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## REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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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 November 15, 2024, business meeting.

### Overview of Committee Meetings

#### Information Technology Advisory Committee

The Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC), overseen by the Technology Committee, held an open meeting on November 20, 2024, in which the committee began discussion of the *2025–2026 Tactical Plan for Technology* and their 2025 Annual Agenda. On December 18, 2024, ITAC held an open meeting in which the committee received advisory committee liaison reports, formally sunsetted the Advancing the Hybrid Courtroom Phase 1 Workstream, and continued their discussion of the 2025 Annual Agenda. And on January 21, 2025, ITAC held an open meeting in which the committee unanimously approved the *2025–2026 Tactical Plan for Technology*, their 2025 Annual Agenda, and recommended that the Judicial

Council revise California Rules of Court, rule 10.172 and adopt rule 10.405, which allows the Judicial Council to adopt guidelines for technology and data security for the courts.

### **Technology Committee**

The Technology Committee held an open meeting on January 15, 2025, in which it unanimously approved the budgets for the IT Modernization Funding for fiscal year (FY) 2025–26 for the branchwide and appellate information technology programs. The committee held an open meeting on January 27, 2025, in which it unanimously approved the following unranked funding priorities for the IT Modernization Funding program for FY 2025–26: (1) cyber/information security, (2) remote proceedings, (3) data analytics initiatives, (4) artificial intelligence initiatives; and (5) modernization of infrastructure. Although individual courts will inevitably have different priorities, the committee felt that those five categories, taken as a whole, would have the most immediate impact on court users. However, despite those priorities being established, the committee did not rank them nor commit to recommending a specific funding methodology—a decision that will be informed by the applications submitted and other relevant factors, such as the budget.

The Technology Committee will hold an open meeting on February 10, 2025, to consider approval of a recommendation that the Judicial Council adopt the *Tactical Plan for Technology 2025–2026*; a recommendation that the Judicial Council revise rule 10.172 and adopt rule 10.405 of the California Rules of Court, which allows the Judicial Council to adopt guidelines for technology and data security for the courts; and ITAC’s 2025 Annual Agenda. The committee will also consider prioritizing BCPs requested by Judicial Council Information Technology for consideration by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee for FY 2026–27.