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Executive Summary

The Legislation Committee represents the Judicial Council's position with other agencies and entities, such as the Legislature, the Governor's Office, the State Bar of California, local government, local bar associations, and other court-related professional associations. The committee determines positions consistent with the council's policy goals and oversees advocacy for those positions. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the November 19, 2021, Judicial Council meeting.

Overview of Committee Meetings

The Legislation Committee met by videoconference and teleconference twice in December 2021.

On December 2, the Legislation Committee approved the council's 2022 legislative priorities, which is on today's discussion agenda as item 22-005.

On December 9, the committee approved removing the sunset provision in AB 2325 related to Family Code Section 4007.5(i) to avoid confusion for court users (including self-represented litigants), promote consistency, and increase court efficiencies and access to justice, and submit the report to the Legislature as required in this same provision.

The Legislature reconvened on January 3, 2022, for the second year of the 2021–22 legislative session and the Governor's proposed budget was released on January 10, 2022. Governmental

Affairs staff have been reviewing all bills to identify those of interest to, and that impact the judicial branch, and the Legislation Committee will meet regularly to take positions on pending legislation on behalf of the council. Key legislative issues will be presented at future council meetings.

For further information on any of the bills the Legislation Committee has taken a position on, please refer to the Governmental Affairs Status Chart: www.courts.ca.gov/4121.htm#legcharts. Position and fiscal letters on legislation are available on the Governmental Affairs webpage, which is a valuable resource throughout the legislative year.