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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 April 25, 2025, and is exclusive of items on the July business meeting agenda.

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## **Judicial Branch Budget**

Following enactment of the Budget Act of 2025, a memorandum detailing the \$5.3 billion budget for the judicial branch for fiscal year (FY) 2025–26 was distributed branchwide, together with the [Chief Justice’s statement](#) on the budget, and conference calls were held with trial and appellate court leadership to share additional information and address questions.

## **Legislative Advocacy**

Judicial Council staff testified at the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Public Safety’s informational hearing on the California Community Corrections Performance Incentive Act of 2009 (Sen. Bill 678). A meeting was held with the Legislative Analyst’s Office to discuss the courts’ implementation of Proposition 36, which allows felony charges and increased sentences for certain drug and theft crimes. Following the passage of new bills from the houses of origin in June, the council’s Office of Governmental Affairs is reviewing and tracking 777 bills moving through the legislative process.

## **Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act**

A moderated judicial panel on Practices in Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act Proceedings focused on strategies for working with individuals with psychotic disorders, the role of the judicial officer, and overlap with other case types. Additionally, quarterly “office hours” were held for courts to address issues relating to CARE Act implementation. As of June 1, 2025, a reported 2,008 CARE Act petitions have been filed.

## **Immigration Resources**

The Judicial Council continued to monitor immigration enforcement relating to courts in order to provide any necessary updates to court leadership and maintain information available to the public through the California Courts website’s [Immigration Resource Guide](#).

## **Youth Court Summit and Restorative Justice**

Chief Justice Guerrero addressed participants at the 20th annual Youth Court Summit focused on ways to better serve justice-involved youth through restorative justice principles. The summit was held at the University of California at Riverside and attended by approximately 250 youth and adults associated with youth courts, including judicial officers, court staff, and juvenile justice stakeholders.

## **Juvenile Case Reviews**

As part of the ongoing statewide review schedule, Judicial Council staff with the Judicial Resources and Technical Assistance Program conducted reviews of juvenile case files for the Superior Courts of Humboldt, Los Angeles, Placer, and Sierra Counties to identify any legal issues and training needs.

## **Court Facilities**

- The [Menifee Justice Center](#) of the Superior Court of Riverside County was selected as a 2025 Project Achievement Award winner by the Construction Management Association of America’s Southern California Chapter. The project was recognized in the Government (Federal/State/Local)

Category for professionalism, innovation, and excellence in the management of the construction process. The new courthouse, which opened in July 2024, addressed overcrowding, security, accessibility, and energy efficiency challenges of the court's previous facility.

- As of July 2025, there are 748 court facility modifications in progress at an estimated cost of \$328 million. Repairs are underway for water damage at the Shasta County Courthouse, with four courtrooms requiring significant renovations. Forty-nine real estate transactions were completed in 18 counties, including acquisitions, dispositions, permits, event licenses, and new or renewed leases.

### **Human Resources Payroll System Upgrade**

An upgrade of the payroll processing system was completed for the 20 user courts, including employee and manager self-service applications. Updated training materials, release notes, and real-time user assistance labs were provided to support users with this change.

### **New Workers' Compensation Clinical Consultation**

The Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program began a one-year pilot program to introduce a new clinical consultation service for court members, offering employee access to medical providers for minor workplace injuries.

### **Labor and Employee Relations**

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 27 trial courts, including successor memoranda of understanding negotiations, side-letter negotiations, and impact bargaining. Additional support was provided on 40 labor and employee-related matters.

### **Judicial Branch Technology Security**

The annual information technology disaster recovery exercise was conducted—testing infrastructure, network services, and branchwide court applications. Additionally, cybersecurity webinars were held for judicial branch employees on protecting the court system from cyberattacks.

### **California Courts Self-Help Guide**

Integration of the Courts of Appeal and California Courts Self-Help websites was completed, including Spanish translation of content and a virtual customer service center intelligent chatbot that provides the public with easier access to plain-language resources and 24/7 automated assistance.

### **Virtual Customer Service Center Intelligent Chatbot**

The virtual customer service center intelligent chatbot was launched for name change, small claims, and traffic case types in the Superior Courts of Napa, San Benito, and Sonoma Counties. The technology provides essential support when in-person assistance is limited. Nine courts are now participating in this pilot program that was launched in 2021. In the last year, 130,000 chatbot sessions were held and 261,000 questions were asked and answered.

## MyCitations Online Trial by Declaration

The Online Trial by Declaration module of the [MyCitations ability-to-pay determinations tool](#) was deployed in the Superior Courts of Imperial and Siskiyou Counties. A total of four courts are now using this module, including the Superior Courts of San Francisco and Nevada Counties.

## Judicial Branch Education

More than 50 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 B. E. Witkin Judicial College and the Cow County (Rural Courts) Judges Institute.
- Distance education programs included videos and podcasts on mental health diversion, trauma, and juvenile dependency.
- Publication updates included benchbooks and benchguides addressing civil proceedings and preliminary hearings.

## Collaboration with Stakeholders

- *Firearms legislation:* Judicial Council staff participated in a meeting of law enforcement, elected leaders, and gun violence prevention advocates to discuss the importance of domestic violence restraining orders and firearm access with a focus on creating an easier process for survivors of domestic violence to seek help and receive protection from abusers.
- *Federal grant funding: Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program:* The Judicial Council announced the second-round awardees for the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program grant. This grant provides funds to assist courts with implementing or enhancing state crisis intervention court proceedings relating to mental health courts, drug courts, treatment mandated felony courts, veteran treatment courts, and programs with a focus on improving firearms relinquishment procedures for people at a high risk for gun violence.

## Judicial Fellows Program Inspiring Public Service

In June, 10 judicial fellows completed their 10-month assignments working in Judicial Council offices and courts across California on initiatives related to court services, public policy, legislative analysis, language access, and community outreach. Each fellow is mentored by court executive officers and senior court and council staff, offering work experience and training to inspire career pathways in California's judicial branch. Established in 1997, the full-time, paid judicial fellowship is co-sponsored by the Judicial Council and Sacramento State University's Center for California Studies.

## Advisory Bodies

The following Judicial Council advisory bodies, task forces, and working groups convened since the April 2025 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 Resources Advisory Committee
6. Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
7. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
8. Court Executives Advisory Committee
9. Court Interpreters Advisory Panel
10. Court Facilities Advisory Committee
11. Criminal Law Advisory Committee
12. Data Analytics Advisory Committee
13. Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
14. Information Technology Advisory Committee
15. Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee
16. Remote Access to Electronic Court Records Working Group
17. Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee
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 the public [invitation to comment](#) for proposed revisions to the *Judicial Branch Contracting Manual* to add provisions regarding generative artificial intelligence (GenAI), so that the manual will remain substantially similar to the *State Contracting Manual* and *State Administrative Manual*, as required by the Judicial Branch Contract Law.
- Approved Audit Services' FY 2025–26 audit plan, which includes initiating nine trial court audits.
- Approved audit reports for the Superior Courts of [Butte](#) and [Humboldt](#) Counties.

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

- Discussed annual agendas for the committee and the Racial Justice Ad Hoc Working Group.
- *Language Access Subcommittee*: Reviewed resources for court staff on the use of machine translation tools.

#### **Appellate Advisory Committee**

- Considered rule changes for the spring cycle regarding remote appearances at oral argument.
- Considered adoption of a new form on extension-of-time applications in misdemeanor and infraction appeals.

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

- Reviewed and approved to send forward for Judicial Council consideration the rule of court and standard of judicial administration on the use of GenAI in courts, including changes to address public comments received.
- Began exploring how to address issues related to GenAI and evidence.

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

- Discussed the application of policy, practices, and standards for faculty, and the pretrial education recommendation from the Criminal Law Advisory Committee.

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

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

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

- Discussed pending bills, including Assembly Bill (AB) 46 (Diversion) and Senate Bill (SB) 28 (Treatment court program standards).
- Approved allocations for substance abuse focus grants to courts.
- *Juvenile Subcommittee*: Discussed the Juvenile Collaborative Court Resource Repository and received a legislative update.
- *Proposition 36 Ad Hoc Working Group*: Discussed recent challenges surrounding implementation across different-sized counties.

### **Court Executives Advisory Committee**

- Received updates on current budget conditions, firearms reporting requirements, and the National Criminal History Improvement Program, and reviewed the Legislative Analyst's Office report on fund balance strategies.
- *Judicial Branch Statistical Information System Subcommittee*:
  - Approved items affecting data reported to the upcoming Judicial Branch Statistical Information System, version 4.0, including a proposed amendment to the civil case cover sheet, changes to how disposition and Proposition 57 (Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act) hearings are incorporated into the Juvenile Delinquency/Justice report, and changes to how dispositions before trial are captured in the Misdemeanor and Infractions report.
  - Discussed case aging issues surrounding pending family law cases and how statistical reporting might be used to improve court operations.

### **Court Interpreters Advisory Panel**

- Reviewed the [2025 Language Need and Interpreter Use Study](#).

### **Court Facilities Advisory Committee**

- Approved for Judicial Council review a draft of the *Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan* and capital outlay budget change proposals for FY 2026–27, including cost reduction relating to the future project for the Superior Court of San Joaquin County.

### **Criminal Law Advisory Committee**

- Discussed public comments received on rule and form proposals, including pretrial release or detention and criminal protective orders.
- Discussed the proposal from the Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness to implement AB 1899 (Gender-inclusive juror questionnaires and juror identification).

- Discussed pending legislation, including AB 366 (Ignition interlock devices), AB 704 (Criminal records: destruction), AB 938 (Human trafficking and intimate partner violence vacatur relief), AB 994 (Inmate detention relocation), AB 1483 (Supervision: violations), SB 396 (Corrections: supervision), and SB 537 (Parole: revocation).
- *Joint Mental Health Legislation Subcommittee*: Discussed bills, including AB 1231 (Criminal procedure: Safer Communities Through Opportunities Act) and SB 483 (Mental health diversion).

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

- Shared updates on the upcoming Judicial Workload Study.
- Provided a summary of two Adjustment Request Proposals referred by the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee.

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

- Approved funding allocations for AB 1058 (Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator program) and Court Appointed Special Advocates.
- Reviewed rules and forms proposals on family, juvenile, and domestic violence law.

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

- Reviewed and approved 147 local court projects recommended for the Information Technology Modernization Program for FY 2025–26, some of which include an artificial intelligence component.
- Approved proposed awards for the Language Access Signage and Technology Grant Program for FY 2025–26.

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

- Reviewed rules and forms proposals and revisions to the *Handbook for Conservators*.

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

- Approved the public invitation to comment for a proposal for Judicial Council–sponsored legislation on remote access to electronic court records.

#### **Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee**

- Reviewed the forthcoming report to the Legislature on Shriver Civil Counsel Act funding, services, and outcomes.

#### **Traffic Advisory Committee**

- Discussed an issue regarding litigants who want to attend traffic violator school and use the MyCitations portal, and potential legislative or rules of court changes.
- Discussed pending legislation impacting traffic courts, including AB 289 (State highway work zone speed safety) and SB 720 (Automated traffic enforcement systems programs).

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

- Approved FY 2025–26 funding allocations for AB 1058 (Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator program), court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel, and court reporters.



- Approved FY 2025–26 allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund and General Fund, totaling \$3.1 billion to support trial court operations.
- Approved updates to the Funding Methodology Subcommittee’s annual work plan for FY 2025–26.

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

- Authorized expenditures of \$10.3 million and an additional \$3,000 for security-related projects.
- Approved the FY 2024–25 Facility Modification Program budget action and preapproval for planned facility modification projects over \$100,000K for FY 2025–26.
- Received updates on court-funded requests and facilities maintenance performance.

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

- Met jointly with the Executive Committee of the Court Executives Advisory Committee to receive updates on the state budget, the Resource Allocation Study, and an overview of the Judicial Council rule-making process.
- Received updates on current budget conditions and the Racial Justice Act and held a roundtable discussion with the Administrative Director.

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

- Discussed pending legislation and rules and forms proposals.

## Judicial Council Staffing Metrics

As of June 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 & Research	Criminal Justice Services	Information Technology	Branch Accounting & Procurement	Budget Services	Facilities Services	Human Resources	Judicial Council
Authorized Position (FTE)	14.00	13.00	12.00	8.00	66.00	62.00	25.00	100.50	57.50	31.00	215.00	155.00	33.00	147.00	61.00	1000.00
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	10.00	11.00	10.00	6.00	57.00	45.50	19.00	83.00	48.00	27.00	134.00	142.00	24.00	131.00	57.00	804.50
Headcount - Employees	10	11	10	6	57	46	19	83	48	27	134	142	24	131	57	805.00
Vacancy (FTE)	4.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	9.00	16.50	6.00	17.50	9.50	4.00	81.00	13.00	9.00	16.00	4.00	195.50
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	28.6%	15.4%	16.7%	25.0%	13.6%	26.6%	24.0%	17.4%	16.5%	12.9%	37.7%	8.4%	27.3%	10.9%	6.6%	19.55%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	4	1	8	1	1	0	0	0	19.00
Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	14.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	44.60
<b>TOTAL WORKFORCE</b> (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	10.00	13.00	10.00	6.00	57.00	47.50	23.60	98.00	49.00	35.00	175.00	143.00	24.00	131.00	60.00	882.10

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 31 new judicial appointments since the April 2025 Judicial Council meeting:

- Courts of Appeal: Second Appellate District (3).
- Superior courts: Fresno (1), Los Angeles (11), Merced (1), Orange (2), Sacramento (1), San Diego (2), San Francisco (2), Santa Barbara (1), Santa Clara (4), San Joaquin (1), Tulare (1), Ventura (1).

### Judicial Vacancy Roster Report

Number of judgeships authorized, filled, and vacant as of July 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	97	9	98	8
Superior Courts	58	1,756	1,691	65	1,683	73
<b>All Courts</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1,869*</b>	<b>1,795</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>81</b>

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

\* Twenty-six additional superior court judgeships were authorized in January 2024 with the enactment of SB 75 (Stats. 2023, ch. 482). However, funding for the 26 positions has not been provided. The additional 26 judgeships are not reflected in the total authorized positions at this time.

### 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 Four		Retired	Hon. Brian S. Currey	02/03/2025
Division Eight		Retired	Hon. Elizabeth A. Grimes	05/31/2025
<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>2</b>			
Fifth Appellate District		Retired	Hon. M. Bruce Smith	06/30/2025

Fifth Appellate District		Retired	Hon. Charles S. Poochigian	01/09/2025
<b>6th District</b>	<b>1</b>			
Sixth Appellate District		Retired	Hon. Patricia Bamattre-Manoukian	04/30/2025
<b>TOTAL APPELLATE COURT VACANCIES</b>	<b>9</b>			

### Judicial Vacancies: Superior Courts

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
<b>Alameda</b>	<b>6</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Jo-Lynne Q. Lee	06/27/2025
		Transferred	Hon. Mark A. McCannon	02/14/2025
		Elevated	Hon. Charles A. Smiley III	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>Butte</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Michael P. Candela	05/12/2025
<b>Contra Costa</b>	<b>2</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Patricia M. Scanlon	05/01/2025
		Retired	Hon. Brian F. Haynes	04/09/2025
<b>Humboldt</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Joyce D. Hinrichs	01/09/2025
<b>Kern</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Michael G. Bush	05/02/2025
<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>18</b>			
		Retired	Hon. John J. Kralik	06/29/2025
		Retired	Hon. Scott T. Millington	05/15/2025
		Retired	Hon. Juan Carlos Dominguez	05/09/2025
		Elevated	Hon. Armen Tamzarian	05/07/2025
		Elevated	Hon. Mark K. Hanasono	05/07/2025
		Retired	Hon. Fumiko Hachiya Wasserman	04/17/2025
		Retired	Hon. Patricia J 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. Dorothy L. Shubin	02/03/2025
		Retired	Hon. Margaret Miller Bernal	01/03/2025
		Retired	Hon. Philip L. Soto	12/23/2024
		Retired	Hon. Craig J. Mitchell	05/01/2024

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
		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>			
		Retired	Hon. Marla O. Anderson	04/30/2024
<b>Orange</b>	<b>4</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Randall J. Sherman	06/23/2025
		Retired	Hon. Lon F. Hurwitz	06/01/2025
		Retired	Hon. Gregg L. Prickett	08/25/2022
		Retired	Hon. Jacki C. Brown	02/02/2022
<b>Riverside</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Dale R. Wells	12/27/2022
<b>Sacramento</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Andre K. Campbell	09/27/2024
<b>San Bernardino</b>	<b>3</b>			
		Retired	Hon. David S. Cohn	06/29/2025
		Retired	Hon. Bridgid M. McCann	10/21/2024
		Retired	Hon. John M. Pacheco	07/02/2024
<b>San Diego</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. John B. Scherling	04/30/2025
<b>San Francisco</b>	<b>2</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Suzanne Ramos Bolanos	04/18/2025
		Retired	Hon. Vedica Puri	03/01/2025
<b>San Joaquin</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Richard Vlavianos	04/30/2024
<b>San Luis Obispo</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Gayle L. Peron	03/18/2025
<b>San Mateo</b>	<b>2</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Elizabeth Lee	06/30/2025
		Retired	Hon. Jonathan Karesh	06/23/2025
<b>Santa Clara</b>	<b>5</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Mary Arand	04/21/2025
		Retired	Hon. Julianne Sylva	04/18/2025
		Retired	Hon. Arthur Bocanegra	03/31/2025
		Retired	Hon. L. Michael Clark	02/27/2025
		Retired	Hon. Maureen A. Folan	02/03/2025
<b>Santa Cruz</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Timothy R. Volkmann	04/29/2024
<b>Shasta</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Stephen H. Baker	06/27/2025
<b>Siskiyou</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Karen L. Dixon	03/31/2024

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
<b>Stanislaus</b>	<b>3</b>			
		Deceased	Hon. Shawn D. Bessey	05/01/2025
		Deceased	Hon. Nancy A. Leo	07/29/2024
		Deceased	Hon. Ann Q. Ameral	06/18/2023
<b>Sutter</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Laura J. Davis	05/12/2025
<b>Tulare</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Hugo J. Loza	04/14/2024
<b>Ventura</b>	<b>1</b>			
		Retired	Hon. Henry J. Walsh	01/05/2025
<b>TOTAL TRIAL COURT VACANCIES</b>	<b>65</b>			
<b>STATEWIDE TOTAL</b>	<b>74</b>			

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

	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
Month	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
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%
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%

**Percentage of Superior Court Judgeships Vacant: June 2023–June 2025**

