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Executive Summary

The following information outlines some of the many activities staff is engaged in to further the Judicial Council's goals and priorities for the judicial branch. The report focuses on action since the council's July meeting and is exclusive of issues on the September business meeting agenda.

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2018–2019 Budget Change Proposals

Sixteen Judicial Council-approved Budget Change Proposals for the judicial branch were submitted to the Department of Finance on September 1, 2017, for the 2018–2019 State budget. The proposals reflect a branch-wide effort to improve the public’s access to justice through adequate staffing, expanded language access, safe, secure courthouses, and modern case filing and management technology.

Executive Branch Engagement on Judicial Branch Budget

Over the past several weeks, Department of Finance (DOF) and Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) representatives participated in a series of conversations and site visits with staff from the Judicial Council and the trial courts to better understand the structural funding challenges faced by the trial courts. Educational sessions on judicial branch priorities and budget were held for new DOF staff, covering topics such as the Trial Court Funding Act, fines and fees, civil assessments, collections, and court facilities. The DOF and LAO representatives visited five courts and met with fifteen court executive officers.

New Courthouse for San Joaquin County

The Superior Court of San Joaquin County’s new Stockton courthouse opened to the public on July 31, 2017. The 13-floor building holds 28 courtrooms with space for two more. The new courthouse replaces the old courthouse that was built back in 1964.

(<http://www.courts.ca.gov/facilities-sanjoaquin-stockton.htm>.)

Chief Justice and Attorney General Liaison Meeting

As part of the ongoing series of liaison meetings with justice system partners, the Chief Justice, the council’s Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee Chair, and the Administrative Director met with California Attorney General Xavier Becerra and senior members of his staff. Issues of mutual interest and concern discussed at the meeting included immigration, pretrial release and bail reform, and Proposition 66.

Judicial Council-Sponsored Legislation

Assembly Bill 1443, a Judicial Council-sponsored bill was signed into law by the Governor. The bill specifies the statutory period for retaining court records in gun violence restraining order cases and eliminates the requirement that superior courts report to the Judicial Council any court records that they have destroyed.

Judicial Branch Technology Summit

More than 150 Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, and Superior Court judges, executive officers, and court IT administration professionals attended this summit on technology needs and issues across the branch. Key areas addressed included cyber security, service-focused web design, data analytics, and a private sector perspective on information technology challenges and opportunities.

Language Access Services

Two reports prepared by the Judicial Council and the National Center for State Courts, based on court survey responses, reflect the expansion of language access services by trial courts in the state, including the expansion of court interpreters in priority civil cases and in non-courtroom proceedings. The reports also highlight other achievements, such as the addition of multilingual signage throughout courthouses and multilingual information on courts' websites. This information will be used to support additional funding requests, and also will help the Language Access Plan Implementation Task Force to target and provide technical assistance to courts.

Labor and Employee Relations

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 16 trial courts. Services included successor Memoranda of Understanding negotiations, proposed policy revisions, and modifications to Employer-Employee Relations Rules. Additionally, support was provided to courts on 17 other labor and employment related matters.

International Judicial Delegations

Judicial delegations from China and India visited the Judicial Council for educational presentations on the role of the Judicial Council, court administration, civil mediation and alternative dispute resolution, fairness and implicit bias, e-filing, criminal case adjudication, and case management.

Judicial Administration Fellowship Program

The ten fellows for the 2017–2018 Judicial Administration Fellowship Program, administered by the Center for California Studies in partnership with the Judicial Council of California, began their 10-month placements working in court administration across the state with an orientation that included a visit from the Chief Justice and Administrative Director. The participating courts are: Alameda, Butte, Los Angeles, Merced, Orange, Placer, San Bernardino, and San Francisco as well as Judicial Council Governmental Affairs.

Local Court Assistance

Center for Families, Children & the Courts staff visited the Superior Courts of Monterey, Placer, San Bernardino, Santa Clara, and Stanislaus Counties to conduct courtesy file reviews to identify juvenile court issues and training needs to support compliance with federal and California law to prevent loss of federal foster care funding.

Facility Operations

Status of facility modifications as of September 6, 2017:

Status	Number of Modifications	Estimated Cost
Awaiting Shared Cost	10	\$4,876,532
Holding for Project Managers	11	\$7,691,161
In Design	56	\$5,721,539
In Work	652	\$122,562,658
Total	729	\$140,851,890

Forty-nine real estate transactions were completed during this reporting period:

- License Renewal: Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse, Los Angeles County (licensee)
- Lease/License Terminations: San Joaquin County, 540 E. Main Street; Tulare County, 707 West Acequia; Judicial Council Facilities Management Office, Sonoma County; and Judicial Council Governmental Affairs office, 770 L Street, Sacramento County
- Event Licenses: 13 short-term event licenses executed
- Department of Rehabilitation permits for vending services: 31 permits issued

Stakeholder Partnerships

- *California Department of Child Support Services /Judicial Branch Stakeholders:* Meeting discussions focused on issues affecting the statewide child support program, the work of the AB 1058 Funding Allocation Joint Subcommittee, and how to handle federal drawdown funds and ensure minimum services can be provided by all courts.
- *California Child Welfare Council:* The council, on which the Judicial Council is represented, approved its 2016–2017 annual report, heard updates on the implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform Initiative, and a report on the importance of Family Resource Centers as vehicles of change in California.
- *California Social Work Education Center Executive Committee Board Meeting:* Staff provided subject matter expertise on California’s tribal communities to connect the communities and the courts with the center.

National Judicial Leadership Focus on Fines and Fees

The Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ) and Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) convened for their annual meeting. As a member of the National Task Force on Fines, Fees and Bail Practices, the Judicial Council’s Administrative Director participated in a session on the work of the task force. Topics included right to counsel in matters of court-imposed financial obligations; ability-to-pay determinations; and alternatives to payment. CCJ and COSCA members engaged in roundtable discussions to provide the Executive Committee of the task force with input in preparation for drafting the final National Task Force recommendations, principles, and report for final review at the 2018 CCJ/COSCA Annual Meeting.

Advisory Committees/Task Forces/Working Groups

The following advisory bodies met in person, by phone, or WebEx since the council’s July meeting:

1. Administrative Presiding Justices Advisory Committee
2. Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
3. Appellate Indigent Oversight Advisory Committee
4. Bench Bar Coalition
5. Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
6. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
7. Court Executives Advisory Committee
8. Court Facilities Advisory Committee
9. Court Interpreters Advisory Panel

10. Court Security Advisory Committee
11. Criminal Law Advisory Committee
12. Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
13. Futures Traffic Work Group
14. Governing Committee of the Center for Judicial Education and Research
15. Information Technology Advisory Committee
16. Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program Advisory Committee
17. Language Access Plan Implementation Task Force
18. Pretrial Detention Reform Work Group
19. Traffic Advisory Committee
20. Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
21. Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
22. Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee
23. Tribal Court-State Court Forum

Meeting Details

Administrative Presiding Justices Advisory Committee

- Discussed fee authorization for electronic filing deposits, a new policy covering personal communication devices being used for work purposes, and a pilot program for appellate courts regarding privacy in web searches.

Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness

- Discussed updates on the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act program evaluation, the Jurors with Disabilities Working Group, Futures Commission report directives from the Chief Justice, and potential recommendations for bias and implicit bias education.

Appellate Indigent Oversight Advisory Committee

- Conducted the quarterly audit of Court Appointed Counsel case submissions and reviewed current data pertaining to the Court Appointed Counsel program, including Court of Appeal panel attorney appointments by court, length of time for cases, brief lengths, and other statistical data pertaining to the performance of panel attorneys and the projects that recruit, train, and monitor them.

Bench Bar Coalition

- Confirmed new Executive Committee members: Mr. Pelayo A. Llamas, Jr., Cochair; Mr. Russell S. Roeca, Member at Large; and Hon. Dennis W. Hayashi, Member at Large.

Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee

- Considered newly proposed statutory amendments regarding interpreters in small claims court, and issues raised by the council's Rules and Projects Committee on a new civil form relating to entry of default.
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Subcommittee: Reviewed the California Law Revision Committee's tentative recommendation regarding mediation confidentiality.

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee

- Discussed allocations of the Substance Abuse Focus Grant.
- Mental Health Subcommittee: Discussed incompetent to stand trial issues, psychotropic medication for youth, legislation, and work plan development.
- Veterans and Military Families Subcommittee: Reviewed education and training updates, Senate Bill 339, veterans' webpage and hotline, and veterans' treatment court mentor and team member training on suicide prevention.

Court Executives Advisory Committee

- Discussed unfunded mandates since 2011 and the fiscal impact the trial courts have had to absorb. Received an update on educational sessions and court visits by the Department of Finance concerning trial court budgeting and fiscal issues as part of an effort to illustrate the critical challenges currently experienced by courts as a result of reduced funding.
- Received an update on accelerated Resource Assessment Study filings data collection timeline that will enable the Judicial Council to generate court funding estimates earlier in the budget development process. The accelerated timeline should assist courts with planning ahead for their fiscal year 2018–2019 budget allocation.
- Discussed recent issues courts have experienced with sheriffs and counties following the Public Safety Realignment Act regarding court security staffing levels and potential options courts may take to address these issues.
- Received an overview and demonstration of the Department of State Hospitals' WatchDox Portal, which provides for the electronic transmission of confidential patient records between courts and state hospitals; and received information on the Educational Needs Assessment Toolkit developed by the council for courts.
- Discussed budget trailer bill provisions requiring trial court electronic filing systems to comply with disability access laws.

Court Facilities Advisory Committee

- Reviewed schematic design packages for courthouse capital projects in Glen and Lake Counties.

Court Interpreters Advisory Panel

- Approved a proposed rule to recommend to the council repeal and revision of rule 2.893, which establishes procedures for provisional qualification and temporary use of noncertified and nonregistered interpreters in criminal and juvenile cases, and associated forms.
- Subcommittee on Professional Standards and Ethics: Worked to advance the interpreter complaint process as required by Government Code 68562(d), for implementation by January 1, 2019.

Court Security Advisory Committee

- Reviewed summary data on trial courts' Court Security Plans under rule 10.172; and information about underfunding of the Screening Equipment Replacement Program, and lack of dedicated funding for the Trial Court Security Grant Program.

Criminal Law Advisory Committee

- Addressed proposals for new and updated rules and forms:

- Reviewed public comments and drafted reports for a legislative proposal on electronic search warrants.
- Discussed 2017 accomplishments, and 2018 annual agenda planning.

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee

- Reviewed the draft legislative report of the Dual-Status Youth Data Standards Working Group, formed to meet Assembly Bill 1911 mandates requiring the council to convene a prescribed group of stakeholders to define data elements and outcome tracking for youth involved in the dependency and delinquency system and report to the Legislature by January 1, 2018. Also, reviewed the current child support guideline draft report to the Legislature and approved circulating it for public comment before it moves forward to the Judicial Council.
- Violence Against Women Education Project Subcommittee: Reviewed grant-funded educational projects related to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, human trafficking, and victims' rights.

Futures Traffic Work Group

- Prepared a list of statutes and potential statutes implicated by the traffic directive stemming from the Futures Commission, and continued to solicit input on potential legislative changes.

Governing Committee of the Center for Judicial Education and Research

- Reviewed a cost-benefit analysis for live statewide events on the 2018–2020 education plan, received an update on Advanced Judicial Studies Institute and Judicial College program, and reviewed the proposed Judicial College curriculum.

Information Technology Advisory Committee

- Received an update on the Futures Commission work plan.
- Self-Represented Litigant E-Services Workstream: Posted a Request for Information to collect general costing information for an envisioned branch-wide E-Services portal for self-represented litigants.

Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program Advisory Committee

- Return-to-Work pilot project: Met with the Superior Court of Solano County to discuss implementation, program materials, resources available to participants, and the development of program metrics.

Language Access Plan Implementation Task Force

- Approved proposed California Rules of Court, Rule 2.850 (Language Access Representative) and Rule 2.851 (Language Access Services Complaints) for submission to the council for consideration, for new rules that will take effect on January 1, 2018.
- Approved a revised Invitation to Comment to circulate to amend Government Code section 68560.5(a) and Code of Civil Procedure section 116.550 regarding the provision of court interpreters in small claims matters.

Pretrial Detention Reform Work Group

- Held a webinar with the authors of the Public Policy Institute of California’s report, *Pretrial Release in California*, and met to finalize recommendations to the Chief Justice.

Traffic Advisory Committee

- Approved a legislative proposal on traffic for a uniform rate for community service in lieu of infraction fine.
- Approved a rule and forms on ability-to-pay in traffic and other infraction cases to circulate for public comment.
- Committee chair and staff met with the chair of the council’s Rules and Projects Committee to discuss 2017 accomplishments and 2018 annual agenda planning.

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Funding Methodology Subcommittee: Evaluated the first five years of the Workload-based Allocation and Funding Methodology, identified objectives for 2018–2019 and beyond, and organized the 2017–2018 work plan.

Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee

- Reviewed the fiscal year 2017–2018 budget reconciliation and spending plan, criteria for seismic renovation feasibility studies, and deferred maintenance.
- Ratified facility modification recommendations.

Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee

- Executive Committee: Reviewed a Budget Change Proposal for orientation sessions for new judicial officers, conducted a roundtable on strategies to compensate for cutbacks in civil courts, and received an update on the final report of the Commission on the Future of California’s Court System.
- Had follow-up discussion on new budget advocacy strategies for fiscal year 2018–2019 as well as actions and plans to respond to declining civil assessment revenues, including reducing services and cutting budgets.
- Received status updates on pretrial detention reform efforts at the state and national levels.
- Additional discussion topics included: Facilities Management and Maintenance; the Resource Assessment Study and Workload Allocation Funding Methodology.

Tribal Court-State Court Forum

- Discussed the proposed addition of review and response to California Indian Child Welfare Act Compliance Task Force Report, and the new California Department of Social Services Office of Tribal Affairs and Tribal Consultation Policy.

Judicial Branch Education and Training

Summary

Judicial Education

1. B.E. Witkin Judicial College
2. Criminal Law Orientation

3. Ethics and Self-Represented Litigants in Domestic Violence Cases
4. Handling Human Trafficking Cases
5. Judicial Faculty Course Development Workshops
6. Limited Jurisdiction, Small Claims, and Unlawful Detainer Orientation

Judicial Officer, Court Employee, and Stakeholder Education and Training Programs

7. AB 1058 Child Support Training Conference
8. Core 40: Basic Training for Supervisors
9. Family Court Services Training
10. Indian Child Welfare Act Training
11. Judicial Appointments Process Training
12. Managing Court Financial Resources
13. Title IV-E Law and Process Training

Distance Education

Courtroom Simulations

14. Civil Case Management Series

Video Lectures

15. Nonminor Cases in Juvenile Court
16. Succession Planning in the Courts
17. Providing Testimony in Child Custody Cases

Podcasts

18. Case Law Update: Domestic Violence Round Up
19. Case Law Update: Spousal Support, Property, Attorney Fees and Sanctions
20. Firearms Relinquishment in Criminal Domestic Violence Cases
21. Probate Claims, Liens, and Their Priority
22. Sidebar: The Burden of Discovery
23. Understanding Family Code §271 Sanctions

Web Casts

24. Supreme Court Oral Arguments, Los Angeles and San Francisco

Publications Updates

25. Benchguide 119: Juvenile Delinquency Disposition Hearing
26. Benchguide 63: Competence to Stand Trial

Detail

AB 1058 Child Support Training Conference

More than 440 child support commissioners, family law facilitators, paralegals, court clerks, and administrative staff attended this 21st annual conference. Sessions included child support program and policy on judicial branch and Department of Child Support Services initiatives, the new Federal Child Support Rule, updates on budget issues, and a new child support commissioners' orientation.

B.E. Witkin Judicial College

Eighty-three recently appointed judicial officers attended this year's two-week Judicial College. Sessions included Making an Effective Record, Trials, Evidence, Experts 101, Working with Self-Represented Litigants, Domestic Violence, Ethics and Fairness, Mental Health and Addiction in the Court System, Basic Felony Sentencing, and Introduction to Family Law.

Core 40: Basic Training for Supervisors

Multiple day program for managers and supervisors to improve the overall performance of their staff.

Court Interpreters Program

Skills training was provided for Farsi interpreters in Los Angeles, and 65 prospective interpreters participated in the *Introduction to the Profession of Court Interpreting*.

Criminal Law Orientation

Five-day course providing criminal law and procedure for judges and subordinate judicial officers new to a criminal assignment.

Effective Civil Case Management

This interactive online course discusses and demonstrates key aspects of the civil pre-trial process, including how to conduct case management conferences, facilitate alternative dispute resolution, avoid unnecessary discovery disputes, and run final status conferences.

Ethics and Self-Represented Litigants in Domestic Violence Cases

Three-day course on basics of restraining and protective order proceedings as well as general judicial ethics issues that arise in domestic violence cases such as disqualification, disclosure, ex parte communication, and community outreach.

Family Court Services Training

Discussion of immigration issues facing non-citizen victims of domestic violence, how immigration status relates to intimate partner abuse, and the responsibilities of staff when information regarding immigration status is presented.

Handling Human Trafficking Cases

Two-day course on issues unique to the crime of human trafficking, with considerations for trauma-informed and victim-centered approaches to handling these cases in various court settings.

Judicial Faculty Course Development Workshops

Faculty teams apply principles of instructional design, brainstorm new ideas for effective interaction, and work closely with council staff to develop, innovate, and update their courses.

Indian Child Welfare Act Training

Glenn County Social Services, Grindstone Rancheria tribal staff, judicial officers, court staff, and attorneys provided information on the new federal regulations and guidelines and their implications for California law, and on historical trauma and its implications when working with Indian families.

Judicial Appointments Process Training

Training for legal aid and court self-help staff interested in becoming judges. Sponsored by the Judicial Council, State Bar Council on Access and Fairness, and Legal Aid Association of California.

Limited Jurisdiction, Small Claims, and Unlawful Detainer Orientation

Three-day course designed for judges and subordinate judicial officers newly assigned to a limited jurisdiction court.

Managing Court Financial Resources (Institute for Court Management course)

Participants learned about financial reporting, auditing and budgeting, the balance between judicial independence and fiscal responsibility, the link between strategic planning and budgeting, and practical steps courts can take during difficult fiscal times.

Nonminor Cases in Juvenile Court

Video introducing juvenile court clerks to nonminor dependency cases, including adoptions.

Succession Planning in the Courts

Video explaining various stages of succession planning and practices: assessing departments, identifying needs, planning goals, and specifying competencies and criteria for succession planning.

Providing Testimony in Child Custody Cases

Designed for court-connected child custody counselors, mediators and evaluators.

Title IV-E Foster Care Law and Process Training

Course for staff of the Superior Court of Fresno County.

Staffing Metrics

As of August 31, 2017

STAFFING	Leadership Services Division							Operations & Programs Division							Administrative Division				
	Executive Office	Governmental Affairs	Public Affairs	Legal Services	Audit Services	Special Projects	Judicial Council and Trial Court Leadership	Center for Families, Child. & Courts	Court Operations Services	Criminal Justice Services	Center for Judicial Education & Research	Appellate Court Services	Facilities Services	Budget Services	Branch Account. & Procurement	Human Resources	Information Technology	Admin Support	Judicial Council
Authorized Position (FTE)	10.00	11.00	8.00	58.00	14.00	10.00	19.80	64.00	24.60	22.00	48.50	7.00	141.00	48.00	141.00	43.00	119.00	30.00	818.90
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	10.00	10.00	8.00	43.60	12.00	8.00	18.80	55.35	21.80	19.40	40.50	6.00	105.00	40.00	127.00	41.00	98.88	28.00	693.33
Headcount - Employees	10	10	8	44	12	8	19	56	22	20	42	6	105	40	127	41	99	29	698.00
Vacancy (FTE)	0.00	1.00	0.00	14.40	2.00	2.00	1.00	8.65	2.80	2.60	8.00	1.00	36.00	8.00	14.00	2.00	20.13	2.00	125.58
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	0.0%	9.1%	0.0%	24.8%	14.3%	20.0%	5.1%	13.5%	11.4%	11.8%	16.5%	14.3%	25.5%	16.7%	9.9%	4.7%	16.9%	6.7%	15.34%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	6.00
*Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	10.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.25	0.0	39.35
TOTAL WORKFORCE (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	11.00	10.00	9.00	45.60	12.00	8.00	18.80	55.35	22.30	20.40	41.50	6.00	111.60	40.00	129.00	44.00	136.13	28.00	748.68

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: There have been no judicial appointments since the July Judicial Council meeting.

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled and Vacant as of **August 31, 2017**

TYPE OF COURT	NUMBER OF COURTS	NUMBER OF JUDGESHIPS					
		Authorized	Filled	Vacant	Vacant (AB 159 positions)	<i>Filled(Last Month)</i>	<i>Vacant(Last Month)</i>
Supreme Court	1	7	7	0	0	7	0
Courts of Appeal	6	105	94	11	0	95	10
Superior Courts	58	1,732	1,594	88	50*	1,603	129
All Courts	65	1,844	1,695	149		1705	139

*Fifty new judgeships were authorized in January 2008 with the enactment of AB 159 (Chapter 722, Statutes of 2007). However, funding for the 50 positions has not been provided. The allocation list for these judgeships is based on the most recent Judicial Needs Assessment (see: <http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/jc-20141212-itemT.pdf>).

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 In Office
Second Appellate District, Division Two	6	Retirement	Hon. Roger W. Boren	01/31/17
Second Appellate District, Division Three		Retirement	Hon. Richard D. Aldrich	06/30/17
Second Appellate District, Division Three		Retirement	Hon. Patti S. Kitching	10/05/15
Second Appellate District, Division Five		Deceased	Hon. Paul Turner	05/18/17
Second Appellate District, Division Five		Retirement	Hon. Richard M. Mosk	03/31/16

Second Appellate District, Division Seven		Retirement	Hon. Fred Woods	03/31/15
Fourth Appellate District, Division One	3	Deceased	Hon. Alex C. McDonald	09/08/16
Fourth Appellate District, Division Two		Retirement	Hon. Thomas E. Hollenhorst	07/31/17
Fourth Appellate District, Division Three		Retirement	Hon. William F. Rylaarsdam	06/30/16
Fifth Appellate District	1	Retirement	Hon. Stephen J. Kane	06/30/17
Sixth Appellate District	1	Resigned	Hon. Miguel A. Marquez	07/29/16
TOTAL VACANCIES	11			

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: SUPERIOR COURTS

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day In Office
Alameda	5	Retirement	Hon. Willie Lott, Jr.	06/08/17
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Robert B. Freedman	03/31/17
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Larry J. Goodman	03/28/17
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Christine K. Moruza	03/13/17
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Reginald P. Saunders	10/15/15
Contra Costa	1	Retirement	Hon. Diana Becton	08/14/17
El Dorado	1	Dis Retirement	Hon. Nelson Keith Brooks	03/24/17
Fresno	2	Retirement	Hon. Dale Ikeda	02/20/17
Fresno		Elevated	Hon. Kathleen A. Meehan	02/08/17
Humboldt	1	Retirement	Hon. Marilyn B. Miles	07/31/17
Lake	1	Retirement	Hon. Richard C. Martin	05/31/17
Lassen	1	Retirement	Hon. Michele Verderosa	06/03/17
Los Angeles	27	Retirement	Hon. Frank J. Johnson	08/22/17
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Leland H. Tipton	07/31/17
Los Angeles		Newly created position	Vacancy	06/26/17

Los Angeles		Newly created position	Vacancy	06/26/17
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Karen Joy Nudell	06/08/17
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Carol Boas Goodson	05/31/17
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. R. Carlton Seaver	05/31/17
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. George Genesta	05/31/17
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Teresa Sanchez-Gordon	05/16/17
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. David L. Minning	04/14/17
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Lloyd M. Nash	03/03/17
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Soussan G. Bruguera	12/15/16
Los Angeles		Dis Retirement	Hon. Sally L. Meloch	12/10/16
Los Angeles		Newly created position	Vacancy	11/17/16
Los Angeles		Newly created position	Vacancy	11/17/16
Los Angeles		Newly created position	Vacancy	11/17/16
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Steven R. Van Sicklen	10/31/16
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. John L. Henning	10/04/16
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. John T. Doyle	08/09/16
Los Angeles		Deceased	Hon. Ralph W. Dau	07/14/16
Los Angeles		Newly created position	Vacancy	06/09/16
Los Angeles		Newly created position	Vacancy	06/09/16
Los Angeles		Newly created position	Vacancy	06/09/16
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Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Joanne B. O'Donnell	04/30/16
Marin	1	Retirement	Hon. Terrence R. Boren	10/18/16
Mendocino	1	Retirement	Hon. Richard James Henderson	12/31/16
Merced	1	Retirement	Hon. Marc A. Garcia	05/15/15
Monterey	1	Retirement	Hon. Albert H. Maldonado	06/30/17
Napa	1	Retirement	Hon. Francisca P. Tisher	06/16/17
Orange	7	Retirement	Hon. Thomas James Borris	06/30/17
Orange		Retirement	Hon. W. Michael Hayes	06/30/17
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Jamoa Athena Moberly	05/15/17
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Andrew P. Banks	05/01/17
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Carla M. Singer	04/28/17
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Clay M. Smith	04/05/17
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Frederick Paul Horn	04/02/17
Riverside	4	Retirement	Hon. Richard A. Erwood	08/09/17
Riverside		Retirement	Hon. James S. Hawkins	07/09/17
Riverside		Elevated	Hon. Richard T. Fields	02/08/17
Riverside		Retirement	Hon. Michele D. Levine	10/13/16
Sacramento	4	Retirement	Hon. Cheryl Chun Meegan	08/12/17
Sacramento		Converted	New Position	10/13/16
Sacramento		Retirement	Hon. Robert C. Hight	04/08/16
Sacramento		Retirement	Hon. Michael G. Virga	03/26/16
San Bernardino	3	Retirement	Hon. Gerard S. Brown	08/01/17
San Bernardino		Deceased	Hon. Brian D. Saunders	12/27/16
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Barbara A. Buchholz	10/14/16
San Diego	5	Retirement	Hon. Joel M. Pressman	08/01/17
San Diego		Elevated	Hon. William S. Dato	02/08/17
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Ronald S. Prager	01/06/17
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. David M. Szumowski	07/31/16
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Charles W. Ervin	02/22/16
San Francisco	4	Retirement	Hon. Ksenia Tsenin	07/10/17

San Francisco		Retirement	Hon. Ronald E. Albers	03/16/17
San Francisco		Retirement	Hon. Donald J. Sullivan	02/28/17
San Francisco		Retirement	Hon. James P. Collins	09/23/16
San Luis Obispo	3	Retirement	Hon. John A. Trice	06/15/17
San Luis Obispo		Retirement	Hon. Michael L. Duffy	09/09/16
San Luis Obispo		Retirement	Hon. Jac A. Crawford	03/24/16
San Mateo	1	Retirement	Hon. Joseph E. Bergeron	08/18/17
Santa Clara	7	Deceased	Hon. Derek Woodhouse	07/19/17
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Margaret Johnson	05/05/17
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Mary Ann Grilli	04/28/17
Santa Clara		Dis Retirement	Hon. Teresa Guerrero-Daley	02/03/17
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Richard J. Loftus, Jr.	09/20/16
Santa Clara		Dis Retirement	Hon. Ron M. Del Pozzo	05/12/16
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Susan Bernardini	07/31/15
Solano	1	Retirement	Hon. Scott L. Kays	06/11/17
Sonoma	1	Retirement	Hon. Gary A. Medvigy	10/21/16
Stanislaus	1	Retirement	Hon. Nan Cohan Jacobs	12/23/15
Tulare	2	Retirement	Hon. James W. Hollman	07/31/17
Tulare		Separated	Hon. Valeriano Saucedo	05/25/16
Ventura	1	Retirement	Hon. Donald D. Coleman	04/07/17
TOTAL VACANCIES	88			

**Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled and Vacant as of the End of Each Month:
From August 2015 through August 2017 (two years)***

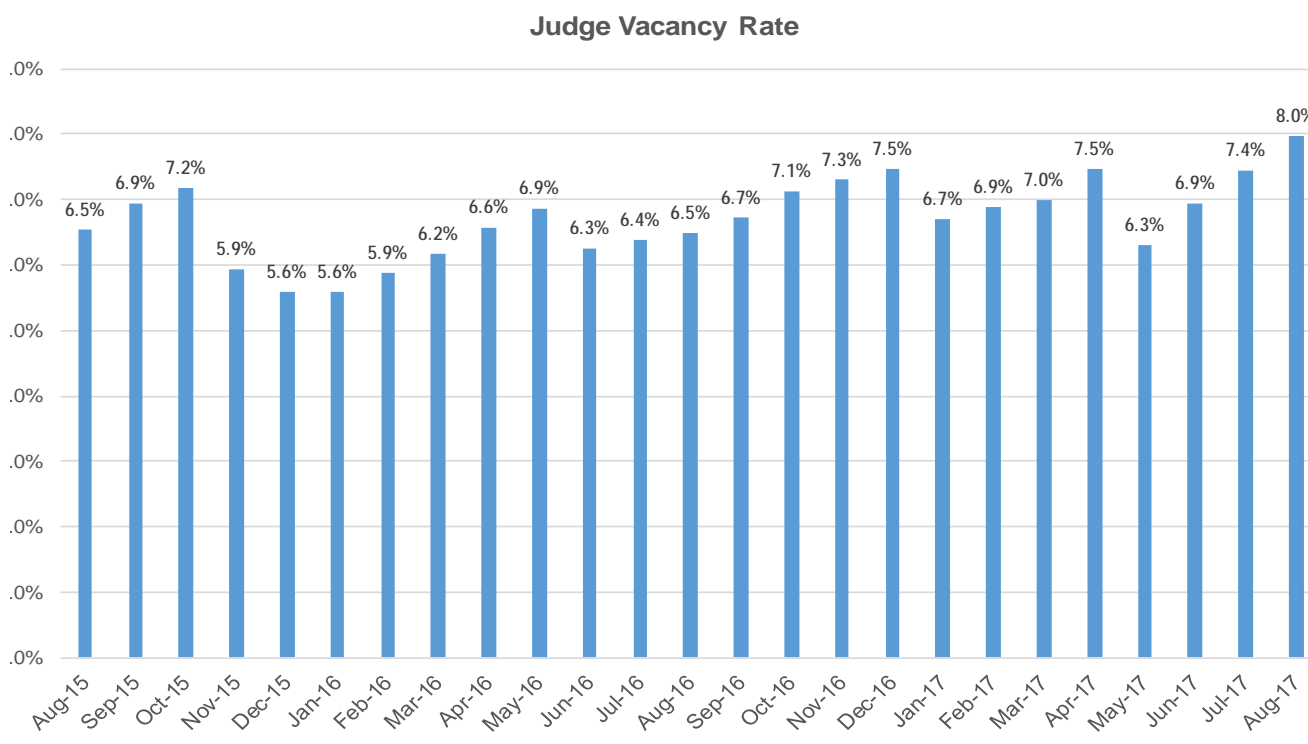
Month	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
Aug-15	1,715	1,603	112	6.5%	105	101	4	3.8%
Sep-15	1,715	1,596	119	6.9%	105	101	4	3.8%
Oct-15	1,715	1,592	123	7.2%	105	100	5	4.8%
Nov-15	1,717	1,615	102	5.9%	105	100	5	4.8%
Dec-15	1,718	1,622	96	5.6%	105	102	3	2.9%
Jan-16	1,719	1,623	96	5.6%	105	102	3	2.9%
Feb-16	1,719	1,618	101	5.9%	105	102	3	2.9%
Mar-16	1,719	1,613	106	6.2%	105	100	5	4.8%
Apr-16	1,719	1,606	113	6.6%	105	100	5	4.8%
May-16	1,719	1,601	118	6.9%	105	100	5	4.8%
Jun-16	1,726	1,618	108	6.3%	105	98	7	6.7%
Jul-16	1,726	1,616	110	6.4%	105	97	8	7.6%
Aug-16	1,726	1,614	112	6.5%	105	97	8	7.6%
Sep-16	1,726	1,610	116	6.7%	105	96	9	8.6%
Oct-16	1,727	1,604	123	7.1%	105	96	9	8.6%
Nov-16	1,727	1,601	126	7.3%	105	96	9	8.6%
Dec-16	1,730	1,601	129	7.5%	105	96	9	8.6%
Jan-17	1,730	1,614	116	6.7%	105	99	6	5.7%
Feb-17	1,730	1,611	119	6.9%	105	98	7	6.7%
Mar-17	1,730	1,611	121	7.0%	105	98	7	6.7%
Apr-17	1,730	1,601	129	7.5%	105	98	7	6.7%
May-17	1,730	1,621	109	6.3%	105	98	7	6.7%
Jun-17	1,730	1,610	120	6.9%	105	97	8	7.6%
Jul-17	1,732	1,603	129	7.4%	105	95	10	9.5%
Aug-17	1,732	1,594	138	8.0%	105	94	11	10.5%

* As of August 31, 2017

Note: Growth in number of Authorized Judgeships reflects subordinate judicial officer conversions.

Since 2007, 134 subordinate judicial officer positions have been converted to judgeships.

Percent of Judgeships Vacant Between August 2015 and August 2017 in the Superior Courts



Source of Data for All Graphs: Data compiled by the Office of Court Research.