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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 meeting on February 21, 2025, and is exclusive of items on the April business meeting agenda.

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## **State of the Judiciary Address and Bench-Bar Coalition Legislative Meetings**

In conjunction with the Chief Justice's annual State of the Judiciary address to the joint houses of the Legislature, the Bench-Bar Coalition brought together a delegation of 46 judges and lawyers for a series of meetings with legislators and their staff focusing on judicial branch public service priorities, including the need for stable and adequate funding for the courts.

## **Judicial Branch Budget**

Judicial Council staff and court leadership participated in Assembly and Senate budget subcommittee hearings on judicial branch proposals included in the Governor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2025–26. Questions were addressed and information was shared with legislators on judicial branchwide priorities, including trial court cost increases, budget restoration, implementation of Proposition 36 (Penalties for Drug and Theft Crimes), court-appointed counsel, and courthouse construction.

## **Judicial Officer Demographics Annual Report**

The annual update of judicial demographics [data](#) was published in March, reflecting voluntary, self-reported data from justices and judges as of December 31, 2024. The data reflect the increasing diversity of California's bench, with the percent of responding Asian, Black, and Hispanic judicial officers more than doubling since the first demographic data was released in 2006. Additionally, the number of female judicial officers has increased, now constituting more than 43 percent of the judiciary, compared to 28 percent in 2006. The Judicial Council is required to collect and release aggregate demographic data relative to the gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and veteran and disability status of California state court justices and judges, by specific jurisdiction, each calendar year.

## **Immigration Resources**

Informational hand-out cards were produced and made available in multiple languages for court self-help centers to help make clear to court users that California state courts do not decide immigration status and direct individuals to the updated [Immigration Resource Guide](#) on the California Courts website. The website contains information on basic immigration resources, help for families and children, how to find legal help, and the special immigrant juvenile classification.

## **Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act**

Site visits were conducted at the Superior Courts of Alameda and Sacramento Counties with state and local justice partners, including representatives from California Health and Human Services Agency and the local behavioral health agency. Participants observed CARE Act proceedings, visited housing facilities, and received input from partners. As of March 1, 2025, 1,413 CARE Act petitions have been filed with the courts.

## **Child Support Guideline Calculators**

The AB 1058 Child Support Program certified five child support guideline calculators for use in the trial courts beginning April 1, 2025. California Rules of Court, rule 5.275 requires the Judicial Council

to annually test and certify child support guideline calculators to ensure they are consistent with applicable statutes and rules of court.

### **Court Interpreter Examinations**

The spring 2025 administration of interpreter certification examinations for Spanish and Farsi took place at five locations across the state. Two hundred candidates registered for the examinations. Results for the final 179 final candidates (174 Spanish and 5 Farsi) will be available in May. Currently, there are 1,341 certified Spanish interpreters and 11 certified Farsi interpreters statewide. (There are 13 languages certified in California: American Sign Language and 12 spoken languages. Approximately 28 percent of California's population speaks Spanish as a first language.)

### **Juvenile Judicial Resources and Technical Assistance Program**

Courtesy reviews of juvenile case files were conducted to identify legal issues and training needs in the Superior Courts of Colusa and Los Angeles Counties. In consultation with the court, the Judicial Council's team of attorneys visit court sites on a rotating basis to conduct a legal analysis of court files, observe court proceedings, and prepare written reports and legal memoranda detailing areas where legal findings and orders are made as required under title IV-E. Reviews are conducted for between 25 and 30 courts annually.

### **Statewide Information Technology Security**

- Disaster Recovery Exercise: The annual information technology disaster recovery exercise was conducted for the Judicial Council and the appellate courts to test infrastructure, network services, and court applications.
- Cybersecurity: A branchwide webinar was held for judicial officers and court executives on cybersecurity trends, threats, best practices, and court security strategies.

### **Digitizing Court Records Program**

A court records digitization project was completed for eight trial courts, digitizing 91 million pages of court records. This effort reduces public visits for document access, lowers storage costs, and speeds up file retrieval, especially during hearings.

### **Data Analytics/Data Integration Pilot Program**

The Superior Court of Yuba County successfully completed onboarding to the Judicial Branch Data Warehouse platform, which integrates the court case management system and an individual court repository and provides access to tools and training to support data analytics and data-driven decision-making.

### **Proposition 36 (Penalties for Drug and Theft Crimes)**

A statewide survey of courts was conducted to identify the number and type of Proposition 36–related filings and inform advocacy for related court resources. Fifty courts representing 98 percent of the state's population responded. If trends continue in the same pattern, courts can expect to receive approximately 25,000 filings annually.

## **Judicial Branch Employee Recruitment**

- Civic Match Live Programs: Along with 17 state government agencies, Judicial Council staff participated in two civic match events for approximately 170 professionals with federal government experience in legal and budget roles.
- Virtual Career Fair: Judicial Council staff participated in a virtual career fair with approximately 200 graduate and undergraduate students from the University of Southern California Sol Price School of Public Policy.

## **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. Additionally, support was provided on 25 different labor-and-employee-related matters.

## **Court Facilities**

- As of April 2025, there are 947 court facility modifications in progress at an estimated cost of \$350 million, including in-custody elevator replacement at the Criminal Court Building for the Superior Court of Napa County, roof replacement at Antelope Valley Courthouse of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, and cooling tower replacement at the East County Regional Center of the Superior Court of San Diego County.
- Thirty-three real estate transactions were completed in 11 counties involving event licenses, terminations, joint occupancy agreements, transfer agreements, transfers of title, and new licenses and renewal/extensions.

## **Justice Partner Collaboration**

Examples of recent justice partner collaborations include:

- California Association of Collaborative Courts Conference: Staff facilitated multiple breakout sessions at the collaborative courts annual conference. Topics included Proposition 36, *Judges and Psychiatrists Leadership Initiative* training, Incompetent to Stand Trial reports, firearm relinquishment projects, equity and inclusion in collaborative courts, and implementation of the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act.
- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR): Staff worked with the CDCR on a new online platform for scheduling virtual court appearances.
- Department of State Hospitals: Discussions were held with the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) on the implementation of new criminal procedure requirements in felony competence-to-stand-trial cases; incompetence to stand trial evaluator training; and extension of the interagency partnership agreement. DSH and the Council of State Governments also collaborated with the Judicial Council to produce a webinar for counties on mental health diversion.

## **Judicial Branch Education**

More than 45 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 annual Presiding Judge and Court Executive Officer Court Management Institute, the Civil Law Institute, Validating Pretrial Assessment, Video Remote Interpreting, and Accountability and Court Performance.
- Distance education programs included videos and podcasts on Applying the Racial Justice Act in Juvenile Court, and Proposition 57 (Resentencing).
- Publication updates included benchguides and handbooks addressing sentencing guidelines for common misdemeanors, infractions and misdemeanor sentencing, felony sentencing, and mandatory criminal jury instructions.

## Advisory Bodies

The following Judicial Council advisory bodies convened since the February 2025 business meeting:

1. Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch
2. Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions
3. Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
4. Artificial Intelligence Task Force
5. Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
6. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
7. Court Executives Advisory Committee
8. Court Facilities Advisory Committee
9. Court Interpreters Advisory Panel
10. Court Security Advisory Committee
11. Criminal Law Advisory Committee
12. Data Analytics Advisory Committee
13. Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
14. Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee
15. Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee
16. Remote Access to Electronic Court Records Working Group
17. Traffic Advisory Committee
18. Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
19. Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
20. Tribal Court–State Court Forum

### **Meeting Details**

#### **Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch**

- Approved finalization and publication of reports for audits of the Superior Courts of Merced, Placer, and Siskiyou Counties.

#### **Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions**

- Discussed and considered 32 proposals to amend criminal jury instructions.

### **Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness**

- Received updates on language access signage and technology grants, and the council's 2025 *Judicial Demographics Report*.
- *Ad Hoc Racial Justice Working Group*: Received an update on the new [Racial Justice webpage](#) on the California Courts website.

### **Artificial Intelligence Task Force**

- Received a presentation from the Superior Court of Orange County on using and integrating artificial intelligence (AI) in court operations and self-help services.
- Circulated for public comment a proposal to adopt a rule of court and standard of judicial administration to address the use of generative AI for court-related work.
- Received a presentation on capabilities, security, and use cases for generative AI assistant tools.

### **Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee**

- Discussed public invitations to comment on spring cycle proposals, including statutory changes to protective orders, changes in laws regarding enforcement of judgment, form revisions to reflect the repeal of certain COVID-19 pandemic laws, and rule and form revisions related to groundwater adjudication.

### **Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee**

- Reviewed legislative bills, including Assembly Bill 433 (Mental health diversion), AB 46 (Diversion: attempted murder), and Senate Bill 38 (Second Chance Program, which would impact Proposition 36 treatment-mandated felony programs).
- Produced a report on reducing racial disparities in adult collaborative courts for consideration by the council.
- Received a presentation on the upcoming Proposition 1 ballot measure regarding behavioral health funding.
- *Joint Subcommittee of the Collaborative Justice Courts and Criminal Law Advisory Committees*: Discussed newly introduced mental health bills under both committees' purview.
- *Proposition 36 Ad Hoc Workgroup*: Discussed implementation issues impacting collaborative courts.
- *Veterans Court and Military Families Subcommittee*: Discussed veteran programming sessions at the California Association of Collaborative Courts conference and provided an update on the Veterans Justice Commission.
- *Juvenile Subcommittee*: Discussed the Juvenile Collaborative Court Resource Repository.

### **Court Executives Advisory Committee**

- *Executive Committee*: Approved the 2025 edition of the *Trial Court Records Manual*. Revisions include recent changes to statutes, rules, and best practices to assist court users.

### **Court Facilities Advisory Committee**

- Reviewed and approved performance criteria for the new Fort Ord Courthouse project for the Superior Court of Monterey County.

- Reviewed and approved a Budget Change Concept for proposed capital outlay funding from fiscal years 2026–27 through 2030–31 for review by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee. This included placing two future capital projects for the Superior Courts of Kern and Orange Counties on temporary hold for cost reduction.

#### **Court Interpreters Advisory Panel**

- Discussed the 2025 Language Need and Interpreter Use Study and findings from the National Center for State Courts on other state courts’ requirements to recognize individuals with American Sign Language generalist credentials.

#### **Court Security Advisory Committee**

- Approved new projects to maintain and replace electronic security equipment and systems in trial courts.
- Received a report on Court Security Plan submissions and notifications for the February 1, 2025, deadline under [rule 10.172](#) of the California Rules of Court.

#### **Criminal Law Advisory Committee**

- Discussed pending legislation, including Assembly Bill 285 (Criminal procedure: protective orders), AB 321 (Misdemeanors), AB 479 (Criminal procedure: vacatur relief), AB 528 (Criminal procedure: child pornography), AB 1071 (Criminal procedure: discrimination), Senate Bill 281 (Pleas: immigration advisement), SB 562 (Bail), and SB 821 (Criminal procedure: arraignment).
- Developed and proposed four rule and form public invitations to comment on mental competency proceedings, prohibited items while on diversion, prohibited items when subject to a criminal protective order, and findings and orders on pretrial release and detention.
- *Pretrial Policy and Data Subcommittee*: Reviewed a draft proposal to revise pretrial training material for the judicial branch education curriculum, discussed pretrial-related legislation, and developed an optional form regarding affordable bail determinations.

#### **Data Analytics Advisory Committee**

- Reviewed and approved updated caseweights and other model parameters from a 2024 update of the Resource Assessment Study model.

#### **Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee**

- Reviewed rules and forms proposals on family, juvenile, and domestic violence law, including gestational carrier agreement forms.

#### **Judicial Branch Workers’ Compensation Advisory Committee**

- Approved the committee’s draft 2025 annual agenda, which includes developing the program’s governing documents, financial goals, claims litigation management, and risk control strategies.

#### **Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee**

- Reviewed rules and forms proposals on conservatorships, including updates to probate conservatorship petitions and the *Handbook for Conservators*.



### **Remote Access to Electronic Court Records Working Group**

- Discussed potential revisions to the California Rules of Court and a possible legislative proposal to implement Judicial Council policy and guidance on remote access to electronic court records.

### **Traffic Advisory Committee**

- Discussed pending legislation impacting traffic courts, including Assembly Bill 289 (State highway work zone speed safety program), AB 435 (Vehicles: child passenger restraints), AB 981 (Vehicles: active intelligent speed assist devices), and AB 983 (Vehicles: removal and impoundment).

### **Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee**

- Approved fiscal year (FY) 2024–25 midyear reallocations for the Trial Court Trust Fund Court Interpreters Program and the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act.
- Reviewed 2026–27 budget change concepts from other advisory bodies that impact the trial courts, for which the committee has purview and can provide input.
- Approved FY 2025–26 allocations for (1) \$40 million for trial court operational cost increases, (2) CARE Act funding, and (3) State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund allocations to support the courts.
- Approved an equity-based funding reallocation in FY 2025–26 based on council policy when the budget does not include new money.
- Approved allocation methodologies for potential reductions and funding restoration in future fiscal years.

### **Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee**

- Authorized expenditures of \$16,815,579 and an additional \$10,107.00 for security-related projects.
- Approved facility modification program budget actions, and the draft *Trial Court Facility Modifications Report for Quarter Three of Fiscal Year 2024–25*.
- Received updates on court-funded requests, maintenance performance, sustainability, an updated five-year analysis on in-custody vandalism, and the status of the Court Facility Architectural Revolving Fund.

### **Tribal Court–State Court Forum**

- Discussed the status of the study on the impact of Public Law 280 on tribal nations being conducted by the federal Government Accountability Office, and the upcoming convening on recognition and enforcement of tribal court orders.

## Judicial Council Staffing Metrics

As of March 31, 2025

STAFFING	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	Judicial Council
Authorized Position (FTE)	14.00	13.00	10.00	9.00	66.00	62.00	25.00	99.50	57.50	31.00	216.00	155.00	33.00	147.00	61.00	999.00
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	10.00	11.00	9.00	7.00	57.00	46.50	20.00	83.00	48.00	27.00	135.00	139.00	22.00	125.00	58.00	797.50
Headcount - Employees	10	11	9	7	58	47	20	83	48	27	135	139	22	125	58	799.00
Vacancy (FTE)	4.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	9.00	15.50	5.00	16.50	9.50	4.00	81.00	16.00	11.00	22.00	3.00	201.50
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	28.6%	15.4%	10.0%	22.2%	13.6%	25.0%	20.0%	16.6%	16.5%	12.9%	37.5%	10.3%	33.3%	15.0%	4.9%	20.17%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	16.00
Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	44.60
<b>TOTAL WORKFORCE</b> (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	10.00	15.00	9.00	7.00	57.00	47.50	25.60	94.00	49.00	33.00	174.00	139.00	22.00	125.00	60.00	867.10

See the following page for definition of terms.

<b>Staffing Category</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Authorized Position (FTE)</b>	All regular ongoing positions approved in the Budget Act for that year. The number is based on the position's approved full-time equivalency.
<b>Filled Authorized Position (FTE)</b>	The number of authorized positions filled based on the employee's full-time equivalency.
<b>Headcount</b>	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.
<b>Vacancy (FTE)</b>	The number of authorized positions minus the number of filled authorized positions.
<b>Vacancy Rate (FTE)</b>	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.
<b>Judicial Council Temporary Employees (909)</b>	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. 909 positions may be occupied by regular full-time employees 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).
<b>Employment Agency Temporary Workers (FTE)</b>	Workers from/employees of an employment agency who provide short-term support for six months or less.
<b>Contractor (FTE)</b>	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 either (1) not within an existing classification and/or job description, or (2) where recruitment issues require the use of a contractor.
<b>Full-Time Equivalency (FTE)</b>	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.
<b>Time Base</b>	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.
<b>Regular Employee</b>	Commonly referred to as "permanent employees." They receive full benefits.
<b>Limited Term</b>	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 24 new judicial appointments since the February 2025 Judicial Council meeting:

- Superior courts: Alameda (2), Los Angeles (10), Merced (1), Modoc (1), Orange (1), Riverside (2), San Bernardino (2), San Diego (1), San Mateo (1), San Francisco (1), Tulare (1), Ventura (1).

### Judicial Vacancy Roster Report

Number of judgeships authorized, filled, and vacant as of **April 1, 2025**.

Type of Court	Number of Courts	Number of Judgeships				
		Authorized	Filled	Vacant	Filled (Last Month)	Vacant (Last Month)
Supreme Court	1	7	7	0	7	0
Courts of Appeal	6	106	99	7	100	6
Superior Courts	58	1,755	1,686	69	1,685	70
<b>All Courts</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1,868</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>76</b>

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

### Judicial Vacancies: Appellate Courts

Appellate District	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Justice to Be Replaced	Last Day
<b>1st District</b>	<b>1</b>			
Division Four		Elevated	Hon. Tracie L. Brown	04/07/2023
<b>2nd District</b>	<b>2</b>			
Division Three		Retired	Hon. Luis A. Lavin	09/16/2024
Division Four		Retired	Hon. Brian S. Currey	02/03/2025
<b>3rd District</b>	<b>1</b>			
Third Appellate District		Elevated	Hon. Laurie M. Earl	07/10/2023
<b>4th District</b>	<b>2</b>			
Division Two		Retired	Hon. Marsha G. Slough	08/31/2023
Division Three		Retired	Hon. Thomas M. Goethals	03/01/2025
<b>5th District</b>	<b>1</b>			
Fifth Appellate District		Retired	Hon. Charles S. Poochigian	01/09/2025
<b>TOTAL APPELLATE COURT VACANCIES</b>	<b>7</b>			

### Judicial Vacancies: Superior Courts

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to Be Replaced	Last Day
<b>Alameda</b>	<b>4</b>			
		Transferred	Hon. Mark A. McCannon	02/14/2025
		Retired	Hon. Ursula M. Jones Dickson	02/03/2025
		Retired	Hon. Stephen M. Pulido	02/03/2025
		Retired	Hon. Noel Wise	12/19/2024
<b>Colusa</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Elizabeth Ufkes Olivera	12/31/2024
<b>Fresno</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Adolfo M. Corona	04/30/2024
<b>Humboldt</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Joyce D. Hinrichs	01/09/2025
<b>Kings</b>	<b>2</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Valerie R. Chrissakis	02/13/2025
		Retired	Hon. Randy L. Edwards	03/31/2024
<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>23</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Patricia Jo Titus	03/31/2025
		Retired	Hon. Robin Miller Sloan	03/28/2025
		Retired	Hon. Anthony A. Trendacosta	03/14/2025
		Retired	Hon. Terry Lee Smerling	03/04/2025
		Retired	Hon. Douglas W. Stern	03/01/2025
		Retired	Hon. Richard Bloom	02/27/2025
		Retired	Hon. Daniel B. Feldstern	02/19/2025
		Retired	Hon. Dorothy L. Shubin	02/03/2025
		Retired	Hon. Margaret Miller Bernal	01/03/2025
		Retired	Hon. Barbara Marie Scheper	12/31/2024
		Retired	Hon. Mary Lou Villar	12/31/2024
		Retired	Hon. Philip L. Soto	12/23/2024
		To Fed Court	Hon. Serena R. Murillo	12/20/2024
		Retired	Hon. Anne Hwang	12/06/2024
		Retired	Hon. James A. Kaddo	11/30/2024
		Retired	Hon. Michelle Williams Court	11/08/2024
		Retired	Hon. Douglas W. Sortino	10/11/2024
		Elevated	Hon. Michelle C. Kim	09/30/2024
		Elevated	Hon. Anne K. Richardson	09/30/2024
		Retired	Hon. Harvey A. Silberman	09/02/2024
		Retired	Hon. Craig J. Mitchell	05/01/2024
		Retired	Hon. Dianna J. Gould-Saltman	03/01/2024
		Retired	Hon. Allen Joseph Webster, Jr.	06/29/2023
<b>Marin</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Paul M. Haakenson	05/16/2024
<b>Mendocino</b>	<b>2</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Cindee F. Mayfield	01/15/2025
		Retired	Hon. Jeanine B. Nadel	01/01/2024
<b>Monterey</b>	<b>1</b>			

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to Be Replaced	Last Day
		Retired	Hon. Marla O. Anderson	04/30/2024
<b>Orange</b>	<b>3</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Julian W. Bailey	02/03/2025
		Retired	Hon. Gregg L. Prickett	08/25/2022
		Retired	Hon. Jacki C. Brown	02/02/2022
<b>Riverside</b>	<b>2</b>			
		Deceased	Hon. John M. Davis	10/03/2024
		Retired	Hon. Dale R. Wells	12/27/2022
<b>Sacramento</b>	<b>2</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Andre K. Campbell	09/27/2024
		Retired	Hon. Dena M. Coggins	09/17/2024
<b>San Bernardino</b>	<b>2</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Bridgid M. McCann	10/21/2024
		Retired	Hon. John M. Pacheco	07/02/2024
<b>San Diego</b>	<b>2</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Howard H. Shore	01/23/2025
		Retired	Hon. David M. Gill	12/13/2024
<b>San Francisco</b>	<b>3</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Vedica Puri	03/01/2025
		Retired	Hon. Anne-Christine Massullo	02/03/2025
		Retired	Hon. Kathleen A. Kelly	02/03/2025
<b>San Joaquin</b>	<b>2</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Richard Vlavianos	04/30/2024
		Retired	Hon. Jose L. Alva	08/31/2023
<b>San Luis Obispo</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Gayle L. Peron	03/18/2025
<b>Santa Barbara</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Jean M. Dandona	12/01/2024
<b>Santa Clara</b>	<b>7</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Arthur Bocanegra	03/31/2025
		Retired	Hon. L. Michael Clark	02/27/2025
		Retired	Hon. Maureen A. Folan	02/03/2025
		Retired	Hon. Carrie A. Zepeda-Madrid	05/15/2024
		Retired	Hon. Vanessa A. Zecher	04/30/2024
		Retired	Hon. Peter H. Kirwan	04/15/2024
		Retired	Hon. Jacqueline M. Arroyo	04/11/2024
<b>Santa Cruz</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Timothy R. Volkmann	04/29/2024
<b>Siskiyou</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Karen L. Dixon	03/31/2024
<b>Stanislaus</b>	<b>2</b>			
		Deceased	Hon. Nancy A. Leo	07/29/2024
		Deceased	Hon. Ann Q. Ameral	06/18/2023
<b>Tulare</b>	<b>2</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Hugo J. Loza	04/14/2024
		Retired	Hon. Brett R. Alldredge	01/05/2024

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to Be Replaced	Last Day
Ventura	2			
		Retired	Hon. Henry J. Walsh	01/05/2025
		Retired	Hon. Nancy L. Ayers	08/14/2024
<b>TOTAL TRIAL COURT VACANCIES</b>	<b>69</b>			
<b>STATEWIDE TOTAL</b>	<b>76</b>			

### Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant: March 2023–March 2025

	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
Month	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
Mar-23	1,755	1,650	105	6.0%	106	91	15	14.2%
Apr-23	1,755	1,628	127	7.2%	106	95	11	10.4%
May-23	1,755	1,647	108	6.2%	106	95	11	10.4%
Jun-23	1,755	1,646	109	6.2%	106	97	9	8.5%
Jul-23	1,755	1,655	100	5.7%	106	100	6	5.7%
Aug-23	1,755	1,659	96	5.5%	106	99	7	6.6%
Sep-23	1,755	1,652	103	5.9%	106	100	6	5.7%
Oct-23	1,755	1,666	89	5.1%	106	100	6	5.7%
Nov-23	1,755	1,662	93	5.3%	106	99	7	6.6%
Dec-23	1,755	1,673	82	4.7%	106	98	8	7.5%
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%

## Percentage of Superior Court Judgeships Vacant: March 2023–March 2025

