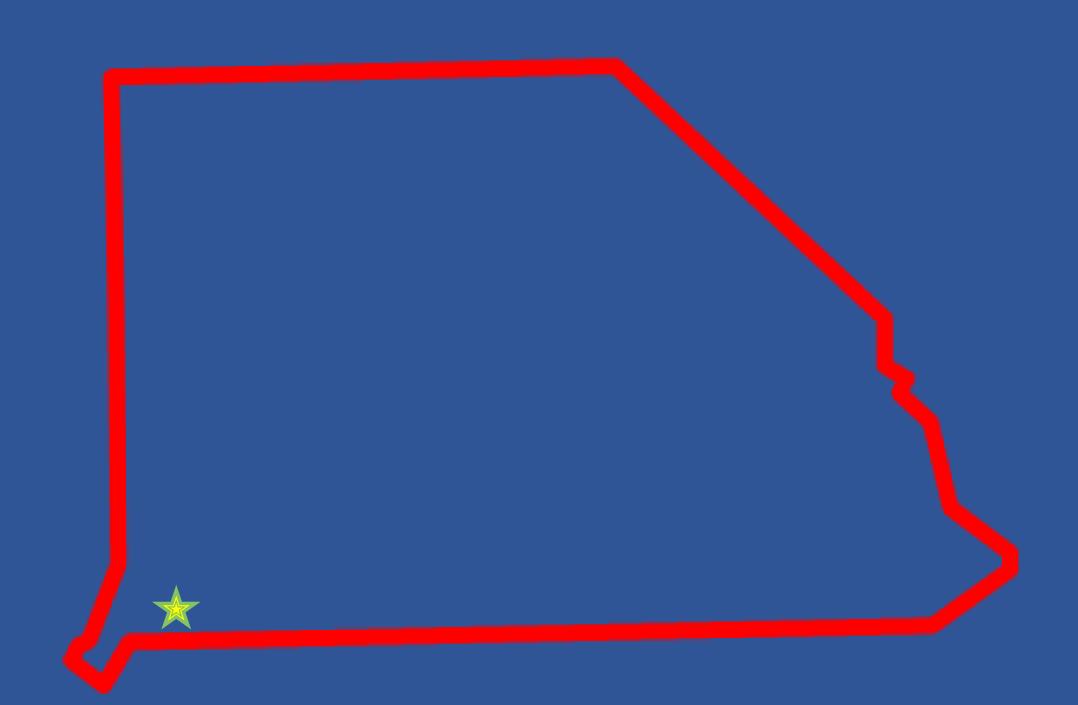


# San Bernardino Superior Court Liaison Report

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## San Bernardino County

21,000 sq. miles 2 million people \$119.8 operating budget 71 Judges and 15 comm. 11 locations 120,000 in court houses /mo. 344,000 case filings

# 2014: A bleak picture

## 2014 By The Numbers

- 68% needed staff
- 71 Judges when need 143
- 10.4 courtrooms closed
- Remote courthouses closed
  - 4 hour commute times 1 way



# 2016: Brighter Outlook

#### 2016: A Different San Bernardino

- Budget restorations
- Innovative use of resources
- Creating accessible court

#### **Good News**

- New case management system is being implemented.
  - Learning curve important to other courts using Tyler.
- New building is performing well.
- Using historic building also.







## San Bernardino - Rebuilding

- Using increased resources in 2 ways
- Create physical access
- Implement branch initiatives

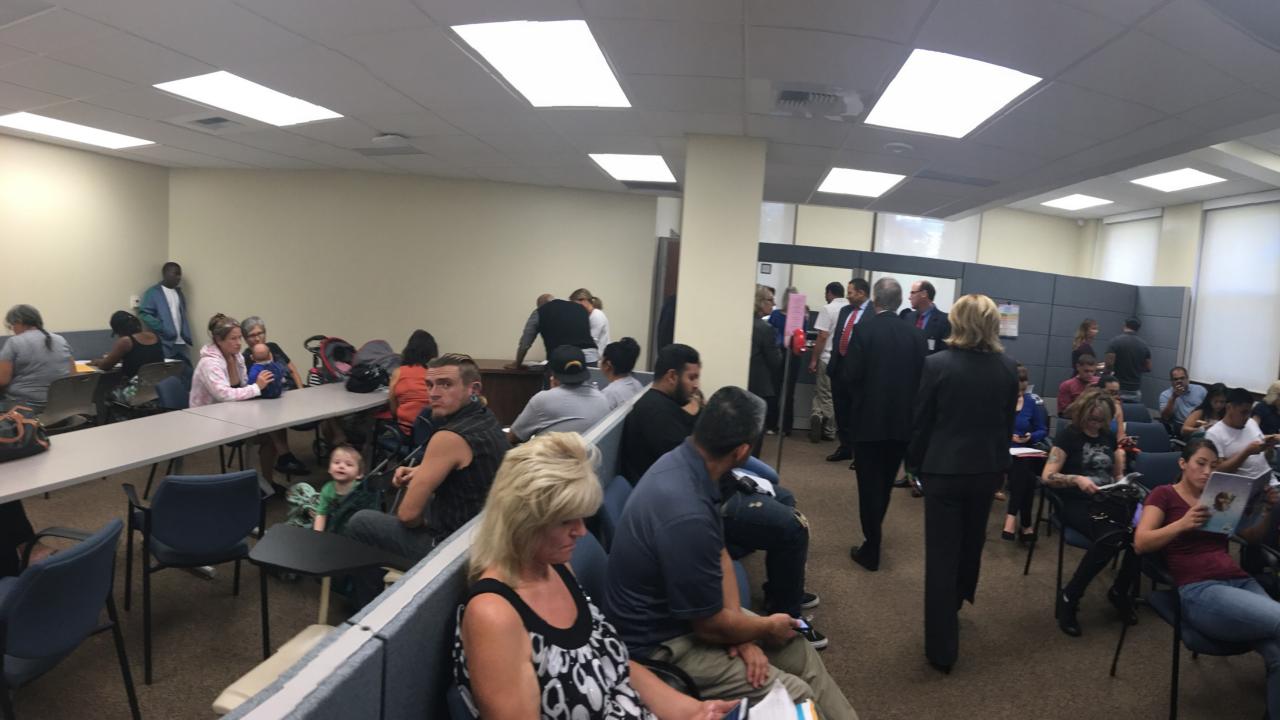
- Added 2 courtroom back into the Barstow District.
- Added 1.5 family courtrooms.
  - allows for same-day DVTRO hearings
- Added dependency courtroom.
- Added a complex civil litigation courtroom.
- Created a Probate Division
  - added a 3<sup>rd</sup> probate courtroom this fall.

- Joined resources with Needles, CA to make getting to court easier.
  - Needles is 144 miles from nearest courthouse





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- Augmented on-line resources.
  - especially useful for rural areas.

### Implementing Branch Initiatives

- Added FCS staff to make more efficient, easier for families.
- Added self-help staff.
- Added on-line self-educational tools.
  - smart documents.
- Added on-line conservatorship orientation
  - previously 1x / mo.
- Expanding telephone assistance center
  - UDs, guardianships

### Implementing Branch Initiatives

- Added domestic violence e-delivery filing systems
  - safer and more efficient
- Realigned staff salary structure.
  - more in line with other courts.

#### Work to do

- 20 vacant court rooms.
- Could accommodate 5 more judges with no change in staffing level.

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