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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 January 20, 2023, and is exclusive of items on the March business meeting agenda.

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### **Judicial Branch Budget**

Judicial Council senior staff and court leadership participated in budget subcommittee hearings for both the Assembly and Senate to present judicial branch proposals included in the fiscal year 2023–24 Governor’s Budget. The council submitted a spring budget change proposal to the Department of Finance for increased Appellate Court Trust Fund expenditure authority in the 2023–24 fiscal year budget. Meetings were also held with the Department of Finance on a State Public Works Board bond sale to refinance debt on three courthouse projects in Kings, Santa Clara, and Sutter Counties. The bond sale was approved, although the final savings will not be known until the sale closes in April.

### **Legislative Advocacy**

*The Judicial Branch: Protecting Access to Justice as the COVID-19 State of Emergency Expires* was the focus for the Joint Oversight Hearing, Senate Judiciary and Senate Public Safety Committees. Judge Marla O. Anderson, Chair of the Judicial Council Legislation Committee, Judge Maria Lucy Armendariz of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, Judge Lawrence G. Brown of the Superior Court of Sacramento County, and Judicial Council Chief Policy and Research Officer Shelley Curran testified on behalf of the Judicial Council regarding remote proceedings, court interpreting, and court reporter services. The hearing agenda, committee background paper, and video archive are available on the Senate Judiciary Committee’s [website](#).

### **Annual Summary of Court-Related Legislation**

The 2022 Summary of Court-Related Legislation was published on the California Courts [website](#). The summary consists of new laws affecting the courts or of general interest to the judicial branch.

### **Court Statistics Annual Report**

The 2023 Court Statistics Report for fiscal year 2021–2022 was published and posted on the California Courts [website](#). Data shows overall filings have stabilized in the trial courts. For fiscal year 2021–22, there were 4,407,174 filings, representing a small decrease of one percent from 2020–2021 (4,464,380).

### **Judicial Officer Demographics Annual Report**

For the 17th year, California’s judicial bench has grown more diverse, according to [new data](#) released by the Judicial Council. As of December 31, 2022, responding female judicial officers constitute 39.9 percent of judicial officers across all court levels, an increase of more than 12 percent since 2006—the first year that data was collected. The bench also has continued to become more racially and ethnically diverse, with the percentage of Asian, Black, and Hispanic judicial officers doubling over the same period. 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. Responding to the questionnaire is voluntary for judges.

### **Audit Services**

Audit entrance conferences were held with the Superior Courts of Tulare and Sonoma Counties. Five trial court audits are currently under way.

### **Expansion of Online Tool for Adjudicating Infraction Violations**

Statewide expansion of the MyCitations application for online ability-to-pay determinations, as required by Assembly Bill 143, continued, with three additional superior courts—Amador, Merced, and Nevada—launching the tool. Twenty-one courts are now using the application.

### **Trial Court Website Accessibility**

Collaborating with the Judicial Council, the Superior Courts of Lake, San Francisco, and Sonoma Counties migrated to a modern, mobile-friendly ADA accessible web platform. The sites are ADA-compliant, allowing users to navigate, find content, and use all features and functionalities of the sites with ease. To date, 35 trial courts have successfully transitioned to the updated platform. All remaining courts will migrate to the updated platform over time.

### **Labor and Employee Relations**

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 16 trial courts on 30 matters. Services included side letter negotiations, impact bargaining, and successor memorandums of understanding negotiations. Support was also provided on 21 different labor and employee-related matters.

### **Court Facilities**

Thirty-nine real estate transactions were completed involving new or renewed leases and licenses, as well as permits for court facilities, in 20 counties.

Status of facility modification projects as of March 2023:

Status	Number of Modifications	Estimated Cost
In Progress	1,243	\$590,818,524
Awaiting Shared Cost	4	\$6,387,773
Total	1,247	\$597,206,297

### **Pretrial Release Program**

A site visit to the Superior Court of San Francisco County's jail intake center was conducted to observe how the Pretrial Diversion Project is operating and using allocated funding. Judicial Council staff also convened a meeting of the Pretrial Pilot Group for a presentation to court staff on data collection capabilities.

### **Incompetent to Stand Trial Program**

The Judicial Council entered into a three-year, \$15 million agreement with the California Department of State Hospitals to enhance the quality of forensic evaluator reports and increase the pool of qualified evaluators used to make determinations about a defendant's competency to stand trial. This project will involve training and recruitment efforts, research, and development

of resources for courts on identifying and scheduling evaluators, as well as activities to increase collaboration between the department and the judicial branch.

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

Staff participated in the second convening by the California Health and Human Services Agency of the initial cohort of implementing courts and counties (Glenn, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne) to discuss implementation.

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

File reviews of juvenile cases were conducted in the Superior Courts of Calaveras, Los Angeles, and Placer Counties to identify any legal issues and training needs.

## **Advisory Bodies**

The following standing Judicial Council advisory bodies convened since the January 2023 business meeting:

1. Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
2. Appellate Advisory Committee
3. Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee
4. Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
5. Civil Jury Instructions Advisory Committee
6. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
7. Court Executives Advisory Committee
8. Court Facilities Advisory Committee
9. Court Security Advisory Committee
10. Criminal Law Advisory Committee
11. Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
12. Information Technology Advisory Committee
13. Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee
14. Traffic Advisory Committee
15. Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
16. Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
17. Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee
18. Tribal Court-State Court Forum

### **Meeting Details**

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

- Reviewed progress on implementation of the 2021 Judicial Diversity Summit recommendations.

- *Racial Justice Working Group*: Reviewed revisions to the online Racial Justice Toolkit being developed for courts.

#### **Appellate Advisory Committee**

- Reviewed public comments on winter proposals and recommended council approval of proposed rule revisions regarding costs on appeal and electronic reporter's transcripts.
- Recommended for spring circulation for public comment rule revisions regarding oral argument in the appellate division, rules and forms on time for respondents to elect an appendix, and forms on notice of appeal and requesting extensions of time in appellate proceedings.

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

- Discussed the curriculum committee nominating process and the annual Presiding Judge and Court Executive Officer Court Management Institute to be held in March.
- Received programmatic updates from liaisons to curriculum committees.

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

- Discussed a draft policy on remote access to electronic court records from the Ad Hoc Workgroup on Post-Pandemic Initiatives.
- Considered proposals for the spring public comment period, which included, among others, revisions to unlawful detainer forms to implement new law concerning partial evictions, a new rule of court to clarify service requirements after remote appearances at restraining order hearings, and civil forms revisions to implement new laws on appointment of guardians ad litem.

#### **Civil Jury Instructions Advisory Committee**

- Considered proposals for revisions to jury instructions based on public comments, proposals from judges and lawyers, and developments in the law over the last six months, including potential new verdict forms on meal breaks under the Labor Code.

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

- Reviewed proposed legislation related to the fentanyl crisis and homeless courts, and provided feedback to the council's Governmental Affairs office.
- *Juvenile Subcommittee*: Provided input on planned education addressing mental health concerns for court-involved youth.

#### **Court Executives Advisory Committee**

- Received updates on data analytics and information technology initiatives.

#### **Court Facilities Advisory Committee**

- Reviewed capital projects proposed in the draft *Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan for Fiscal Year 2024–25*.

- Discussed the need to update the California Trial Court Facilities Standards to reflect changes in various codes and best management practices since the standards were adopted by the Judicial Council in 2020.

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

- Discussed issuing a proposed public invitation to comment on adoption of an official policy on the Security Systems Program, documenting internal procedure and methodology for equitable distribution of program funds to courts. Established in fiscal year 2019–20, the Security Systems Program installs, refreshes, and maintains electronic security equipment/systems in courts.

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

- Recommended for public comment a proposal to revise the felony plea form to reflect statutory changes regarding circumstances in aggravation.
- Recommended technical amendments to multiple record cleaning forms.
- Discussed public comments received on proposals to revise a military resentencing form, amend the rule of court on mental competency in relation to recommending antipsychotic medication, and revise the defendant’s financial eligibility form based on statutory changes repealing reimbursement to the county for attorney’s fees.
- Reviewed and provided feedback on pending legislation.

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

- Completed proposals for rules and forms for youth committed to secure youth treatment facilities, requirements for family finding, domestic violence and civil protective orders, and veterans in family law.
- Recommended grants for firearms relinquishment in protective order cases and funding allocations for the AB (Assembly Bill) 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program.

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

- Reviewed and approved the committee’s 2023 annual agenda.
- Reviewed findings and recommendations of the electronic filing program evaluation.
- Received updates on the AB 716 audio-visual courtroom upgrade distributions and the Information Technology Modernization Fund.

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

- Reviewed public comment on the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act rules and forms proposal.

#### **Traffic Advisory Committee**

- Approved for invitation to comment a proposal to reflect recent statutory changes and improve litigant understanding of the traffic citation.

- Discussed potential revision of *Agreement to Pay and Forfeit Bail in Installments* forms and *Agreement to Pay Traffic Violator School Fees in Installments* forms.
- Discussed legislation to provide feedback or concerns for impacts on court procedures, including violations, air ambulance services, vehicle removal and impoundment, catalytic converters, and in-vehicle cameras.

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

- Approved recommendations for two court-appointed counsel funding allocations.
- Finalized the 2024–25 budget change proposal concepts for trial courts for later consideration by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee, and subsequently the council.
- Approved a second cycle of award recommendations to distribute Court Interpreter Employee Incentive Grant funding to trial courts.

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

- Authorized reallocation of \$4 million from Priority 2 facility modifications over \$100,000 to the Priority 1 budget.
- Authorized expenditures of \$10.3 million for facilities modifications and an additional \$38,478 for security-related projects.
- Received updates on court-funded requests, on-hold facility modification projects, intra-branch agreements for delegated courts, budget change concepts, and the San Diego Central Courthouse canopy removal.

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

- Received updates on the latest data analytics summit, and initiatives of the California Judges Association Committee on the Elimination of Bias and Inequality in the Judiciary.
- *Trial Court Presiding Judges and Court Executives Joint Committee*: Met with the Chief Justice, and heard from the executive director of the Chief Probation Officers of California on ongoing initiatives and partnerships with the courts.

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

- Discussed tribal court efforts around children missing from foster care.

### **Judicial Branch Education**

#### **Summary**

#### **Judicial Education**

1. Advanced Topics in Felony Sentencing
2. Death Penalty Trials
3. Ethics and Self-Represented Litigants in Domestic Violence Cases
4. Fundamentals of Felony Sentencing
5. Homicide Trials



6. New Judge Orientation
7. Primary Assignment Orientations: Civil (Basic), Criminal, Family, Juvenile Dependency, Juvenile Justice, and Probate
8. Qualifying Judicial Ethics Program
9. Supervising Judge Institute

### **Judicial Officer, Court Employee, and Justice Partner Programs**

10. Building Positive Relationships at Work
11. Coaching for Engagement
12. Collaborative Justice Courts Projects
13. Communicating Effectively
14. Core 40: Basic Training for Supervisors and Managers
15. Core Leadership and Training Skills
16. Family Court Clerk Training Institute
17. Family Court Services
18. Inclusive Leadership
19. Presiding Judge and Court Executive Officer Court Management Institute
20. Pretrial Release Policy and Practice
21. Probate Court Clerk Training Institute
22. Purposes and Responsibilities of Courts

### **Distance Education**

#### Video

23. How to Make a Compelling Budget Request
24. Grants: Considerations and First Steps

#### Webinars

25. Ameliorating Risk and Supporting Families Impacted by Substance Abuse
26. Child and Family Teams: Ethics and Appropriate Sharing of Protected Information
27. Court Interpreter Near Passers
28. Ensuring Access to 24/7 Trauma-Informed Support: The Family Urgent Response System
29. Family First Preservation Services Act
30. Pretrial Brown Bag
31. Self-Help Center and Family Law Facilitator weekly legal topics, including the CARE Act and self-help
32. Sexual Harassment Prevention

#### Podcasts

33. Marijuana in Juvenile Dependency and Juvenile Justice
34. Science of Water Law
35. Social Media, Ethics and Bias

## Online Course Updates

36. Custody and Visitation

## **Publications Updates**

37. Disqualification and Disclosure (benchguide)

38. Sentencing Guidelines for Common Misdemeanors and Infractions (benchguide)

39. Small Claims Court and Consumer Law

## **Detail**

### **Advanced Topics in Felony Sentencing**

Complexities of advanced sentencing scenarios and alternative sentencing schemes.

### **Ameliorating Risk and Supporting Families Impacted by Substance Abuse**

Perspectives on various treatment options, stigma attached to substance abuse and treatment, reasonable efforts, and services to ameliorate risk and promote family integrity.

### **Building Positive Relationships at Work**

How to improve work relationships by focusing on positivity strengths, cooperative listening, and reframing of complaints.

### **Child and Family Teams: Ethics and Appropriate Sharing of Protected Information Between Team Members**

Information about changes to the “child and family team” process as a result of AB 1068 and All County Letter 22-73, with a focus on the interface between federal and state privacy protection laws and child and family team meetings.

### **Coaching for Engagement**

How to improve employee engagement using coaching skills.

### **Collaborative Justice Courts Projects**

Collaborated with the California Association of Collaborative Courts on five plenary educational sessions and a reentry court simulation at the association’s annual conference.

### **Communicating Effectively**

Overcoming obstacles when communicating with peers, subordinates, and leaders using active listening skills and self-awareness.

### **Core 40: Basic Training for Supervisors and Managers**

Improving the overall performance of staff.

### **Core Leadership and Training Skills**

For lead and senior clerks to build and improve leadership and training skills.

**Court Interpreter Near Passers**

Improving skills of interpreter candidates who previously came close to passing the oral examination for certified languages.

**Custody and Visitation**

Introduction to child custody and visitation.

**Death Penalty Trials**

Difficult and specialized issues likely to present a risk of mistrial or reversal.

**Ensuring Access to 24/7 Trauma-Informed Support: The Family Urgent Response System**

Overview of the Family Urgent Response System, including discussion of the statutory requirements and framework stated in California Welfare and Institutions Code sections 16526–16530 and state policy guidance.

**Ethics and Self-Represented Litigants in Domestic Violence Cases**

Dynamics of domestic violence, assessment of and accounting for abuse when making orders, and judicial ethics issues that arise in these cases.

**Family Court Clerk Training Institute Course**

Overview of the life of a case, procedures for reviewing and processing documents, and a review of courtroom procedures related to family law case types.

**Family Court Services**

Skills and self-help resources for domestic violence matters in custody mediation.

**Family First Preservation Services Act**

Landmark legislation, including a presentation from the California Department of Social Services on implementation of the prevention plan, the impact on court-involved families, and reasonable effort requirements to prevent family separation.

**Fundamentals of Felony Sentencing**

Complexities of sentencing in a felony criminal case, including realignment, probation, and fines and fees.

**Grants: Considerations and First Steps**

Best practices for court leaders to prepare grant applications.

**Homicide Trials**

Substantive homicide law, special circumstances, other complex issues, and effective court management techniques necessary to hear a homicide case.

**How to Make a Compelling Budget Request**

Analyzing budgetary considerations and making a compelling budget request.

**Inclusive Leadership**

How to overcome obstacles to create an inclusive court culture.

**Marijuana in Juvenile Dependency and Juvenile Justice**

Responding to common situations where the perspective of adults and youth with respect to marijuana comes into conflict with scientific evidence and legal consequences.

**New Judge Orientation**

Orientation for new judges, commissioners, and referees to judicial duties and ethical responsibilities in ensuring fairness in all proceedings, promoting uniform court practices, and improving the administration of justice.

**Presiding Judge and Court Executive Officer Court Management Institute**

Overview and discussion of individual and collective court governance and leadership responsibilities.

**Pretrial Brown Bag**

First in a series of online trainings for all pretrial court staff, with a focus on how mental health services and pretrial services intersect.

**Pretrial Release Policy and Practice**

Training for presiding judges to discuss newly enacted legislation involving pretrial detention at the state level, including a panel of judicial officers and court executive officers on challenges and successes implementing pretrial programs, the importance of early internal and external stakeholder engagement, and tools to drive program goals.

**Primary Assignment Orientations**

- Civil Law (Basic): Comprehensive orientation to all aspects of the civil law assignment.
- Criminal Law: Procedural and substantive law governing cases, from arraignment through posttrial from a judge's perspective.
- Family Law: Comprehensive review of basic law and procedure to handle family law matters in courts of various sizes.
- Juvenile Dependency: Law and procedure, including the role of the judicial officer in juvenile court, and the unique ethical issues.
- Juvenile Justice: Examination of all aspects of juvenile justice law and procedure, including competency, psychotropic medications, LGBTQ youth, reproductive health care, and unique ethical issues.
- Probate: Substantive and procedural law governing decedents' estates administration, trusts litigation, guardianships, and conservatorships.

**Probate Court Clerk Training Institute**

Overview of probate case types, procedures for reviewing and processing documents, and key roles and responsibilities.

**Purposes and Responsibilities of Courts**

Tools for court leaders to understand historical and societal context for the development of the court system, as well as inherent tensions in the courts' ability to fulfill their purposes and responsibilities.

**Qualifying Judicial Ethics Program**

Mandatory course for judicial officers enrolled in the Commission on Judicial Performance insurance program.

**Science of Water Law**

First in a new three-part series, on Environmental Law, discussing California's water ecosystem, water use, and water management tools.

**Self-Help Center and Family Law Facilitator Weekly Legal Topics**

Best practices and tools for staff.

**Sexual Harassment Prevention**

Sexual harassment prevention from the perspective of an individual with authority and influence in the workplace.

**Social Media, Ethics, and Bias**

Ethical and unconscious bias issues that judges face when using social media, and how to navigate thorny social media scenarios.

**Supervising Judge Institute**

Overview and discussion of leadership and ethical responsibilities and effective communication.

## Judicial Council Staffing Metrics

As of March 1, 2023

	Executive Division				Leadership Services Division		Operations & Programs Division					Administrative Division				
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	61.00	23.00	94.30	52.50	31.00	191.00	155.00	34.00	147.00	56.00	956.80
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	10.00	11.00	6.00	6.00	59.00	42.40	13.00	75.55	45.00	26.00	104.00	141.00	25.00	130.00	51.75	745.70
Headcount - Employees	10	11	6	6	60	43	13	76	45	26	104	141	25	130	52	748.00
Vacancy (FTE)	4.00	2.00	4.00	3.00	7.00	18.60	10.00	18.75	7.50	5.00	87.00	14.00	9.00	17.00	4.25	211.10
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	28.6%	15.4%	40.0%	33.3%	10.6%	30.5%	43.5%	19.9%	14.3%	16.1%	45.5%	9.0%	26.5%	11.6%	7.6%	22.06%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	8.00
*Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	8.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	61.80	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	64.80
<b>TOTAL WORKFORCE</b> (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	10.00	13.00	6.00	6.00	60.00	44.40	14.00	82.55	45.00	27.00	165.80	143.00	26.00	131.00	52.75	826.50

See following page for definition of terms.

**Definitions:**

**Authorized Position (FTE)** Authorized positions include all regular ongoing positions approved in the Budget Act for that year. The number is based on the position's approved full time equivalency.

**Filled Authorized Position (FTE)** Filled authorized positions are the number of authorized positions filled based on the employee's full time equivalency.

**Headcount** 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.

**Vacancy (FTE)** The number of vacancies is the number of authorized positions minus the number of filled authorized positions.

**Vacancy Rate (FTE)** Vacancy Rate is calculated by dividing the number of authorized positions by the number of vacant authorized positions. This number excludes temporary employees ("909" funded employees). See definition of temporary employees below.

**Judicial Council Temporary Employees (909)** The "909 category is the State Controller code used to reference a temporary position or a temporary employee.  
909 Position - it is a position that may not be funded through the Budget Act and it 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 due to the unavailability of an authorized vacant position. 909 Employee - An employee whose salary is not funded through the Budget Act. 909 employees may receive benefits if employed at least half-time and the term of employment is for more than six months. Types of "909" Temporary Employees include: Retired Annuitants: A retired annuitant is a retiree who is hired by his or her 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).

**Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)** These are workers from an employment agency. They are employees of the employment agency that provide short-term support.

**Contractor (FTE)** Individuals augmenting the work of the organization and providing services for a limited period of time 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.

**Full Time Equivalency (FTE)** Full Time Equivalency is 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 would consume .5 FTE.

**Time Base** 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 that work more than 20 hours per week receive full benefits.  
Intermittent: Employees have no established work schedule and work on an as-needed basis that varies from one pay period to the next. Eligibility for certain benefits may be limited for these employees.

**Regular Employee** Commonly referred to as "permanent employees" – They receive full benefits.

**Limited Term** Limited Term Position – It is a position that is funded through the Budget Act with a specific end date. The position is counted as an authorized position. Employee in limited term positions may be regular or temporary.

## Judicial Appointments and Vacancies Report

### Judicial Appointments:

The Governor made 25 new judicial appointments since the January Judicial Council meeting:

- Courts of Appeal: First District (2), Second District (3), and Fourth District (2).
- Superior Courts: Alameda (1), Contra Costa (1), Los Angeles (2), Nevada (1), Orange (2), Riverside (3), Sacramento (1), San Bernardino (3), San Diego (1), San Joaquin (1), San Luis Obispo (1), and Santa Cruz (1).

### Judicial Vacancy Roster Report:

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant as of **March 1, 2023**

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	91	15	90	16
Superior Courts	58	1,755	1,650	105	1,655	100
<b>All Courts</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1,868</b>	<b>1,748</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1,752</b>	<b>116</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>4</b>			
First Appellate District, Division One		Resigned	Hon. Gabriel P. Sanchez	01/22/2022
First Appellate District, Division Two		Elevated	Hon. Therese M. Stewart	11/30/2022
First Appellate District, Division Four		Retired	Hon. Stuart R. Pollak	12/31/2022
First Appellate District, Division Five		Retired	Hon. Henry E. Needham, Jr.	05/31/2022



<b>2nd District</b>	<b>5</b>			
Second Appellate District, Division Three		Retired	Hon. Halim Dhanidina	03/31/2021
Second Appellate District, Division Four		Retired	Hon. Thomas Lyle Willhite, Jr.	01/31/2023
Second Appellate District, Division Four		Retired	Hon. Nora M. Manella	01/31/2023
Second Appellate District, Division Six		Retired	Hon. Steven Z. Perren	07/31/2022
Second Appellate District, Division Seven		Retired	Hon. Laurie D. Zelon	08/31/2020
<b>3rd District</b>	<b>2</b>			
Third Appellate District		Retired	Hon. Andrea L. Hoch	12/31/2022
Third Appellate District		Retired	Hon. Vance W. Raye	05/31/2022
<b>4th District</b>	<b>4</b>			
Fourth Appellate District, Division One		Retired	Hon. Cynthia G. Aaron	01/12/2023
Fourth Appellate District, Division One		Retired	Hon. Judith L. Haller	10/31/2022
Fourth Appellate District, Division One		Elevated	Hon. Patricia Guerrero	03/22/2022
Fourth Appellate District, Division Three		Retired	Hon. Richard D. Fybel	03/31/2022
<b>TOTAL APPELLATE COURT VACANCIES</b>	<b>15</b>			

### Judicial Vacancies: Superior Courts

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
<b>Alameda</b>	<b>3</b>			
Alameda		Elevated	Hon. Kelli M. Evans	01/02/2023
Alameda		Retired	Hon. Gail Brewster Bereola	12/31/2022
Alameda		Retired	Hon. Dennis J. McLaughlin	12/27/2022
<b>Butte</b>	<b>1</b>			
Butte		Retired	Hon. Sandra L. McLean	11/16/2022

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
<b>Contra Costa</b>	<b>3</b>			
Contra Costa		Retired	Hon. Barry Baskin	09/19/2022
Contra Costa		Retired	Hon. Anita L. Santos	07/20/2022
Contra Costa		Retired	Hon. Theresa J. Canepa	06/28/2022
<b>El Dorado</b>	<b>1</b>			
El Dorado		Retired	Hon. Suzanne N. Kingsbury	12/31/2021
<b>Fresno</b>	<b>3</b>			
Fresno		Retired	Hon. Rosemary T. McGuire	01/20/2023
Fresno		Newly created position	<a href="#">Budget Act of 2022</a>	
Fresno		Newly created position	<a href="#">Budget Act of 2022</a>	
<b>Kern</b>	<b>4</b>			
Kern		Retired	Hon. Robert S. Tafoya	04/30/2021
Kern		Retired	Hon. Craig Phillips	02/26/2021
Kern		Newly created position	<a href="#">Budget Act of 2022</a>	
Kern		Newly created position	<a href="#">Budget Act of 2022</a>	
<b>Kings</b>	<b>2</b>			
Kings		Retired	Hon. Donna L. Tarter	10/29/2021
Kings		Newly created position	<a href="#">Budget Act of 2022</a>	
<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>17</b>			
Los Angeles		Retired	Hon. Richard E. Naranjo	02/23/2023
Los Angeles		Retired	Hon. David Sotelo	02/17/2023
Los Angeles		Elevated	Hon. Rashida A. Adams	02/17/2023
Los Angeles		Retired	Hon. Bruce F. Marrs	01/02/2023
Los Angeles		Retired	Hon. Raul Anthony Sahagun	12/23/2022
Los Angeles		Elevated	Hon. Gregory J. Weingart	11/30/2022
Los Angeles		Retired	Hon. Victor G. Viramontes	11/29/2022
Los Angeles		Retired	Hon. Morton Rochman	11/01/2022
Los Angeles		Retired	Hon. Jesus I. Rodriguez	10/31/2022
Los Angeles		Retired	Hon. Mark V. Mooney	10/21/2022
Los Angeles		Retired	Hon. Carlos E. Vazquez	10/02/2022
Los Angeles		Retired	Hon. Dorothy B. Reyes	09/30/2022
Los Angeles		Retired	Hon. Gloria L. White-Brown	09/30/2022
Los Angeles		Retired	Hon. Teri Schwartz	09/15/2022
Los Angeles		Retired	Hon. Fred N. Wapner	07/14/2022
Los Angeles		Retired	Hon. Amy D. Hogue	06/29/2022
Los Angeles		Retired	Hon. Randall F. Pacheco	03/18/2022
<b>Madera</b>	<b>2</b>			

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Madera		Retired	Hon. James E. Oakley	02/17/2023
Madera		Newly created position	<a href="#">Budget Act of 2022</a>	
<b>Merced</b>	<b>1</b>			
Merced		Retired	Hon. John D. Kiriara	09/07/2021
<b>Monterey</b>	<b>2</b>			
Monterey		Retired	Hon. Larry E. Hayes	06/04/2022
Monterey		Retired	Hon. Lydia M. Villarreal	04/28/2021
<b>Orange</b>	<b>13</b>			
Orange		Retired	Hon. Michael S. McCartin	02/28/2023
Orange		Retired	Hon. Glenda Sanders	02/17/2023
Orange		Elevated	Hon. Steven D. Bromberg	11/07/2022
Orange		Elevated	Hon. Thomas A. Delaney	10/11/2022
Orange		Retired	Hon. Gregg L. Prickett	08/25/2022
Orange		Retired	Hon. Gregory H. Lewis	08/17/2022
Orange		Elevated	Hon. Joanne Motoike	06/16/2022
Orange		Retired	Hon. Robert James Moss	06/10/2022
Orange		Retired	Hon. James J. Di Cesare	05/06/2022
Orange		Retired	Hon. Fred W. Slaughter	04/19/2022
Orange		Retired	Hon. John L. Flynn III	03/09/2022
Orange		Retired	Hon. Frank Ospino	02/14/2022
Orange		Retired	Hon. Jacki C. Brown	02/02/2022
<b>Placer</b>	<b>1</b>			
Placer		Newly created position	<a href="#">Budget Act of 2022</a>	
<b>Riverside</b>	<b>4</b>			
Riverside		Retired	Hon. Dale R. Wells	12/27/2022
Riverside		Retired	Hon. Burke Strunsky	07/29/2022
Riverside		Retired	Hon. Thomas H. Cahraman	03/18/2022
Riverside		Newly created position	<a href="#">Budget Act of 2022</a>	
<b>Sacramento</b>	<b>9</b>			
Sacramento		Retired	Hon. John P. Winn	02/28/2023
Sacramento		To Fed Court	Hon. Daniel J. Calabretta	02/21/2023
Sacramento		Elevated	Hon. Shama Hakim Mesiwala	02/14/2023
Sacramento		Retired	Hon. Michael P. Kenny	01/23/2023
Sacramento		Retired	Hon. Geoffrey A. Goodman	10/31/2022
Sacramento		Retired	Hon. David De Alba	09/15/2022
Sacramento		Elevated	Hon. Stacy Boulware Eurie	08/03/2022
Sacramento		Newly created position	<a href="#">Budget Act of 2022</a>	

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Sacramento		Newly created position	<a href="#">Budget Act of 2022</a>	
<b>San Bernardino</b>	<b>5</b>			
San Bernardino		Newly created position	<a href="#">Budget Act of 2022</a>	
San Bernardino		Newly created position	<a href="#">Budget Act of 2022</a>	
San Bernardino		Newly created position	<a href="#">Budget Act of 2022</a>	
San Bernardino		Newly created position	<a href="#">Budget Act of 2022</a>	
San Bernardino		Newly created position	<a href="#">Budget Act of 2022</a>	
<b>San Diego</b>	<b>1</b>			
San Diego		Retired	Hon. Jay M. Bloom	09/02/2022
<b>San Francisco</b>	<b>1</b>			
San Francisco		Retired	Hon. Gail Dekreon	01/06/2023
<b>San Joaquin</b>	<b>2</b>			
San Joaquin		Retired	Hon. Bernard J. Garber	02/28/2023
San Joaquin		Retired	Hon. Elizabeth Humphreys	07/12/2022
<b>San Luis Obispo</b>	<b>4</b>			
San Luis Obispo		Retired	Hon. Linda D. Hurst	01/01/2023
San Luis Obispo		Retired	Hon. Charles S. Crandall	08/31/2022
San Luis Obispo		Elevated	Hon. Hernaldo J. Baltodano	08/03/2022
San Luis Obispo		Retired	Hon. Dodie A. Harman	06/30/2022
<b>San Mateo</b>	<b>2</b>			
San Mateo		Elevated	Hon. Danny Y. Chou	02/17/2023
San Mateo		Retired	Hon. Joseph C. Scott	12/31/2022
<b>Santa Barbara</b>	<b>2</b>			
Santa Barbara		Retired	Hon. Arthur A. Garcia	12/30/2022
Santa Barbara		Retired	Hon. Timothy J. Staffel	07/15/2022
<b>Santa Clara</b>	<b>6</b>			
Santa Clara		Retired	Hon. Deborah A. Ryan	02/28/2023
Santa Clara		Retired	Hon. Paul O. Colin	03/04/2022
Santa Clara		Retired	Hon. Katherine Lucero	01/14/2022
Santa Clara		Retired	Hon. Joseph Huber	12/13/2021
Santa Clara		Elevated	Hon. Charles E. Wilson II	08/30/2021
Santa Clara		Elevated	Hon. Cynthia C. Lie	08/30/2021
<b>Santa Cruz</b>	<b>1</b>			
Santa Cruz		Retired	Hon. John M. Gallagher	11/01/2022
<b>Shasta</b>	<b>2</b>			
Shasta		Retired	Hon. Cara Beatty	10/28/2022
Shasta		Retired	Hon. Daryl E. Kennedy	07/01/2022

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<b>Sierra</b>	<b>1</b>			
Sierra		Transferred	Hon. Yvette Durant	01/03/2022
<b>Sonoma</b>	<b>4</b>			
Sonoma		Retired	Hon. Arthur A. Wick	07/31/2022
Sonoma		Retired	Hon. Jamie E. Thistlethwaite	10/06/2021
Sonoma		Retired	Hon. Nancy Case Shaffer	07/05/2021
Sonoma		Retired	Hon. Barbara Phelan	01/31/2021
<b>Stanislaus</b>	<b>2</b>			
Stanislaus		Retired	Hon. Thomas D. Zeff	12/22/2021
Stanislaus		Newly created position	<a href="#">Budget Act of 2022</a>	
<b>Sutter</b>	<b>1</b>			
Sutter		Newly created position	<a href="#">Budget Act of 2022</a>	
<b>Tulare</b>	<b>3</b>			
Tulare		Retired	Hon. Michael B. Sheltzer	12/31/2021
Tulare		Retired	Hon. Gary L. Paden	09/08/2021
Tulare		Newly created position	<a href="#">Budget Act of 2022</a>	
<b>Tuolumne</b>	<b>1</b>			
Tuolumne		Retired	Hon. Kate Powell Segerstrom	01/31/2022
<b>Ventura</b>	<b>1</b>			
Ventura		Retired	Hon. John R. Smiley	08/01/2022
<b>TOTAL TRIAL COURT VACANCIES</b>	<b>105</b>			
<b>STATEWIDE TOTAL</b>	<b>120</b>			

## Number of Judgeships Filled and Vacant: February 2021–February 2023

Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal		
Month	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
Feb-21	1,655	100	5.7%	99	7	6.6%
Mar-21	1,659	96	5.5%	99	7	6.6%
Apr-21	1,642	113	6.4%	98	8	7.5%
May-21	1,639	116	6.6%	98	8	7.5%
Jun-21	1,630	125	7.1%	95	11	10.4%
Jul-21	1,641	114	6.5%	98	8	7.5%
Aug-21	1,633	122	7.0%	96	10	9.4%
Sep-21	1,647	108	6.2%	97	9	8.5%
Oct-21	1,640	115	6.6%	96	10	9.4%
Nov-21	1,658	97	5.5%	98	8	7.5%
Dec-21	1,649	106	6.0%	97	9	8.5%
Jan-22	1,639	116	6.6%	95	11	10.4%
Feb-22	1,631	124	7.1%	95	11	10.4%
Mar-22	1,643	112	6.4%	95	11	10.4%
Apr-22	1,636	119	6.8%	95	11	10.4%
May-22	1,637	118	6.7%	93	13	12.3%
Jun-22	1,637	118	6.7%	90	16	15.1%
Jul-22	1,627	128	7.3%	90	16	15.1%
Aug-22	1,646	132	7.5%	92	14	13.2%
Sep-22	1,647	131	7.5%	92	14	13.2%
Oct-22	1,634	144	8.2%	92	14	13.2%
Nov-22	1,636	142	8.1%	92	14	13.2%
Dec-22	1,644	111	6.3%	92	14	13.2%
Jan-23	1,656	99	5.6%	90	16	15.1%
Feb-23	1,650	105	6.0%	91	15	14.2%

## Percentage of Superior Court Judgeships Vacant: February 2021–February 2023

