislative Policy Summary</i>	3
Legislative Advocacy and Outreach	3
Court Collaboration Site Visits	3
Proposition 36 (Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act)	4
National Criminal History Improvement Program	4
Calendar Year-End Tax Reporting	4
Facilities	5
Web Content Accessibility	5
Labor and Employee Relations	5
Judicial Branch Education	5
Advisory Bodies	5
Judicial Council Staffing Metrics	10
Judicial Appointments and Vacancies Report	12

2025 Year in Review

The [Judicial Council Year in Review](#) highlighted key initiatives and accomplishments from 2025 that advanced the Judicial Council’s strategic goals and objectives for the judicial branch to improve access to justice for the people of California.

Judicial Council 100th Anniversary in 2026

Marking a century of progress in advancing the statewide administration of justice since Californians voted to amend the state Constitution to create a judicial council in 1926, the [100th anniversary page](#) on the California Courts public website highlights the council’s history and milestones. New highlights and profiles will be added to the site throughout 2026.

Diversity and Inclusion in the Judicial Branch

In February, California courts and the Judicial Council joined the nation in recognizing Black History Month. The California Courts Newsroom’s interactive timeline on [Milestones for African Americans in the California Judicial Branch](#) features landmark court cases and legislation and prominent African-American jurists who have impacted California history. Human Resources staff also participated in the National Urban League Black History Month Virtual Career Fair to introduce the judicial branch to professionals from a wide range of industries, including accounting, business, government, and information technology.

Judicial Branch Budget

Following the release of the Governor’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2026–27, a budget memorandum was disseminated to all judicial officers and court administrators outlining the proposals for the judicial branch. Statewide calls were held with trial and appellate court leadership to review the proposals and potential impacts on the branch. Judicial Council staff and court leadership met with the Legislative Analyst’s Office and legislative staff to inform their review of judicial branch budget items and to prepare for upcoming budget hearings.

2025 Legislative Policy Summary

The Judicial Council’s Governmental Affairs office published the [2025 Legislative Policy Summary](#) on the California Courts public website. Updated annually, the summary outlines the council’s actions on court-related legislation. (It does not include every bill on which the council took a position).

Legislative Advocacy and Outreach

Visits for six legislators and legislative staff to courthouses within their constituencies were coordinated with the Superior Courts of Kern, Placer, Sacramento, and San Diego Counties.

Court Collaboration Site Visits

Judicial Council staff from multiple offices are regularly onsite at courts for the development and implementation of programs and services, including:

- **Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act** (Superior Court of Kern County): Meetings were held with state and local justice partners, including representatives from the California Health and Human Services Agency and the local behavioral health agency, to observe CARE Act proceedings, visit housing facilities, and receive input from partners. (As of December 31, 2025, 3,545 CARE Act petitions have been filed statewide.)
- **Firearms relinquishment** (Superior Courts of Sonoma and San Joaquin Counties): Meetings were held with key stakeholders and partners on the direction of the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program, which provides resources to firearms relinquishment projects and collaborative justice courts across the state. Visits focused on understanding how courts are using the funding and assessing progress on project implementation.
- **Juvenile case file reviews on judicial resources and technical assistance** (Superior Courts of Marin and Shasta Counties): Reviews of juvenile case files were conducted to identify any legal issues and training needs. Reviews take place for all trial courts on a rotating basis.
- **Pretrial release and Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act (Senate Bill 678)** (Superior Courts of Santa Clara, San Benito, and San Luis Obispo Counties): Meetings were held with court and justice partners on program development, in addition to meetings with probation departments, to discuss SB 678 implementation, validated risk and needs assessments, and evidence-based best practices.

Proposition 36 (Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act)

Judicial Council staff presented on the impacts of Proposition 36 on the courts and justice system partners at the Department of Health Care Services Behavioral Health Planning Council meeting. Effective December 2024, Proposition 36 increased penalties for certain drug and theft offenses and allows defendants, under certain conditions, to receive treatment in lieu of penalties for some drug possession charges.

National Criminal History Improvement Program

A working group of court executive officers and administrators convened to begin work on identifying solutions to address the criminal history records disposition reporting gap among government entities. Missing disposition information has implications for firearms purchases, employment background checks, and record relief, among other issues. The work is funded through a grant provided by the federal Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Calendar Year-End Tax Reporting

For calendar year-end tax reporting purposes, the council's Branch Accounting and Procurement prepared approximately 6,200 Form 1099s for mailing to vendors and to qualifying jurors who received \$600 or more in compensation in relation to the jury service pilot program, and approximately 5,300 W-2s and 4,800 Affordable Care Act (Form 1095-C) documents for staff at trial courts using the Phoenix Payroll Solution.

Facilities

Thirty real estate transactions were completed in 15 counties, involving event licenses, new lease/license amendments, and temporary construction agreements. As of February 2026, there are 806 court facility modifications in progress at an estimated cost of \$406 million.

Web Content Accessibility

A branchwide webinar was held to guide courts in implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 Level AA standards, as required under the United States Department of Justice title II regulation.

Labor and Employee Relations

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 20 trial courts, including side-letter negotiations, impact bargaining, and successor memoranda of understanding negotiations. Additional support was provided on 41 labor- and employee-related matters.

Judicial Branch Education

More than 30 education programs and resource tools were created, updated, or delivered for judicial officers, court personnel, and justice system partners during this reporting period.

- Training programs included the Supervising Judge Institute; Primary Assignment Orientations on Civil, Criminal, Family, Juvenile Dependency, and Probate; Winter Revenue Distribution Training; Trial Court Roundtable on Strike Planning; Navigating the Digital Landscape with Confidence, and a presentation at UC Irvine School of Law on new laws addressing firearms risks in court proceedings.
- Distance education programs included a podcast on resist/refuse in custody cases.
- Publication updates included the *Handbook on Mandatory Criminal Jury Instructions* and benchbooks addressing small claims court and consumer law, civil proceedings, and search and seizure.

Advisory Bodies

Judicial Council Advisory Body Appointments

The Chief Justice made out-of-cycle new member appointments to five advisory committees: the Center for Judicial Education and Resources, Civil and Small Claims, Family and Juvenile Law, Probate and Mental Health, and Trial Court Budget Advisory Committees.

Advisory Body Nominations

Annual solicitations for membership of Judicial Council advisory and education committees were [publicized](#) branchwide and to justice partners to fill 136 advisory committee positions and 111 education committee positions for terms effective September 2026.

Advisory Body Meetings

The following [advisory bodies](#) have convened since the December 2025 business meeting:

1. Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
2. Appellate Advisory Committee
3. Artificial Intelligence Task Force
4. Center for Judicial Education and Resources Advisory Committee
5. Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
6. Civil Jury Instructions Advisory Committee
7. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
8. Court Executives Advisory Committee
9. Court Facilities Advisory Committee
10. Court Interpreters Advisory Panel
11. Criminal Law Advisory Committee
12. Data Analytics Advisory Committee
13. Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
14. Information Technology Advisory Committee
15. Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program Advisory Committee
16. Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee
17. Traffic Advisory Committee
18. Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
19. Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
20. Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee
21. Tribal Court–State Court Forum

Meeting Details

Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness

- Established two new subcommittees consistent with the 2026 annual agenda: Racial Justice Subcommittee and Legislation and Proposals Subcommittee.
- *Language Access Subcommittee*: Reviewed proposed revisions to the bench card on appointing and working with court interpreters, stemming from Assembly Bill 1032 changes to the Trial Court Interpreter Employment and Labor Relations Act.
- Staff also presented on judicial officer demographics at the State Bar Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation Member Orientation.

Appellate Advisory Committee

- Discussed winter and spring rule and form proposals, including *Criminal Procedure: Rule and Form Revisions Related to the Racial Justice Act*; *Appellate Procedure: Increased File Size Limit for Electronic Filings*; *Appellate Procedure: Extension-of-Time Orders in Limited Civil, Misdemeanor, and Infraction Appeals*; and *Appellate Procedure: Record in Felony Appeals*.

Artificial Intelligence Task Force

- Received an educational presentation on AI-generated evidence from the Thomson Reuters Institute/National Center for State Courts AI Policy Consortium for Law and Courts.

Center for Judicial Education and Resources Advisory Committee

- Discussed a proposed revision to the faculty policy and received an update on changes to access for the Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB) OnLaw legal research platform.

Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee

- Discussed public comments on winter cycle proposals to implement AB 774 regarding enforcement of judgment and AB 1084 and SB 59 regarding requests for a change of name and recognition of a change of gender and sex identifier; and revised the civil case cover sheet (form CM-010) to add a checkbox for Song-Beverly Act (consumer protection) cases.

Civil Jury Instructions Advisory Committee

- Considered proposals for revisions and additions to the *Judicial Council of California Civil Jury Instructions* based on legislation, public comments, proposals from judges and lawyers, and developments in the law over the last six months. They included two potential new instructions for landlord-tenant claims outside the unlawful detainer process.

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee

- *Juvenile Subcommittee*: Discussed the 2026 update of the *What's Happening In Court?* children's activity book.
- *Mental Health Subcommittee*: Discussed recommendations on updating education topics and resources.

Court Executives Advisory Committee

- Held a nonpublic joint meeting with the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee.

Court Facilities Advisory Committee

- Approved four draft capital-outlay budget change proposal concepts for fiscal year 2027–28 for consideration by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee at its February 2026 meeting: Los Angeles Spring Street Courthouse – Chatsworth Buildout; Capital Outlay Project Reassessment and Program Support; Statewide: Budget Packages and Advanced Planning; and Capital Outlay Funding for fiscal year 2027–28 through 2031–32.

Court Interpreters Advisory Panel

- *Interpreter Language Access Subcommittee*: Discussed the project to allow American Sign Language interpreters with generalist credentials to perform work in the courts.

Criminal Law Advisory Committee

- *Pretrial Policy and Data Subcommittee*: Considered a draft rule on pretrial release and detention for possible development into a rule of court and a change to the bail forfeiture process; received an update on bail litigation; and discussed a new optional form (*Findings*

and Orders for Pretrial Release or Detention (form CR-104)), which provides a step-by-step framework for judicial officers to make findings regarding a defendant's risk to public safety and nonappearance, determine potential and mandatory release conditions, and issue an order for pretrial release.

Data Analytics Advisory Committee

- Discussed updates to the Resource Assessment Study supplemental work and the Judicial Workload Study.

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee

- Reviewed a proposal to reallocate unspent firearms relinquishment grant funding.
- Reviewed a proposal regarding the application of the Racial Justice Act in juvenile proceedings post-comment for the winter 2026 cycle.
- Reviewed proposals for the spring 2026 public invitation-to-comment cycle, including:
 - Juvenile Law: Implementing legislation on SB 823 updates to juvenile transfer procedures, transfer of nonminor dependents, incarcerated parents, juvenile case file access in civil cases, extension of firearm prohibition, probation and duration of hearings, and sealing juvenile records.
 - Family Law: Certification, review, and use of computer software to assist in determining support, and changes to financial disclosure forms.
 - Protective Orders: Changes to form DV-310.

Information Technology Advisory Committee

- Received a report on implementation outcomes of AB 716, requiring courts to provide public audio access to courtroom proceedings when courthouses are physically closed and recommended submitting the report to the Technology Committee for further consideration.
- Received an overview of the new Information Security Service Catalog and heard updates from advisory committee liaisons.
- Conducted recruitment of members for the IT Modernization workstream, which will review and recommend court IT project proposals, evaluate status reports tracking project progress, and support related activities.

Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program Advisory Committee

- Reviewed the fiscal year 2026–27 draft premium allocation for members.
- Examined results of the third-party annual audit report and the Clinical Consultation Pilot Program.

Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee

- Discussed a CARE Act proposal returning from public comment as well as spring proposals related to probate conservator duties and fee waivers.

Traffic Advisory Committee

- Discussed pending legislation and potential form revisions to the trial by written declaration forms, including *Instructions to Defendant*, *Request for Trial by Written Declaration*, *Notice*

and Instructions to Arresting Officer, Decision and Notice of Decision, Request for New Trial (Trial de Novo), Order and Notice to Defendant of New Trial (Trial de Novo), and Officer's Declaration.

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Approved a one-year suspension of the Judicial Council's minimum operating and emergency fund balance requirements for trial courts to allow time for potential revisions to the policy.
- Approved midyear reallocation of unspent funding for the Court Interpreters Program and augmentation of \$19.1 million from the program's reserves for fiscal year 2025–26.
- Approved the midyear reallocation of unspent funding for the Pretrial Release Program for fiscal year 2025–26.
- Approved allocations for the Dependency Counsel Collections Program and a midyear reallocation of unspent funding for court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel for fiscal year 2025–26.
- Approved and prioritized budget change concepts for the trial courts for fiscal year 2027–28 including (1) an inflationary adjustment to address increased operational costs, (2) increased funding for ongoing technology support, and (3) increased funding for court interpreter services.

Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee

- Authorized expenditures of \$5,711,603 and an additional \$165,570 for security-related projects.
- Approved the draft *Trial Court Facility Modifications Report* for quarter 2 of fiscal year 2025–26 to be submitted to the Judicial Council and approved a proposed solar carport installation at the Superior Court of Alameda County's East County Hall of Justice, leveraging federal investment tax credits.
- Received updates on court-funded requests, water treatment hydronic systems, facilities maintenance performance, the Court Facilities Trust Fund, Architectural Revolving Fund projects, and deferred maintenance funding for projects.

Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee

- Considered and approved proposed California Rules of Court, rule 10.440, including revisions made to address public comments. The proposed rule would require courts to report to the Judicial Council specified information concerning civil arrests in court facilities.

Tribal Court–State Court Forum

- Received presentations on AB 124 (Criminal Procedure) Bench Cards: Guide and Harm Reduction and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth as well as Cybercheck's innovative approaches to locating missing and murdered indigenous persons.
- Facilitated meetings of the Tribal Court Orders Enforcement Ad Hoc Work Group.

Judicial Council Staffing Metrics

As of January 29, 2026

STAFFING	Audit Services	Executive Office	Governmental Affairs	Public Affairs	Leadership Support Services	Legal Services	Center for Families, Children and the Courts	Center for Judicial Education & Resources	Criminal Justice Services	Information Technology	Research, Analytics, and Data	Branch Accounting & Procurement	Budget Services	Facilities Services	Human Resources	Judicial Council
Authorized Position (FTE)	14.00	13.00	12.00	8.00	89.00	62.00	82.50	57.50	34.00	215.00	20.00	155.00	33.00	147.00	61.00	1003.00
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	11.00	10.00	11.00	7.00	78.00	49.50	69.00	50.00	28.00	134.00	16.00	143.00	25.00	129.00	53.00	813.50
Headcount - Employees	11	10	11	7	79	50	69	50	28	134	16	143	25	129	53	815.00
Vacancy (FTE)	3.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	11.00	12.50	13.50	7.50	6.00	81.00	4.00	12.00	8.00	18.00	8.00	189.50
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	21.4%	23.1%	8.3%	12.5%	12.4%	20.2%	16.4%	13.0%	17.6%	37.7%	20.0%	7.7%	24.2%	12.2%	13.1%	18.89%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	1	7	1	0	0	0	0	1	18.00
Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	6.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	37.60
TOTAL WORKFORCE (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	11.00	14.00	11.00	7.00	78.00	49.50	73.00	52.00	35.00	169.00	21.60	143.00	25.00	129.00	57.00	875.10

See the following page for definition of terms.

Staffing Category	Definition
Authorized Position (FTE)	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)	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 authorized positions minus the number of filled authorized positions.
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	The number of authorized positions divided by the number of vacant authorized positions, excluding temporary employees ("909"-funded employees). See Judicial Council Temporary Employees, below.
Judicial Council Temporary Employees (909)	An employee whose salary is not funded through the Budget Act and who may receive benefits if employed at least half-time and the term of employment is for more than six months. A 909 position is categorized by the Office of the State Controller as a temporary position used in the absence of an authorized position. A 909 position may be occupied by a regular full-time employee because of the unavailability of an authorized vacant position. Types of 909 temporary employees include retired annuitants, who are hired by their 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 Workers (FTE)	Workers from/employees of an employment agency who provide short-term support for six months or less.
Contractor (FTE)	Individuals augmenting the work of the organization and providing services for a limited period (one year or less) or on a specific project, where a particular skill set is required that is not within an existing classification and/or job description or where recruitment issues require the use of a contractor.
Full-Time Equivalency (FTE)	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 year would consume 0.5 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 who work more than 20 hours per week receive full benefits. Intermittent: Employee has no established work schedule and works 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	A position that is funded through the Budget Act with a specific end date. The position is counted as an authorized position. Employees in limited-term positions may be regular or temporary.

Judicial Appointments and Vacancies Report

New Judicial Appointments

The Governor made 16 new appointments since the December 2025 Judicial Council meeting:

- Superior Courts: Alameda (2), Fresno (1), Lake (1), Los Angeles (5), Orange (1), San Bernardino (1), San Francisco (2), San Mateo (1), Shasta (1), Tulare (1).

Judicial Vacancy Roster Report

Number of judgeships authorized, filled, and vacant as of February 1, 2026

Type of Court	Number of Courts	Number of Judgeships				
		Authorized	Filled	Vacant	Filled (Last Month)	Vacant (Last Month)
Supreme Court	1	7	6	1	6	1
Courts of Appeal	6	106	97	9	98	8
Superior Courts	58	1,755	1,703	52	1,708	47
All Courts	65	1,868	1,806	62	1,812	56

Judicial Vacancies: Supreme Court

	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Justice to Be Replaced	Last Day
Supreme Court	1			
		Retired	Hon. Martin J. Jenkins	10/31/2025
TOTAL SUPREME COURT VACANCIES	1			

Judicial Vacancies: Courts of Appeal

Appellate District	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Justice to Be Replaced	Last Day
1st District	1			
Division Four		Elevated	Hon. Tracie L. Brown	04/07/2023
2nd District	1			
Division Two		Retired	Hon. Judith Ashmann-Gerst	09/30/2025
Division Six		Retired	Hon. Arthur Gilbert ¹	01/01/2026
3rd District	1			

¹ Highlighting indicates retirement since the last report.

Third Appellate District		Elevated	Hon. Laurie M. Earl	07/10/2023
4th District	3			
Division One		Retired	Hon. Richard D. Huffman	07/01/2025
Division Three		Retired	Hon. Kathleen E. O'Leary	07/31/2025
Division Three		Retired	Hon. Thomas M. Goethals	03/01/2025
5th District	1			
Fifth Appellate District		Retired	Hon. M. Bruce Smith	06/30/2025
6th District	1			
Sixth Appellate District		Retired	Hon. Patricia Bamattre-Manoukian	04/30/2025
TOTAL APPELLATE COURT VACANCIES	9			

Judicial Vacancies: Superior Courts

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to Be Replaced	Last Day
Alameda	2			
		Retired	Hon. Morris D. Jacobson	12/08/2025
		Retired	Hon. Jo-Lynne Q. Lee	06/27/2025
Contra Costa	3			
		Retired	Hon. Charles B. Burch	11/04/2025
		Retired	Hon. Charles S. Treat	10/03/2025
		Retired	Hon. Patricia M. Scanlon	05/01/2025
Fresno	1			
		Elevated	Hon. Arlan L. Harrell	08/07/2025
Humboldt	1			
		Retired	Hon. Joyce D. Hinrichs	01/09/2025
Kern	1			
		Resigned	Hon. Elizabet Rodriguez	01/22/2026
Kings	1			
		Retired	Hon. Michael J. Reinhart	09/07/2025
Lake	1			
		Retired	Hon. Andrew S. Blum	07/08/2025
Los Angeles	14			
		Retired	Hon. Gail Killefer	01/23/2026
		Retired	Hon. Shellie L. Samuels	12/05/2025
		Retired	Hon. Thomas C. Falls	09/30/2025
		Retired	Hon. Robert S. Wada	08/11/2025
		Retired	Hon. Christopher G. Estes	08/01/2025
		Retired	Hon. Mark E. Windham	08/01/2025
		Retired	Hon. Stuart M. Rice	07/28/2025
		Retired	Hon. Ana Maria Luna	07/18/2025

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to Be Replaced	Last Day
		Retired	Hon. Sanjay T. Kumar	07/15/2025
		Retired	Hon. Jacqueline H. Lewis	07/10/2025
		Retired	Hon. Patrick T. Madden	07/01/2025
		Retired	Hon. John J. Kralik	06/29/2025
		Retired	Hon. Craig J. Mitchell	05/01/2024
		Retired	Hon. Dianna J. Gould-Saltman	03/01/2024
Madera	1			
		Retired	Hon. Brian Austin	09/05/2025
Mendocino	1			
		Retired	Hon. Clayton L. Brennan	10/31/2025
Orange	2			
		Resigned	Hon. Israel Claustro	01/12/2026
		Retired	Hon. Erick L. Larsh	12/31/2025
Placer	1			
		Retired	Hon. Alan V. Pineschi	10/01/2025
Riverside	1			
		Retired	Hon. Harold W. Hopp	11/30/2025
Sacramento	1			
		Retired	Hon. Maryanne G. Gilliard	08/15/2025
San Bernardino	2			
		Retired	Hon. Debra Harris	12/01/2025
		Elevated	Hon. Corey G. Lee	08/07/2025
San Diego	1			
		Retired	Hon. Timothy B. Taylor	09/22/2025
San Francisco	3			
		Retired	Hon. Garrett L. Wong	12/31/2025
		Retired	Hon. Mary E. Wiss	12/31/2025
		Retired	Hon. Andrew Y.S. Cheng	08/04/2025
San Joaquin	2			
		Retired	Hon. Lauren P. Thomasson	11/05/2025
		Retired	Hon. Barbara A. Kronlund	11/01/2025
San Mateo	2			
		Retired	Hon. Nina Shapirshteyn	12/31/2025
		Retired	Hon. V. Raymond Swope	08/06/2025
Santa Barbara	2			
		Retired	Hon. John F. McGregor	12/31/2025
		Resigned	Hon. Michael J. Carrozzo	09/09/2025
Santa Clara	4			
		Retired	Hon. Erica R. Yew	01/23/2026
		Retired	Hon. Thang Nguyen Barrett	09/09/2025
		Retired	Hon. Julianne Sylva	04/18/2025
		Retired	Hon. Drew C. Takaichi	04/15/2025

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to Be Replaced	Last Day
Shasta	1			
		Retired	Hon. Monique D. McKee	08/29/2025
Stanislaus	1			
		Deceased	Hon. Shawn D. Bessey	05/01/2025
Tuolumne	1			
		Retired	Hon. Kevin M. Seibert	10/10/2025
Ventura	1			
		Deceased	Hon. Ryan J. Wright	09/24/2025
Yolo	1			
		Retired	Hon. Timothy L. Fall	01/02/2026
TOTAL TRIAL COURT VACANCIES	52			
STATEWIDE TOTAL	62			

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant: January 2024–January 2026

Month	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
Jan-24	1,755	1,666	89	5.1%	106	100	6	5.7%
Feb-24	1,755	1,665	90	5.1%	106	100	6	5.7%
Mar-24	1,755	1,651	104	5.9%	106	99	7	6.6%
Apr-24	1,755	1,639	116	6.6%	106	99	7	6.6%
May-24	1,755	1,636	119	6.8%	106	98	8	7.5%
Jun-24	1,755	1,650	105	6.0%	106	101	5	4.7%
Jul-24	1,755	1,647	108	6.2%	106	100	6	5.7%
Aug-24	1,755	1,653	102	5.8%	106	100	6	5.7%
Sep-24	1,755	1,652	103	5.9%	106	101	5	4.7%
Oct-24	1,755	1,666	89	5.1%	106	99	7	6.6%
Nov-24	1,755	1,666	89	5.1%	106	100	6	5.7%
Dec-24	1,755	1,675	80	4.6%	106	100	6	5.7%
Jan-25	1,755	1,680	75	4.3%	106	99	7	6.6%
Feb-25	1,755	1,684	71	4.0%	106	100	6	5.7%
Mar-25	1,755	1,686	69	3.9%	106	99	7	6.6%
Apr-25	1,755	1,679	76	4.3%	106	98	8	7.5%
May-25	1,755	1,685	70	4.0%	106	98	8	7.5%
Jun-25	1,756	1,690	65	3.7%	106	97	9	8.5%
Jul-25	1,756	1,680	76	4.3%	106	96	10	9.4%
Aug-25	1,756	1,690	66	3.8%	106	99	7	6.6%
Sep-25	1,756	1,686	60	3.4%	106	98	8	7.5%
Oct-25	1,756	1,710	46	2.6%	106	98	8	7.5%
Nov-25	1,755	1,711	44	2.5%	106	98	8	7.5%
Dec-25	1,755	1,710	45	2.6%	106	98	8	7.5%
Jan-26	1,755	1,703	52	3.0%	106	97	9	8.5%

Percentage of Superior Court Judgeships Vacant: January 2024–January 2026

