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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 November 12, 2024, and is exclusive of items on the February business meeting agenda.

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## **Judicial Branch Budget**

Following the release of the Governor’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2025–26, information was disseminated to, and statewide calls were conducted with, court leadership to review the proposals for the judicial branch. Court leadership and Judicial Council staff met with the Legislative Analyst’s Office and legislative staff to inform that office’s independent analysis of the proposed budget and assist the council in preparing for upcoming budget hearings.

## **Court Statistics Annual Report**

The [Court Statistics Report](#) for fiscal year 2023–24 was published on the California Courts website. The report includes updated summaries of filings, dispositions, and other court workload. During fiscal year 2023–24, over 4.8 million cases were filed statewide in the superior courts, an eight percent increase from the preceding year.

## **2024 New Laws Summary of Court-Related Legislation**

The Judicial Council’s Governmental Affairs office published the [2024 New Laws Summary of Court-Related Legislation](#) on the California Courts website. The summary consists of new laws across 27 areas that affect the courts or that are of general interest to the judicial branch, including laws relating to the California Environmental Quality Act, criminal law and procedure, homelessness, mental health, protective orders, and retail theft.

## **Judicial Council–Sponsored Legislation**

The Judicial Council sponsored [Assembly Bill 223](#) making plain-language revisions to the acknowledgment and agreements obtained from the jury panel prior to the examination of prospective trial jurors assigned for voir dire and after the completion of selection of trial jurors. The bill was referred to the Assembly Judiciary Committee on February 3, pending a hearing date.

## **Immigration Resources**

The Judicial Council worked with courts to ensure they have all necessary information relating to potential U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement activity in or near California’s courthouses. Current federal and state directives, guidance, and resources were communicated to all courts. This included the California Attorney General’s updated *Securing Equal Access to Justice for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California’s Superior Courts in Responding to Immigration Issues*, which references the requirement that all state courts must implement the model policies or an equivalent policy pursuant to Government Code section 7284.8(a).

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

Twenty-two courts participated in CARE Act court “office hours” for discussion of issues related to implementation of the act, including updates on petitions from the Department of State Hospitals. As of December 2, 2024, all courts have implemented the act and are able to accept and process petitions. Court data reported through December 31, 2024, reflects that 1,093 CARE Act petitions have been filed.

## **Court Facilities**

- Forty real estate transactions were completed in 23 counties, including permits, event licenses, easements, and renewals/extensions. As of February 2025, there are 830 court facility modifications in progress at an estimated cost of \$393 million.
- The Los Angeles wildfires impacted indoor air quality in three facilities. HVAC operations were modified and air filters were replaced. No courthouses sustained structural, mechanical, or electrical system failures.

## **Labor and Employee Relations**

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 21 trial courts, including side letter negotiations, impact bargaining, and successor memoranda-of-understanding negotiations. Additionally, support was provided on 33 labor-and-employee-related matters.

## **Workforce Job Fairs**

To promote public service employment opportunities with the judicial branch, staff participated in the National Urban League's Black History Month virtual career fair and two in-person job fairs: the Bay Area Winter Job Fair, promoted by the California Department of Human Resources Work for California campaign, and the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law Annual Public Interest and Government Job Fair.

## **Recruitment Support**

Recruitment support was provided to three superior courts (Alpine, Calaveras, and Tuolumne Counties) for court executive officer appointments.

## **California Courts Website Redesign**

The redesigned [California Courts website](#) was launched as part of the digital services initiative. The updated site enhances access through a mobile-friendly design, improved accessibility for users with disabilities, and better search engine visibility to make resources and information easier to find.

## **Grant Awards**

- The Judicial Council was awarded a State Justice Institute technical assistance grant for a project to improve trial court caseflow management.
- Grant funding was received from the U.S. Department of Justice for the National Criminal History Improvement Program, in collaboration with the California Department of Justice, to perform activities related to criminal charging procedures, court case management system data, and data reporting solutions. The grant provides \$259,153 from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2026.

## **Information Technology Modernization**

Intrabranh agreements were distributed for fiscal year 2024–25 local court project funding.

## **New Master Services Agreement for Court Audiovisual Services**

A new master services agreement for audiovisual services was signed to support the hybrid courtroom. The agreement establishes a branchwide solution for seamless audio and video services. Fourteen vendors offer a diverse range of high-quality audiovisual products, services, and digital solutions at pre-negotiated terms and rates that ensure efficiency and cost-effectiveness for courts.

## **Financial Reports**

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for fiscal year 2023–24 and Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions for measurement period 2022–23, were submitted to the State Controller’s Office on behalf of the trial courts.

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

As part of its regular program, Judicial Council staff conducted a review of juvenile case files in four superior courts (El Dorado, Los Angeles, Madera, and San Diego Counties) to identify any legal issues and training needs.

## **Child and Family Services Program Improvement Plan**

The Judicial Council, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), the federal Administration for Children and Families, and other child welfare stakeholders met to provide feedback on the state’s Child and Family Services Program Improvement Plan before beginning implementation. Key activities to promote better outcomes for foster youth include exploring a data-sharing agreement between the Judicial Council and the CDSS, collecting data related to another planned permanent living arrangement, delivering training and discussing strategies in at least two local courts that focus on kin-first placements and culture, and developing a hybrid proceedings best practices guide for attorneys and clients to help reduce hearing delays.

## **Collaborative Courts**

The quarterly collaborative court coordinators meeting convened for a peer-led discussion on the use of collaborative courts for implementing Proposition 36 (Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act), how to troubleshoot emerging administrative challenges, and promising practices in drug and other collaborative courts.

## **Pretrial Release Program**

Judicial Council staff met with leadership from the Chief Probation Officers of California to discuss issues of common concern regarding pretrial release occurring at a statewide level and resolved to work together to develop a workload analysis and/or other mechanism to determine the appropriate level of funding needed to sustain the pretrial program. An open forum also was held for judicial officers to examine pretrial decision-making in light of *In re Humphrey*, *In re Harris*, and recent changes as mandated under Proposition 36.

## **Court Language Access**

A presentation was made to trial court language access representatives on changes to the Trial Court Interpreter Employment and Labor Relations Act resulting from Assembly Bill 1032, including new limits on provisional qualification of interpreters and the requirement for the Judicial Council to submit a California court interpreter workforce study to the Legislature by January 1, 2026. A [summary of changes](#) to the act is posted on the California Courts website.

## **Judicial Branch Education**

More than 40 education and training programs and resource tools were created, updated, or delivered for judicial officers, court personnel, and justice system partners during this reporting period. For training programs, this included CARE Act Court Referral Pathways, Firearms Legislation, Mental Health in the Courtroom, Juvenile Dependency, Court Interpreter Workforce Pilot Program Orientation, and Child Support Guideline Calculator. Distance education programs included videos and podcasts on Ensuring Socioeconomic Fairness, Understanding the Interstate Compact for Juveniles, and Climate Modeling. Publication updates included the benchbooks *Civil Proceedings—After Trial*, *Small Claims Court and Consumer Law*, and *Search and Seizure*.

## **Advisory Bodies**

### **Judicial Council Advisory Body Appointments**

The Chief Justice made out-of-cycle new member appointments to seven advisory bodies: Access and Fairness, Center for Judicial Education and Resources, Civil and Small Claims, Family and Juvenile Law, Court Facilities, Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation, and Trial Court Budget.

### **Advisory Body Nominations**

Annual solicitations for membership of Judicial Council advisory and education committees were publicized branchwide, and to justice partners, to fill 134 advisory committee positions and 102 education committee positions for terms effective September 2025.

### **Advisory Body Meetings**

The following Judicial Council advisory bodies, task forces, and working groups convened since the November 2024 business meeting:

1. Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch
2. Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
3. Appellate Advisory Committee
4. Artificial Intelligence Task Force
5. Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee
6. Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
7. Civil Jury Instructions Advisory Committee
8. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee

9. Court Executives Advisory Committee
10. Court Interpreters Advisory Panel
11. Court Security Advisory Committee
12. Criminal Law Advisory Committee
13. Data Analytics Advisory Committee
14. Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
15. Information Technology Advisory Committee
16. Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee
17. Remote Access to Electronic Court Records Working Group
18. Traffic Advisory Committee
19. Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
20. Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
21. Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee
22. 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 [Alameda](#), [Kern](#), and [Plumas](#) Counties.

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

- Discussed the Senate Bill 949 superior court lactation accommodation request form proposal and Language Access Project updates.

#### **Appellate Advisory Committee**

- Discussed winter and spring 2025 proposals, including California Environmental Quality Act Actions: New Projects and Fees for Expedited Review; Appellate Procedure: Remote Appearances at Oral Argument, Extension of Time in Misdemeanor and Infraction Appeals, and Record Procurement Default Notice.

#### **Artificial Intelligence Task Force**

- Approved *Model Policy for Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence* (GenAI).
- Approved the public invitation to comment for a rule of court regarding adoption of GenAI use policies by courts that permit its internal use for court-related work; also approved a standard of judicial administration regarding GenAI use by judicial officers in their adjudicative role.

#### **Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee**

- Approved the revised draft [2025 annual agenda](#).
- Proposed changes to the 2024–2026 judicial branch education plan.
- Discussed the Qualifying Judicial Ethics core course delivery method, education for new judges who do not have extensive pre-judicial experience practicing law, and education regarding federal immigration enforcement efforts in California courthouses.

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

- Discussed public comments received on winter cycle proposals for rule amendments to implement California Environmental Quality Act rules, rule amendments relating to complex coordinated actions, and form revisions to implement changes in law regarding protective orders.

### **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. Proposals included new instructions on landlord liability and civil liability for receiving stolen property.

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

- Approved proposed amendments to standard 4.10 of the Standards of Judicial Administration as directed by Senate Bill 910 (treatment court standards) and discussed early implementation of Proposition 36 (Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act).
- Presented to the Tribal Court–State Court forum on proposed revisions to standard 4.10.
- Received updates on Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program funding.
- *Joint Subcommittee of the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee and Criminal Law Advisory Committee*: Discussed newly introduced mental health bills under both committees' purview.

### **Court Executives Advisory Committee**

- Finalized the [2025 annual agenda](#), adding the Joint Caseflow Subcommittee with the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee (TCPJAC) to develop strategies to promote effective caseflow management. Also added the Workforce Development Subcommittee, focused on identifying best practices in attracting, employing, and retaining a judicial branch workforce that is highly qualified to promote the effective administration of justice.
- Convened a joint meeting with the TCPJAC to receive updates on cybersecurity trends, judicial branch education, and the generative artificial intelligence model use policy.
- Discussed workforce development and small court challenges and needs.

### **Court Interpreters Advisory Panel**

- Approved three draft reports: *Compliance Requirements for Certified Court and Registered Interpreters*, *Guidelines for Approval of Certification Programs for Interpreters for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Persons*, and *Professional Standards and Ethics for California Court Interpreters*.

### **Court Security Advisory Committee**

- Approved new projects to maintain and replace electronic security equipment and systems in trial courts.

### **Criminal Law Advisory Committee**

- Discussed public comments received on proposals to revise the felony plea form and approve a new retail crime restraining order, along with several other rule and form proposals to circulate for public comment.



- *Pretrial Policy and Data Subcommittee*: Received a presentation regarding statewide pretrial efforts, including implications stemming from passage of Proposition 36 and mandated felony resentencing, and reviewed proposed draft forms and judicial scripts for affordable bail determinations.
- *Protective Order Working Group*: Discussed implementation of firearm exemptions relative to civil, criminal, and domestic violence restraining orders.

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

- Reviewed results of the Resource Assessment Study model for trial courts.

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

- Reviewed rules and forms proposals related to child support, domestic violence, and family and juvenile law before circulation for public comment.
- Proposed Judicial Council–sponsored legislation on alternative methods for family courts to give notice to parties of Family Court Services mediation.

#### **Information Technology Advisory Committee**

- Approved the 2025–2026 Tactical Plan for Technology, the [2025 annual agenda](#), and a rule proposal for adoption of technology and data security guidelines.

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

- Reviewed rules and forms proposals related to the CARE Act, small estates, change of conservatee or ward residence, the California Conservatorship Jurisdiction Act and voting rights, and notices of rights of conservatees and duties of conservators.

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

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

#### **Traffic Advisory Committee**

- Discussed a recommendation to send the updated *Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedules* to the Judicial Council for approval.
- Reviewed proposed changes on technical form revisions, newly introduced legislation, and potential legislative proposals on Traffic Violator School and MyCitations (online ability-to-pay determinations for infractions).

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

- Approved an increase in the Trial Court Trust Fund fiscal year 2024–25 allocation to (1) reflect funding in the Budget Act of 2024 for State Controller audits of trial courts and (2) fund increased workload costs for the fines and fees collections program.
- Approved court interpreter allocations and expenditures for fiscal years 2023–24 and 2024–25, and a midyear reallocation of court reporter funding for fiscal year 2024–25.
- Approved an allocation for partial restoration of the \$97 million reduction for trial court operations for fiscal year 2024–25.

- Approved trial court funding priorities and budget change concept proposals for fiscal year 2026–27.
- Approved fiscal year 2024–25 allocations for the Dependency Counsel Collections Program and reallocation of unspent program funding.
- *Funding Methodology Subcommittee*: Considered allocation methodology options for potential future budget reductions or funding restoration.

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

- Authorized expenditures of \$12.6 million and an additional \$1.2 million for security-related projects.
- Approved the draft *Trial Court Facility Modifications Report for Quarter 2 of Fiscal Year 2024–25*, fiscal year 2026–27 budget change concepts, use of operations and maintenance funds for facility modifications, and the draft report to the Legislature on superior court lactation room funding and expenditures.
- Received updates on court-funded requests, on-hold facility modifications, and maintenance; Court Facility Architectural Revolving Fund status; Court Facilities Trust Fund status; and the fiscal year 2023–24 report to Legislature.

#### **Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee**

- Finalized the [2025 annual agenda](#).
- Received a presentation on navigating current pretrial case law.

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

- Reviewed a rules and forms proposal concerning Indian Child Welfare Act inquiry and family finding.
- Received updates from the Racial Justice Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee of the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee and a presentation from the California Tribal Families Coalition on children in foster care missing from placement.

## Judicial Council Staffing Metrics

As of January 30, 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 & Resources	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	99.13	57.50	31.00	216.00	155.00	33.00	147.00	61.00	998.63
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	10.00	11.00	9.00	7.00	56.00	45.50	22.00	84.75	46.00	27.00	135.00	137.00	25.00	125.00	58.00	798.25
Headcount - Employees	10	11	9	7	57	46	22	85	46	27	135	137	25	125	58	800.00
Vacancy (FTE)	4.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	10.00	16.50	3.00	14.38	11.50	4.00	81.00	18.00	8.00	22.00	3.00	200.38
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	28.6%	15.4%	10.0%	22.2%	15.2%	26.6%	12.0%	14.5%	20.0%	12.9%	37.5%	11.6%	24.2%	15.0%	4.9%	20.07%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	6	0	0	0	1	0	17.00
Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	8.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	42.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	48.40
<b>TOTAL WORKFORCE</b> (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	10.00	15.00	9.00	7.00	56.00	46.50	26.60	94.75	47.00	33.00	177.80	138.00	25.00	126.00	60.00	871.65

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 23 new judicial appointments since the September 2024 Judicial Council meeting:

- Courts of Appeal: First Appellate District (1), Fourth Appellate District (1).
- Superior courts: Alameda (1), Fresno (1), Kern (1), Los Angeles (7), Orange (3), Plumas (1), San Bernardino (1), San Diego (2), Santa Clara (3), Ventura (1).

### Judicial Vacancy Roster Report

Number of judgeships authorized, filled, and vacant as of **February 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	1,680	75	1,687	68
<b>All Courts</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1,868</b>	<b>1,786</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>74</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>2</b>			
Division One		Retired	Hon. Sandra Lynn Margulies	12/11/2023
Division Four		Elevated	Hon. Tracie L. Brown	04/07/2023
<b>2nd District</b>	<b>1</b>			
Division Three		Retired	Hon. Luis A. Lavin	09/16/2024
<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. William W. Bedsworth	10/22/2024
<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>			
		Retired	Hon. Noel Wise	12/19/2024
		Elevated	Hon. Charles A. Smiley III	11/21/2024
		Retired	Hon. Frank Roesch	10/31/2024
		Retired	Hon. Gregory A. Syren	08/06/2024
<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>2</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Joyce D. Hinrichs	01/09/2025
		Retired	Hon. Gregory J. Elvine-Kreis	05/27/2024
<b>Kings</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Randy L. Edwards	03/31/2024
<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>26</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Mel Red Recana	01/06/2025
		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. Deborah L. Sanchez	08/16/2024
		Retired	Hon. Lee R. Bogdanoff	08/09/2024
		Retired	Hon. Julie Fox Blackshaw	06/29/2024
		Retired	Hon. Michael P. Linfield	06/28/2024
		Retired	Hon. Martin Larry Herscovitz	06/28/2024
		Retired	Hon. Carol Williams Elswick	06/27/2024
		Retired	Hon. Gregory Keosian	05/15/2024
		Retired	Hon. Suzette Clover	05/15/2024
		Retired	Hon. Yvette M. Palazuelos	05/15/2024
		Retired	Hon. Margaret L. Oldendorf	05/10/2024
		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>Modoc</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Francis W. Barclay	09/13/2023
<b>Monterey</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Marla O. Anderson	04/30/2024
<b>Orange</b>	<b>3</b>			
		Elevated	Hon. Nathan R. Scott	11/21/2024
		Retired	Hon. Gregg L. Prickett	08/25/2022
		Retired	Hon. Jacki C. Brown	02/02/2022
<b>Riverside</b>	<b>4</b>			
		Deceased	Hon. John M. Davis	10/03/2024
		Retired	Hon. Irma Poole Ashberry	09/13/2024
		Retired	Hon. Gregory Olson	09/02/2024
		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>4</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Brigid M. McCann	10/21/2024
		Retired	Hon. John M. Pacheco	07/02/2024
		Retired	Hon. Brian S. McCarville	04/18/2024
		Retired	Hon. Michael R. Libutti	02/21/2024
<b>San Diego</b>	<b>3</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Howard H. Shore	01/23/2025
		Retired	Hon. David M. Gill	12/13/2024
		Retired	Hon. Kenneth J. Medel	07/12/2024
<b>San Francisco</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Richard B. Ulmer, Jr.	01/31/2025
<b>San Joaquin</b>	<b>2</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Richard Vlavianos	04/30/2024
		Retired	Hon. Jose L. Alva	08/31/2023
<b>San Mateo</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Marie S. Weiner	02/29/2024
<b>Santa Barbara</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Jean M. Dandona	12/01/2024
<b>Santa Clara</b>	<b>4</b>			
		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>3</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Hugo J. Loza	04/14/2024
		Retired	Hon. Brett R. Alldredge	01/05/2024
		Retired	Hon. Walter L. Gorelick	11/30/2023
<b>Ventura</b>	<b>3</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Henry J. Walsh	01/05/2025
		Retired	Hon. Nancy L. Ayers	08/14/2024
		Retired	Hon. Patricia M. Murphy	07/01/2024
<b>TOTAL TRIAL COURT VACANCIES</b>	<b>75</b>			
<b>STATEWIDE TOTAL</b>	<b>82</b>			

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

	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
Month	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
Jan-23	1,755	1,656	99	5.6%	106	90	16	15.1%
Feb-23	1,755	1,650	105	6.0%	106	91	15	14.2%
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%



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

