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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 September 20, 2024, and is exclusive of items on the November business meeting agenda.

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Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act
With a December 1, 2024, deadline and following initial implementation by the eight Cohort One trial courts, the remaining 50 courts that make up Cohort Two are on track to implement the CARE Act. During this reporting period, implementation meetings were held with 19 courts. Pre-launch implementation convenings were also held with county planning teams in Sacramento and San Jose to support and strengthen the rollout of the CARE Act. In the first 12 months of the program, October 2023 to September 2024, early implementing courts received 787 petitions. The courts and the Judicial Council have collaborated closely with state and county partners to ensure successful implementation.

Judicial Officer Data Analytics Summit
Nearly 40 commissioners, judges, and justices in 25 counties and appellate districts across the state convened for the Judicial Officer Data Analytics Summit. During the virtual program, judicial officers explored dynamic data dashboards used by leading courts, learned strategies for data-driven decisionmaking, and gained insights into effective collaboration with analytics teams.

Court Facilities
Twenty-seven real estate transactions were completed, including event licenses and easements in 13 counties. As of October 2024, there are 765 court facility modifications in progress at an estimated cost of $428 million.

Digital Services Modernization
As part of the deployment of mobile-friendly and customizable trial court website templates with integration to statewide digital services, an intelligent chatbot was launched on the Superior Court of Lassen County's website for Traffic, Small Claims, and Name Change services. Six superior courts are now using the chatbot (Kings, Lassen, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, and Sutter Counties). The service is scheduled to be launched for the following additional courts beginning in January 2025: Fresno, Napa, San Benito, San Bernardino, and Sonoma Counties.

Judicial Resources and Technical Assistance Program
Reviews of juvenile case files were conducted in three superior courts (Lassen, Nevada, and San Bernardino Counties) to identify any legal issues and training needs. In fiscal year 2023–24, council staff visited 25 courts, including multiple visits to large counties, for a total of 44 site visits. Follow-up training was provided for nine courts. All 58 trial courts are visited on a rotating basis.

Legislation
- The Governor signed Judicial Council-sponsored legislation authorizing the council sale of the Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse and requiring the net proceeds from the sale to be deposited into the State Court Facilities Construction Fund. The council will seek authority for the sale of an additional three court facilities in 2025.
- The Governor also signed the following bills requested for signature by the Judicial Council:

- Assembly Bill (AB) 1785—California Public Records Act. AB 1785 prohibits a state or local agency from publicly posting the home address, telephone number, or both the name and assessor parcel number associated with the home address of any elected or appointed official without that official's written permission.
- Assembly Bill 2929—Dependents: family finding. AB 2929 requires the court, in conducting periodic status reviews of a child or nonminor dependent not residing with relatives, to determine whether the social worker has continued efforts to locate any relatives who could provide family support or possible placement.

Labor and Employee Relations
Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 21 trial courts. Services included impact bargaining and successor memoranda of understanding negotiations. Additionally, support was provided on 33 different labor and employee-related matters.

Workforce Career Fairs
To promote public service employment opportunities with the judicial branch, staff participated in a virtual career fair for the Native American and Indigenous Workforce and an in-person career fair for business and public service at the University of California at Davis.

Federal Grant Funding: Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program
The Judicial Council entered into an agreement with the Board of State and Community Corrections to administer $17 million in US Department of Justice State Crisis Intervention Program funding. A Request for Proposal was released in May 2024 and in September six courts (Sonoma, Solano, San Joaquin, Sacramento, San Francisco, and Santa Clara) were awarded approximately $9 million in funding to establish or enhance mental health diversion and veteran's treatment courts with a focus on gun relinquishment processes for program participants prohibited from possessing firearms. A second Request for Proposal seeking to fund additional participating courts will be released in March 2025.

Judicial Branch Education
More than 30 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 judicial education, this included the Judges and Psychiatrists Leadership Initiative, a training on courtroom interactions with defendants and other court users with mental illness. Joint education programs for judicial officers, court employees, and justice partner partners included the Pathways to Justice Conference, co-sponsored with the California State Bar and the Legal Aid Association of California. The conference convened court-based self-help center staff, nonprofit legal services providers, and pro bono organizations for three days of training on serving low-income and self-represented litigants. Distance education programs included videos and podcasts addressing sharing best practices for increasing access to justice and supporting judicial officers in family court, and in The Digital Judge series, a session on self-driving cars, the technology behind them, safety concerns, and potential legal implications. Publication updates included the Benchbook on Civil Proceedings Discovery.

Advisory Bodies

The following Judicial Council advisory bodies convened since the September 2024 business meeting:

1. Appellate Advisory Committee
2. Artificial Intelligence Task Force
3. Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
4. Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
5. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
6. Court Executives Advisory Committee
7. Court Facilities Advisory Committee
8. Court Interpreters Advisory Panel
9. Court Reporters Working Group
10. Criminal Jury Instructions 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. Traffic Law Advisory Committee
18. Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
19. Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee
20. Tribal Court–State Court Forum

Meeting Details

Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness

- Approved the draft 2025 annual agenda and draft report on the Equal Access Fund distribution to the California Access to Justice Commission.
- *Ad Hoc Racial Justice Working Group:* Received a briefing on the Racial Justice Toolkit.
- *Ad Hoc Legislation Working Group*: Reviewed a draft form proposal for Senate Bill 949: Lactation Accommodation Request for Superior Courts.

Appellate Advisory Committee

- Considered amendments to the California Rules of Court to implement recent legislation adding and removing project types that receive expedited court review relating to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) actions.

Artificial Intelligence Task Force

- Received an update on legislation relating to artificial intelligence (AI) following the conclusion of the legislative session, a presentation on risks that come with using AI tools for legal research, and presentations by Thomson Reuters and by Stanford University.

Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee

- Considered proposals on new forms to implement a bill creating retail theft restraining orders; rule amendments to implement a bill that creates a new category of projects where expedited review of CEQA cases is permitted; and rule amendments to clarify termination of complex civil coordination proceedings.
- Received a legislative update and reviewed projects for the upcoming year.

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee

- Provided an orientation for new members.
- Reviewed a summary on legislative bills under the committee's purview.
- *Mental Health Subcommittee:* Received a presentation on Proposition 1, which augmented the use of Mental Health Services Act funds, and potential impacts to services within collaborative court programs.
- *Racial Justice, Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee:* Reviewed proposed revisions to the Standards of Judicial Administration pursuant to Senate Bill 910 (treatment court standards in criminal cases) and received an update on a newly awarded federal grant to address racial disparities in collaborative courts.
- *Racial Justice, Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee, Mental Health Subcommittee, and Veterans and Military Families Subcommittee:* Convened to discuss court processing challenges and successes regarding incompetent to stand trial misdemeanor cases, and ongoing collaboration with justice system partners.
- *Juvenile Subcommittee:* Discussed a resource repository to help courts develop or improve a juvenile collaborative court.

Court Executives Advisory Committee

- Discussed caseflow management efficiencies and the 2025 annual agenda.
- *Judicial Branch Statistical Information System Subcommittee:* Discussed the implementation of system updates.

Court Facilities Advisory Committee

- Reviewed performance criteria and the schematic design for the new courthouse project for the Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District.
- Reviewed site selection options for the new Nevada City Courthouse project.

Court Interpreters Advisory Panel

- Reviewed the draft 2025 annual agenda, and approved revisions to the Professional Standards and Ethics for California Court Interpreters and Guidelines for Approval of Certification Programs for Interpreters for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Persons.

Court Reporters Working Group

- Provided feedback on proposed changes to the Court Reporter Recruitment, Retention, and Attrition dashboard.

Criminal Jury Instructions Advisory Committee

- Reviewed modifications to the user guide and 19 proposals for instructions change, including a new instruction based on Vehicle Code section 10802 (Vehicle Identification Numbers tampering).

Criminal Law Advisory Committee

- Conducted a court visit with the Superior Court of Santa Clara County and local pretrial services partners to learn more about their early engagement programs: pre-arraignment representation and review, new warrant surrender protocols, and mental health arraignments. Also provided an educational session for the Santa Clara bench on pretrial case law.
- Discussed proposals to revise the felony plea form, amend the rule of court on mental competency proceedings to address newly passed legislation, and create new forms to implement Assembly Bill 3209 (retail theft restraining orders).
- *Pretrial Policy and Data Subcommittee:* Discussed current case law relating to pretrial procedures and the process of accessing criminal record information in the pretrial phase.

Data Analytics Advisory Committee

- Discussed the components of the Resource Assessment Study model update, including the work year value and other model parameters used in the development of the updated caseweights.
- Reviewed how court clusters (small, medium, large) impact the workload models and formula.

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee

- Reviewed the draft 2025 annual agenda, oriented new members, and developed recommendations on allocations and reimbursements to trial courts for the Firearm Relinquishment Grant Program (fiscal year 2024–25 through 2025–26).
- *Violence Against Women Education Project Subcommittee***:** Discussed plans for domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking education for tribal and state courts grant funds.

Information Technology Advisory Committee

- Approved the revised recommended allocations for the Language Access Signage and Technology Grant Program, Cycle 6, fiscal year 2024–25 for submission to the Technology Committee.
- Approved the draft invitation to comment on a proposal to revise California Rules of Court rule 10.172 and adopt rule 10.405 to allow the Judicial Council to adopt standards for court technology and data security.
- *Tactical Plan Workstream:* Proposed a new initiative to address emerging technology in courts, and previewed the workstream initiatives at meetings of the administrative presiding justices, appellate court clerk/executive officers, trial court presiding judges, court executive officers, and court information technology officers/managers.

Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee

- Discussed winter 2025 rule and form proposals related to the CARE Act, succession to small estates, and notices in conservatorship proceedings.

Remote Access to Electronic Court Records Working Group

- Discussed potential revisions to California Rules of Court to implement the Judicial Council's Remote Access to Electronic Court Records—Policy, Rationale, and Guidance.

Traffic Law Advisory Committee

- Recommended changes to the Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedules, and collaborated on the annual agenda.

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Approved fiscal year 2024–25 allocations for additional grant funds to current Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Pilot Program recipients, increased transcript rates for court reporters, Cycle 3 grant awards for the Firearm Relinquishment Pilot Program, and fiscal year 2023–24 final adjustments for year-end fund balances for courts.
- *Fiscal Planning Subcommittee:* Considered requests for the Funds Held on Behalf of the Trial Courts program for the annual submission cycle for fiscal year 2023–24.
- *Funding Methodology Subcommittee:* Considered court interpreter allocations and expenditures for fiscal years 2023–24 and 2024–25 based on increased program costs, and workload formula allocation methodology options for potential future budget reductions or funding restoration.

Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee

- Authorized expenditures of $11.7 million and an additional $105,755 for security-related projects.
- Approved the 2025 annual agenda and the *Trial Court Facility Modifications Report for Quarter 1 of Fiscal Year 2024–25* for submission to the Judicial Council.
- Received updates on court-funded requests, facility modifications on hold, sustainability updates, facilities maintenance performance, deferred maintenance projects, court facility architectural revolving fund projects, and lactation projects.

Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee

- Discussed caseflow management, access to a verbatim record, and received updates from the California State Bar on changes to notification to courts on attorney license status.

Tribal Court–State Court Forum

- Discussed Violence Against Women Education Program projects.

Judicial Council Staffing Metrics

As of October 30, 2024

	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	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	10.00	9.00	7.00	57.50	47.50	21.00	83.75	46.00	27.00	135.00	139.00	24.00	128.00	57.00	801.75
Headcount - Employees	10	10	9	7	58	48	21	84	46	27	135	139	24	128	57	803.00
Vacancy (FTE)	4.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	8.50	14.50	4.00	15.38	11.50	4.00	81.00	16.00	9.00	19.00	4.00	196.88
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	28.6%	23.1%	10.0%	22.2%	12.9%	23.4%	16.0%	15.5%	20.0%	12.9%	37.5%	10.3%	27.3%	12.9%	6.6%	19.72%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	5	0	0	0	1	0	14.00
Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	51.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	57.40
TOTAL WORKFORCE *(based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)*	10.00	13.00	9.00	7.00	57.50	49.50	26.60	89.75	47.00	32.00	186.80	139.00	24.00	129.00	58.00	878.15

See following page for definition of terms.

Staffing Category	Definition
Authorized Position (FTE)	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)	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 authorized positions minus the number of filled authorized positions.
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	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.
Judicial Council Temporary Employees (909)	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).
Employment Agency Temporary Workers (FTE)	Workers from/employees of an employment agency who provide short-term support for six months or less.
Contractor (FTE)	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.
Full Time Equivalency (FTE)	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 .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: 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.
Regular Employee	Commonly referred to as "permanent employees." They receive full benefits.
Limited Term	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 28 new judicial appointments since the September Judicial Council meeting:

- Courts of Appeal: Second Appellate District (3).
- Superior Courts: Alameda (4), Colusa (1), Contra Costa (1), Los Angeles (7), Orange (2), Sacramento (3), San Bernardino (1), San Diego (4), Sutter (1), Ventura (1).

Judicial Vacancy Roster Report

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant as of **November 1, 2024**

		Number of Judgeships				
Type of Court	**Number of Courts**	Authorized	Filled	Vacant	Filled (Last Month)	Vacant (Last Month)
Supreme Court	1	7	7	0	7	0
Courts of Appeal	6	106	99	7	101	5
Superior Courts	58	1,755	1,666	89	1,652	103
All Courts	**65**	**1,868**	**1,772**	**96**	**1,760**	**109**

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
1st District	**2**			
Division One		Retired	Hon. Sandra Lynn Margulies	12/11/2023
Division Four		Elevated	Hon. Tracie L. Brown	04/07/2023
2nd District	**2**			
Division One		Retired	Hon. Victoria Gerrard Chaney	07/15/2024
Division Three		Retired	Hon. Luis A. Lavin	09/16/2024
3rd District	**1**			
Third Appellate District		Elevated	Hon. Laurie M. Earl	07/10/2023
4th District	**2**			
Division Two		Retired	Hon. Marsha G. Slough	08/31/2023
Division Three		Retired	Hon. William W. Bedsworth	10/22/2024
TOTAL APPELLATE COURT VACANCIES	**7**			

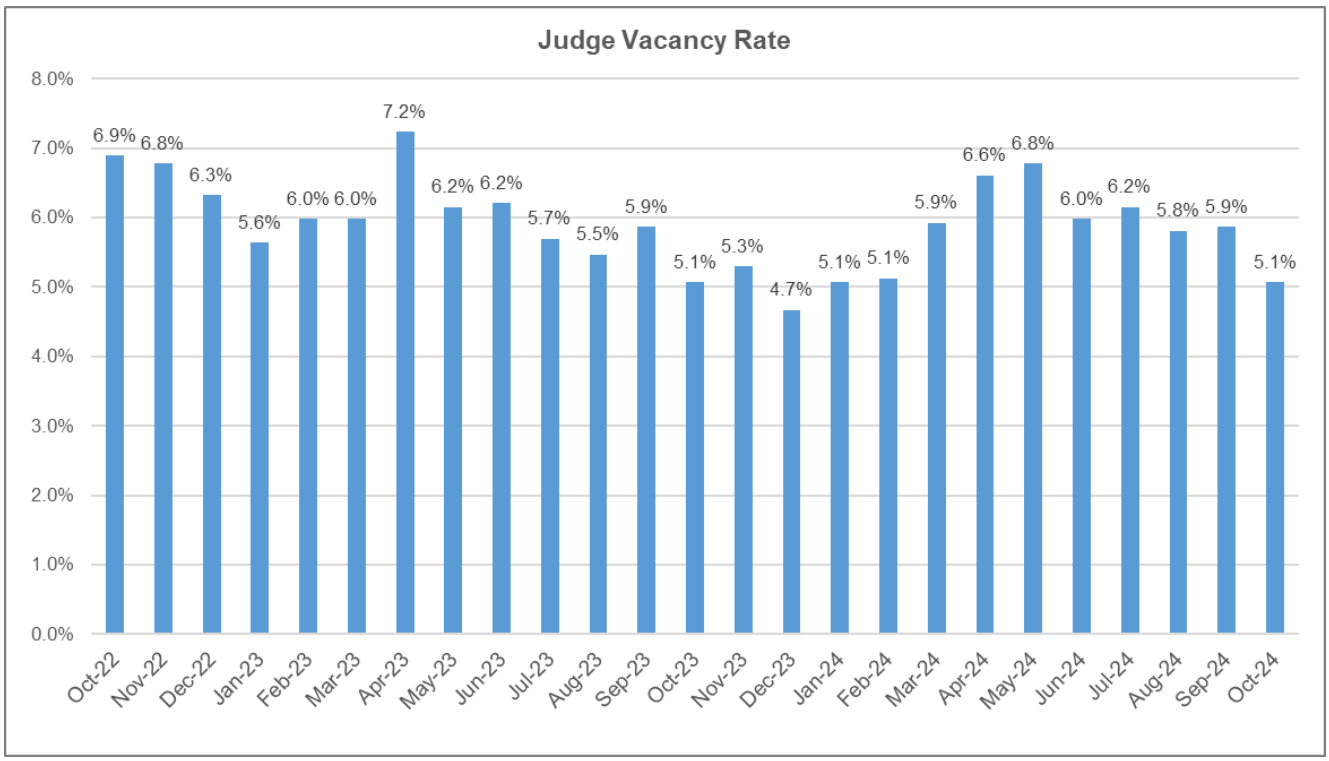
Judicial Vacancies: Superior Courts

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day
Alameda	**5**			
		Retired	Hon. Frank Roesch	10/31/2024
		Retired	Hon. Gregory A. Syren	08/06/2024
		Retired	Hon. Stephen D. Kaus	07/01/2024
		Retired	Hon. Clarence D. Clay	03/29/2024
		Retired	Hon. Evelio M. Grillo	03/15/2024
Fresno	**2**			
		Retired	Hon. Adolfo M. Corona	04/30/2024
		Retired	Hon. Timothy A. Kams	04/30/2023
Humboldt	**1**			
		Retired	Hon. Gregory J. Elvine-Kreis	05/27/2024
Kern	**1**			
		Retired	Hon. Therese M. Foley	03/28/2024
Kings	**1**			
		Retired	Hon. Randy L. Edwards	03/31/2024
Los Angeles	**25**			
		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. Cary H. Nishimoto	07/10/2024
		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. Mitchell L. Beckloff	04/05/2024
		Elevated	Hon. Natalie P. Stone	03/26/2024
		Retired	Hon. Donna Groman	03/26/2024
		Retired	Hon. Maren E. Nelson	03/22/2024
		Retired	Hon. Henry J. Hall	03/21/2024
		Retired	Hon. Michael L. Stern	03/07/2024
		Retired	Hon. Dianna J. Gould-Saltman	03/01/2024
		Deceased	Hon. James R. Dunn	02/23/2024
		Retired	Hon. Allen Joseph Webster, Jr.	06/29/2023
Madera	**1**			
		Retired	Hon. Thomas L. Bender	12/31/2023

Marin	**1**			
		Retired	Hon. Paul M. Haakenson	05/16/2024
Mendocino	**1**			
		Retired	Hon. Jeanine B. Nadel	01/01/2024
Merced	**1**			
		Transferred	Hon. David Hood	10/09/2023
Modoc	**1**			
		Retired	Hon. Francis W. Barclay	09/13/2023
Monterey	**1**			
		Retired	Hon. Marla O. Anderson	04/30/2024
Orange	**8**			
		Retired	Hon. Steven D. Bromberg	08/09/2024
		Retired	Hon. Michael A. Leversen	07/31/2024
		Retired	Hon. John C. Gastelum	05/14/2024
		Retired	Hon. David L. Belz	04/11/2024
		Retired	Hon. Brett G. London	01/31/2024
		Retired	Hon. Peter J. Wilson	11/01/2023
		Retired	Hon. Gregg L. Prickett	08/25/2022
		Retired	Hon. Jacki C. Brown	02/02/2022
Plumas	**1**			
		Retired	Hon. Janet Hilde	10/09/2024
Riverside	**4**			
		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
Sacramento	**2**			
		Retired	Hon. Andre K. Campbell	09/27/2024
		To Fed Court	Hon. Dena M. Coggins	05/22/2024
San Bernardino	**5**			
		Retired	Hon. John M. Pacheco	07/02/2024
		Retired	Hon. Janet M. Frangie	04/30/2024
		Retired	Hon. Brian S. McCarville	04/18/2024
		Retired	Hon. Michael R. Libutti	02/21/2024
		Retired	Hon. Teresa M. Bennett	07/31/2023
San Diego	**4**			
		Retired	Hon. Kenneth J. Medel	07/12/2024
		Retired	Hon. Frederick Maguire	05/31/2024
		Retired	Hon. Keri G. Katz	05/14/2024
		Retired	Hon. Eddie C. Sturgeon	04/15/2024
San Joaquin	**3**			
		Retired	Hon. Michael D. Coughlan	05/01/2024
		Retired	Hon. Richard Vlavianos	04/30/2024
		Retired	Hon. Jose L. Alva	08/31/2023
San Mateo	**1**			
		Retired	Hon. Marie S. Weiner	02/29/2024
Santa Clara	**7**			
		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. Vincent J. Chiarello	04/15/2024
		Retired	Hon. Jacqueline M. Arroyo	04/11/2024
		Retired	Hon. Nona L. Klippen	02/29/2024
		Retired	Hon. James E. Towery	05/17/2023
Santa Cruz	**1**			
		Retired	Hon. Timothy R. Volkmann	04/29/2024
Sierra	**1**			
		Transferred	Hon. Yvette Durant	01/03/2022
Siskiyou	**1**			
		Retired	Hon. Karen L. Dixon	03/31/2024
Sonoma	**1**			
		Retired	Hon. Peter K. Ottenweller	05/10/2024
Stanislaus	**2**			
		Deceased	Hon. Nancy A. Leo	07/29/2024
		Deceased	Hon. Ann Q. Ameral	06/18/2023
Tulare	**3**			
		Retired	Hon. Hugo J. Loza	04/14/2024
		Retired	Hon. Brett R. Alldredge	01/05/2024
		Retired	Hon. Walter L. Gorelick	11/30/2023
Ventura	**4**			
		Retired	Hon. Nancy L. Ayers	08/14/2024
		Retired	Hon. Jeffrey G. Bennett	07/12/2024
		Retired	Hon. Patricia M. Murphy	07/01/2024
		Retired	Hon. Bruce A. Young	12/06/2023
TOTAL TRIAL COURT VACANCIES	**89**			
STATEWIDE TOTAL	**96**			

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant: October 2022–October 2024

	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
Month	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
Oct-22	1,755	1,634	121	6.9%	106	92	14	13.2%
Nov-22	1,755	1,636	119	6.8%	106	92	14	13.2%
Dec-22	1,755	1,644	111	6.3%	106	92	14	13.2%
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%

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