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First Quarter of 2017

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Executive Summary

This *Trial Courts: Quarterly Investment Report for First Quarter of 2017* covers the period of January 1, 2017, through March 31, 2017, and provides the financial results for the funds invested by the Judicial Council on behalf of the trial courts as part of the judicial branch treasury program. The report is submitted under agenda item 10, Resolutions Regarding Investment Activities for the Trial Courts, approved by the Judicial Council on February 27, 2004.

Previous Council Action

On February 27, 2004, the Judicial Council approved several resolutions on investment activities for the trial courts. The resolutions direct that the Judicial Council develop an investment program for the trial courts, name the director of the Judicial Council's Finance Division¹ as the treasurer of invested trial court funds, and authorize the investment of trial court funds into (1) the State of California's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF); (2) Bank of America, N.A., investment funds; or (3) other investments as approved by the Judicial Council's Administrative Director. They also provide for quarterly reporting of investment results by the director of the

¹ Effective October 1, 2012, the Judicial Council's Finance Division was renamed Fiscal Services and was part of the Judicial and Court Administrative Services Division. The office has since been renamed Budget Services and remains in the renamed Administrative Division.

Judicial Council's Budget Services office to the Judicial Council, the Administrative Director, and the senior manager of the Judicial Council's Audit Services office.²

On June 1, 2009, the Judicial Council's Executive and Planning Committee, acting on behalf of the council, approved the investment of trial court monies in any share class of the two previously approved money market funds—the Bank of America Cash Reserves Fund (formerly Columbia Cash Reserves Fund) and the Bank of America Treasury Reserves Fund (formerly Columbia Treasury Reserves Fund)—and the addition of another money market fund, the Bank of America Government Reserves Fund (formerly Columbia Government Reserves Fund).

On July 11, 2016, the following three U.S. government money market funds were approved as additional eligible investments under the Administrative Director's delegation of authority granted under the Resolutions Regarding Investment Activities for the Trial Courts: the BlackRock FedFund, the Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity Funds Treasury Portfolio, and the Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity Funds Government Portfolio. All three money market funds are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the federal Investment Company Act of 1940, operated in accordance with Commodity and Securities Exchanges, 17 Code of Federal Regulations section 270.2a-7, and are in the highest money market fund-rating categories of two nationally recognized rating agencies: Standard & Poor's and Moody's.

Summary of Findings

For purposes of the table below, FedFund is the institutional share class of the BlackRock FedFund money market fund, T-Fund is the institutional share class of the BlackRock T-Fund money market fund, and LAIF is the Local Agency Investment Fund.

Funds held in the judicial branch treasury: total investment portfolio

As of the close of business on March 31, 2017, total investment balances held by the trial courts purchased from bank accounts—directly managed by the Judicial Council's Budget Services — were as specified in Table 1.

² As of February 2013, the Judicial Council's Audit Services office, formerly within Finance (now Budget Services), became a separate office within the Leadership Services Division.

Table 1. Trial Court Investment Balances Managed by Judicial Council Budget Services

Investment Description	FedFund	T-Fund	LAIF	Total
	All dollar amounts	s reported in tho	usands (\$000)	
Section A, Book Values				
Beginning Balance-01/01/2017	\$24,951	\$273,822	\$412,643	\$711,416
Net Purchases/(Sales) ³	(10,969)	29,625	(174,153)	(155,497)
Interest Paid ⁴	27	293	829	1,149
Total Change	(10,942)	29,918	(173,324)	(154,348)
Ending Balance-03/31/2017	\$14,009	\$303,740	\$239,319	\$557,068
Section B, Fair Values-03/31/2017				
Ending Balance	\$14,009	\$303,740	\$239,122	\$556,871
Net Unrealized Gain/(Loss) in Fair				
Value⁵	0	0	(197)	(197)
Ending Balance Plus Unpaid				
Interest Earned ⁶	\$14,009	\$303,740	\$239,815	\$557,564

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³ "Net Purchases/(Sales)" is the net amount of court investment principal purchases and sales completed during the quarterly period.

⁴ "Interest Paid" is the total amount of interest paid to the investment account during the quarterly period and is included in the Ending Balance.

⁵ "Net Unrealized Gain/(Loss)" is the difference between the investment balance's book value and its fair value at the end of the period. The net gain or loss is "unrealized" because the valuation at fair value is only for assets held by the fund at the end of the period. This net unrealized gain or loss would be "realized" (become an actual gain or loss) only in the event that all participants' holdings in each portfolio were liquidated by the end of the period. Realized gains and losses are included in the average yield of the investment for the period.

⁶ "Ending Balance Plus Unpaid Interest Earned" is the ending balance at fair value plus interest earned that is unpaid as of the end of the period. This figure represents the liquidation value including unpaid interest earned only in the event all participants' holdings in each portfolio were liquidated at the end of the period.

Table 1. Trial Court Investment Balances Managed by Judicial Council Budget Services (Cont.)

Investment Description (Cont.)	FedFund	T-Fund	LAIF	Total
	All dollar amour	nts reported in th	nousands (\$000)	
Section C, Earnings and Statistics				
Interest Earned ⁷	\$27	\$293	\$693	\$1,013
Unpaid Interest Earned ⁸	\$0	\$0	\$693	\$693
Average Yield ⁹	0.49%	0.43%	0.78%	0.58%
Dollar-Weighted Maturity (Days)	51	47	180	104
	Highest	Highest	GC 16430 ¹⁰	
Credit Quality	Rated	Rated		
Percentage of Investment				
Portfolio ¹¹	2.51%	54.53%	42.96%	100.00%

The ratio of each investment's fair value to its book value (Fair Value Factor) as of March 31, 2017, was as follows:

FedFund	1.000000000
T-Fund	1.000000000
LAIF	0.999175951

The Fair Value Factor is 1.000 for both the FedFund and T-Fund because all holdings in the FedFund and T-Fund are valued at fair value daily, and "fair value" is the price for all daily redemptions and reinvestment transactions. Because the LAIF's operating rules permit the redemption, at any time, of all or a portion of any participating court's LAIF balance at its original purchase price, the court's redemption price is not affected by unrealized gains or losses.

Section A of Table 1 provides the investment balances and activity for the period at book value or at original cost, plus or minus the straight-line amortization of any applicable discount or premium.

Section B provides the investment balances at their fair value at the end of the period. "Fair value" is defined as the value at which an asset could be bought or sold in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a liquidation.

⁷ "Interest Earned" is the total amount of interest earned during the quarterly reporting period.

⁸ "Unpaid Interest Earned" is the amount of interest earned during the period that is unpaid as of the end of the quarterly reporting period.

⁹ "Average Yield" is the simple average of the 30-day yields for each calendar month during the period, including any realized gains and losses, net of the investment's operating expenses. The total average yield is a dollar-weighted average of the investment components.

¹⁰ The LAIF may invest the fund money only in debt obligations as prescribed in Gov. Code (GC), § 16430.

¹¹ The portfolio balance percentages are calculated using the book values at the end of the quarterly period.

Section C provides the investment earnings, the dollar-weighted average maturity, the credit quality, and each investment's percentage of the total investment portfolio. The investment balances presented in Table 1 include the combined balances of both trial court operating funds and agency funds.¹²

Investment portfolio components

FedFund. The FedFund is a money market fund registered with the SEC under the federal Investment Company Act of 1940 and operated in accordance with Commodity and Securities Exchanges, 17 Code of Federal Regulations section 270.2a-7. Investment purchases and redemptions of FedFund shares are transacted when Bank of America's system reviews the account balance daily at 1:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time and invests or returns funds as appropriate to maintain the bank account's established target balance. A purchase transaction takes place if the cash balance in the account exceeds the target balance, and a redemption transaction takes place when the cash balance is less than the target balance.

In accordance with the aforementioned Code of Federal Regulations, the FedFund must maintain a dollar-weighted average maturity consistent with its objective of maintaining a stable net asset value per share, not to exceed 60 days, and must contain only first-tier money market debt obligations receiving a short-term rating from a nationally recognized statistical rating organization in the highest short-term rating category for debt obligations. The FedFund is in the highest fund-rating category of Aaa-mf by Moody's and AAAm by Standard & Poor's.

The FedFund invests only in high-quality money market instruments and invests at least 99.5 percent of its net assets in cash, U.S. Treasury bills, notes, and other obligations issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. government and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations or cash. As of March 31, 2017, the FedFund portfolio composition was as shown in Table 2.

Table 2. FedFund Portfolio Composition as of March 31, 2017

High-Quality Instruments	Percentage of Portfolio
U.S. government agency debt	39.20
U.S. Treasury repurchase agreement	21.90
U.S. government agency repurchase agreement	21.70
U.S. Treasury debt	17.20

Included as Attachment A is the monthly fact sheet for the BlackRock FedFund institutional shares reported as of March 31, 2017.

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¹² "Agency funds" are balances held in trust pending resolution of civil or criminal court proceedings, as well as funds held on behalf of state and local agencies before their statutory distribution. Agency funds include the following categories: civil trust; criminal bail trust; uniform civil fees; and criminal fines, fees, and penalties.

T-Fund. Like the FedFund, the T-Fund is a money market fund registered with the SEC under the federal Investment Company Act of 1940 and operated in accordance with Commodity and Securities Exchanges, 17 Code of Federal Regulations section 270.2a-7. Investment purchases and redemptions of T-Fund shares are transacted when Bank of America's system reviews the account balance daily at 1:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time and invests or returns funds as appropriate to maintain the bank account's established target balance. A purchase transaction takes place if the cash balance in the account exceeds the target balance, and a redemption transaction takes place when the cash balance is less than the target balance.

In accordance with the aforementioned Code of Federal Regulations, the T-Fund must maintain a dollar-weighted average maturity consistent with its objective of maintaining a stable net asset value per share, not to exceed 60 days, and must contain only first-tier money market debt obligations receiving a short-term rating from a nationally recognized statistical rating organization in the highest short-term rating category for debt obligations. The T-Fund is in the highest fund-rating category of Aaa-mf by Moody's and AAAm by Standard & Poor's.

The T-Fund invests only in high-quality money market instruments and invests at least 99.5 percent of its net assets in cash, U.S. Treasury bills, notes, and other obligations issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. Treasury and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations or cash. As of March 31, 2017, the T-Fund portfolio composition was as shown in Table 3.

Table 3. T-Fund Portfolio Composition as of March 31, 2017

High-Quality Instruments	Percentage of Portfolio
U.S. Treasury repurchase agreement	50.40
U.S. Treasury debt	49.60

Included as Attachment B is the monthly fact sheet for the BlackRock T-Fund institutional shares reported as of March 31, 2017.

LAIF. The LAIF is a money market fund held and managed by the State Treasurer's Office and is part of the Pooled Money Investment Account (PMIA). The PMIA is the short-term investment pool for the state General Fund; special funds held by state agencies; and monies deposited by cities, counties, and other entities into the LAIF. The LAIF is a voluntary program created by statute; it began in 1977 as an investment alternative for California's local governments and special districts. The enabling statute for the LAIF is Government Code section 16429.1 et seq.

By law, PMIA monies can be invested only in the following categories: U.S. government securities; securities of federally sponsored agencies; domestic corporate bonds; interest-bearing time deposits in California banks, savings and loan associations, and credit unions; prime-rated commercial paper; repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements; security loans; bankers' acceptances; negotiable certificates of deposit; and loans to various bond funds.

The LAIF's primary objectives are to maintain the safety of principal and provide daily liquidity. These objectives are met by investing in high credit-quality debt instruments, maintaining an average maturity between 120 days and 18 months, and providing daily availability of the entire invested balance. The LAIF's investment yield is consistent with these very conservative objectives.

The *PMIA and LAIF Performance Reports*—including the portfolio's composition as of March 31, 2017, as reported by the State Treasurer's Office—is included as Attachment C. The State Treasurer's Office has not identified a money market fund suitable for benchmark comparison to the LAIF.

Attachments

- 1. Attachment A: BlackRock: FedFund (Institutional Shares), as of March 31, 2017
- 2. Attachment B: BlackRock: T-Fund (Institutional Shares), as of March 31, 2017
- 3. Attachment C: PMIA and LAIF Performance Reports, as of March 31, 2017

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FedFund (Institutional Shares)

Institutional | Government | Constant Net Asset Value

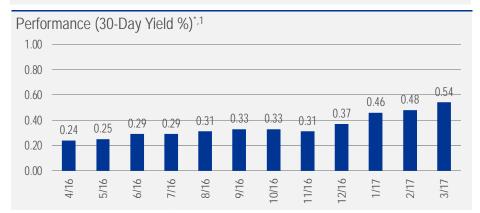
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Investment Objective

FedFund seeks current income as is consistent with liquidity and stability of principal.

Investment Policy

FedFund invests at least 99.5% of its total assets in cash, U.S. Treasury bills, notes and other obligations issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities, and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations or cash.



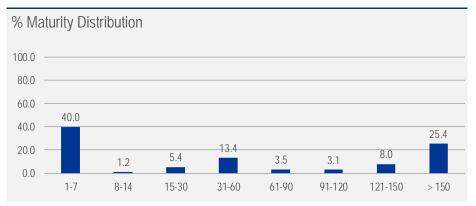
7-day SEC yield as of 3/31/17 was 0.60%2

The investment advisor and/or other service providers for the BlackRock FedFund (Institutional Shares) sometimes waive a portion of their fees or reimburse expenses to the Fund. When they do, operating expense are reduced and total returns to shareholders in the Fund increase. These waivers and reimbursements can be discontinued at any time. Without such waivers and reimbursements, which were in effect for all or a portion of the period shown, the 7-day SEC yield would be 0.58%.

% Net Total Return³ (Period Ending 3/31/17)

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
N 35	0.1/	0.09	0.68

Performance data represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Yields will vary. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Please call 800-441-7450 or log on to www.blackrock.com/cash to obtain performance data current to the most recent month-end.



Fund Details

Symbol **TFDXX** Size \$76,418.3 million Inception October 1, 1975 Minimum Investment \$3 million Trading Deadline 5pm (ET) Weighted Average Maturity (WAM)4 51 days Weighted Average Life (WAL)⁵ 102 days Standard and Poor's AAAm Moody's AAA-mf Gross Expense Ratio † 0.21% Net Expense Ratio † 0.17% CUSIP# 09248U700 Portfolio #

This Fund fits an exemption from that rule which permits a state regulated insurance company to report shares of this fund as debt. Representatives of state regulated insurance companies should contact the NAIC's Securities Valuation Office for further information on the criteria for listing on the U.S. Direct Obligations/Full Faith and Credit Exempt List (http://www.naic.org/prod_serv/MMF-ZS-17-03.pdf).

[†] Expenses are as of the most current prospectus. Investment dividend expense, interest expense, acquired fund fees and expenses and certain other fund expenses are included in the Net. BlackRock may contractually agree to waive or reimburse certain fees and expenses until a specified date. Contractual waivers are terminable upon 90 days' notice by a majority of the funds non-interested trustees or by a vote of the majority of the outstanding voting securities of the fund. The investment advisor and/or other service providers may also voluntarily agree to waive certain fees and expenses which can be discontinued at any time without notice. When waivers or reimbursements are in place, the operating expenses are reduced and total returns to the shareholder in the fund increase. Please see the prospectus for additional information.



^{*} Sources: BlackRock, Inc. and BNY Mellon.

ATTACHMENT A

Important Notes

You should consider the investment objectives, risks and expenses of the Funds carefully before investing. The Funds' prospectuses and, if available summary prospectuses, contain this and other information about the Funds and are available by calling our Client Service Center at 800-441-7450 or by visiting www.blackrock.com/cash. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. Although the Fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it cannot guarantee it will do so. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The Fund's sponsor has no legal obligation to provide financial support to the Fund, and you should not expect that the sponsor will provide financial support to the Fund at any time.

¹Average annualized 30-day yields are based on net investment income and distributed gains or losses for the period shown. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Yields will fluctuate as market conditions change. ² The 7-Day yield is computed in accordance with methods prescribed by the SEC. The 7-Day SEC yield excludes distributed capital gains/losses. ³ The fund's current yield more closely reflects the current earnings of the fund than the total net return quotations. ⁴ Weighted Average Maturity: Calculated by the final maturity for a security and the interest rate reset date held in the portfolio. This is a way to measure a fund's sensitivity to potential interest rate changes. ⁵ Weighted Average Life: Measurement of a fund's sensitivity to a deteriorating credit environment; potential credit spread changes or tightening liquidity conditions. The WAL calculation is based on a security's stated final maturity date or, when relevant, the date of the demand feature when the fund may receive payment of principal and interest.

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S&P - http://www.standardandpoors.com/en_US/web/guest/article/-/view/sourceId/504352;

Moody's - https://www.moodys.com/researchdocumentcontentpage.aspx?docid=PBC_79004.

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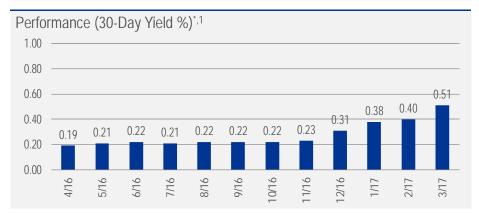
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Investment Objective

T-Fund seeks current income as is consistent with liquidity and stability of principal.

Investment Policy

T-Fund invests at least 99.5% of its total assets in cash, U.S. Treasury bills, notes and other obligations issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. Treasury, and repurchase agreements secured by such obligation or cash.



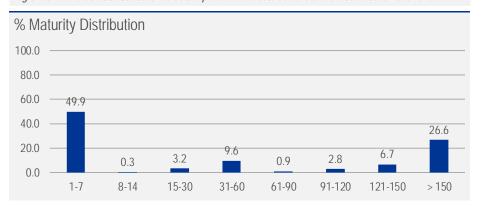
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% Net Total Return³ (Period Ending 3/31/17)

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
0.28	0.11	0.07	0.56

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PMIA Performance Report

			Average
		Quarter to	Maturity
Date	Daily Yield*	Date Yield	(in days)
03/14/17	0.82	0.77	193
03/15/17	0.82	0.77	191
03/16/17	0.82	0.77	190
03/17/17	0.83	0.77	190
03/18/17	0.83	0.77	190
03/19/17	0.83	0.78	190
03/20/17	0.83	0.78	188
03/21/17	0.83	0.78	185
03/22/17	0.83	0.78	184
03/23/17	0.83	0.78	184
03/24/17	0.83	0.78	186
03/25/17	0.83	0.78	186
03/26/17	0.83	0.78	186
03/27/17	0.83	0.78	181
03/28/17	0.83	0.78	180
03/29/17	0.84	0.78	180
03/30/17	0.85	0.78	181
03/31/17	0.85	0.78	180
04/01/17	0.86	0.86	181
04/02/17	0.86	0.86	181
04/03/17	0.86	0.86	183
04/04/17	0.86	0.86	184
04/05/17	0.86	0.86	184
04/06/17	0.87	0.86	181
04/07/17	0.87	0.86	181
04/08/17	0.87	0.86	181
04/09/17	0.87	0.86	181
04/10/17	0.87	0.86	181
04/11/17	0.87	0.87	181
04/12/17	0.87	0.87	183
04/13/17	0.88	0.87	182

^{*}Daily yield does not reflect capital gains or losses

View Prior Month Daily Rates

LAIF Performance Report

Quarter Ending 03/31/17

Apportionment Rate: 0.78%

Earnings Ratio: 0.00002126194403179

Fair Value Factor: 0.999175951

Daily: 0.85% Quarter to Date: 0.78% Average Life: 180

PMIA Average Monthly Effective Yields

Mar 2017	0.821%
Feb 2017	0.777%
Jan 2017	0.751%

Pooled Money Investment Account Portfolio Composition 03/31/17 \$71.9 billion

