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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 strategic goals and priorities for the judicial branch. The report focuses on action since the council's March meeting and is exclusive of issues on the May business meeting agenda.

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Budget Advocacy

- Coinciding with the Chief Justice’s annual State of the Judiciary address to the joint houses of the Legislature, Bench-Bar Coalition (BBC), Open Courts Coalition, and Judicial Council representatives met with 58 senators, assembly members, and legislative staff to advocate on judicial branch budget priorities and legislative priorities affecting the court system. Many legislators were interested in making court visits.
- The Governor issued his May Budget Revision on May 11, 2018. All items proposed in the January 10 proposal remain in the Budget. In addition, there is new funding proposed for critical deferred facilities maintenance and construction, and increased investment in language access.
 - Deferred Maintenance: \$100 million General Funds (over three year years), as part of a \$2 billion state infrastructure initiative.
 - Court Construction: \$971.8 million lease revenue funding for five projects scheduled to begin in 2019–2020 that will now be proposed to begin in 2018–2019: Glenn, Riverside/Mid-County, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Stanislaus Counties.
 - Language Access: \$4 million ongoing to address needs such as signage, equipment, and training.
- Briefing calls were held with judicial branch leadership to provide an update on the proposed budget. Court leaders and Judicial Council staff provided testimony on branch priorities at four Senate and six Assembly hearings, in addition to multiple meetings the Chief Justice and branch leaders have held with legislators, the Administration, and justice system partners. Advocacy and discussions are ongoing pending the Legislature’s submission of a final budget to the Governor by the June 15 constitutional deadline.

Judicial Council-Sponsored Legislation

The Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee has taken a position on 16 bills in this legislative year. All position letters are posted to the California Courts website at:

www.courts.ca.gov/position-letters.htm.

Audits

Audit Services completed an audit of the Superior Court of Butte County. Audit reports are posted on the California Courts Website at: <http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/audit-report-butte-20180417.pdf>.

Labor and Employee Relations

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 17 trial courts. Services included successor memoranda of understanding negotiations, proposed policy revisions, and modifications to employer-employee relations rules. Support also was provided on 12 different labor and employee related matters.

Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice

Juvenile court file reviews were conducted at 16 courts (Colusa, Kern, Los Angeles, Mariposa, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Riverside, San Diego, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Sonoma, Sutter, Trinity, Tuolumne, and Yuba Counties) to identify legal issues and training needs.

Trends in Felony Court Case Processing

[Interactive dashboards](#) launched on the California Courts website show trends in felony court case processing after Criminal Justice Realignment and highlight the impacts of Proposition 47, which reduced a number of theft and drug felonies to misdemeanors. The dashboards highlight trends in felony sentencing, filings of petitions for supervision modification/revocation, and warrants for failure to appear (FTAs). The page also features an [infographic](#) providing information related to sentencing and supervision changes as a result of criminal justice realignment.

Price of Justice Ability-to-Pay Grant

A series of site visits were conducted with partner courts to discuss local policy decisions necessary to develop the online tool, including automatic fine and fee reductions for individuals on benefits and specific federal poverty guidelines. California representatives were among several Price of Justice grantees from across the country who met with the United States Department of Justice (the grantor) to discuss the project's progress, data collection, and research.

Court Interpreters

- More than 100 American Sign Language (ASL) generalists attended three ASL mock trials. The training consisted of classroom instruction on terminology and best practices and was intended to expose ASL generalists to the legal field.
- The council partnered with the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts to develop a 10-week Filipino/Tagalog training to address the shortage of Tagalog/Filipino certified court interpreter shortage. This training is designed to assist previous exam takers with near passing scores pass the exam.
- A community outreach meeting was held to share progress on implementation of the statewide Language Access Plan.

Court Financial System/Case Management System Integration

Staff collaborated with the Superior Court of Stanislaus County to implement an interface from their case management system to the Phoenix Financial System. This interface ensures the court's financial system stays in sync with the case management system accounting balances, and was built using repeatable standards that will allow other case management systems to interface with Phoenix.

Justice System Stakeholder Collaboration

- *California Department of Justice's SB 384 Sex Offender Tiers External Stakeholder meeting:* Focused on legislative changes to the sex offender registry.
- *Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council meeting:* Discussed strategies and issues relating to court-involved juveniles.
- *Drug Court Coordinators Working Group:* Discussed program responses to changing criminal justice legislation such as Proposition 47, trauma informed care, and the development of data analytics for drug and other collaborative justice court programs.

- *State Bar of California and Legal Services Trust Fund Commission*: Reviewed revised evaluation tools to document outcomes for programs funded by the Equal Access Fund.
- *Council of Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health meeting*: Discussions focused on issues related to Incompetence to Stand Trial cases and pending legislation to expand treatment and competency restoration options.

Facilities Services

Status of facility modifications as of May 9, 2018:

<i>Status</i>	<i>Number of Modifications</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
In Progress	442	\$159,992,411
In Design	61	\$5,017,872
Awaiting Shared Cost	10	\$12,968,964
Total	513	\$177,979,247

Thirty-four real estate transactions were completed including:

- New Leases and Licenses:
 - City of Fresno, Juror Parking, Fresno County (two leases)
 - Wireless Services, Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Los Angeles County
 - Rady's Children's Hospital, County Courthouse, and new Central San Diego Courthouse, San Diego County
 - 227 N First Street LLC, new Santa Clara Family Justice Center, Santa Clara County
- Lease/License Renewals:
 - HUVAPEM, Inc., Storage Lease, Glenn County
 - Nasra Family Partnership, Civic Center Courthouse, San Francisco County
- Lease/License Terminations:
 - County of Tehama, Corning Courthouse, Tehama County
 - Merced County, Department 11, Merced County
- Event Licenses: 20 short-term event licenses were executed

Judicial Fellowship Program

Ten judicial fellows were selected from a competitive nationwide pool of more than 200 applicants. The program is co-sponsored by the Judicial Council and administered by the Center for California Studies at California State University, Sacramento. Fellows will work for 10 months in individual placements in trial courts and the Judicial Council beginning in September. For more information visit: <http://www.courts.ca.gov/judicialfellowship.htm>.

Advisory Committees/Task Forces/Working Groups

The following Judicial Council advisory bodies met in person, by phone, or WebEx since the council's March meeting:

1. AB 1058 Funding Allocation Joint Subcommittee
2. Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch

3. Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
4. Appellate Advisory Committee
5. Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight Advisory Committee
6. Bench Bar Coalition
7. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
8. Court Facilities Advisory Committee
9. Court Security Advisory Committee
10. Criminal Law Advisory Committee
11. Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
12. Language Access Plan Implementation Task Force
13. Pretrial Detention Reform Workgroup
14. Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee
15. Proposition 66 Rules Working Group
16. Traffic Advisory Committee
17. Futures Traffic Working Group
18. Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
19. Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
20. Tribal Court-State Court Forum
21. Workload Assessment Advisory Committee

Meeting Details

AB 1058 Funding Allocation Joint Subcommittee

- Met with the Workload Assessment and the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committees to develop guiding principles for the trial court funding model and to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the current model.

Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch

- Recommended the development of data quality standards governing court reporting to the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System.

Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness

- Discussed the recommendations of the Futures Commission for early education in civil and small claims cases, new self-help funding, best practices for referring to sex/gender in court forms, and recommendations for improving education on racial bias/implicit bias.

Appellate Advisory Committee

- Recommended approval of several proposals to circulate for public comment:
 - New and revised forms on settled statement procedure in unlimited civil cases;
 - Amendments to rules governing sealed and confidential records;
 - Amendments to rules regarding finality of decisions to ensure that litigants have sufficient time to seek rehearing or transfer; and
 - Revisions to forms for filing notice of appeal and notice designating the record on appeal to provide more complete and accurate information.

Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight Advisory Committee

- Reviewed and audited 140 completed cases.

Bench-Bar Coalition

- Provided budget and legislative priorities, and heard updates from the State Bar, California Lawyers Association, California Judges Association, Legal Services and the California Commission on Access to Justice, and the American Bar Association.

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee

- Reviewed and discussed proposed legislation including SB 931 (Hertzberg) conservatorship evaluations of 2018, AB 1968 (Low) mental health and firearms, SB 1095 (Anderson) mentally incompetent offenders, and SB 1187 (Beall) competence to stand trial.
- Discussed potential court funding for innovative programs through the Mental Health Services Act.
- *Juvenile Subcommittee*: Discussed how to increase awareness for youth courts statewide and develop a resource guide for enhancing youth court services.
- *Mental Health Subcommittee*: Reviewed mental health-related proposed legislation, including SB 931, AB 1968, SB 1095, and SB 1187.
- *Veterans Treatment and Military Families Subcommittee*: In collaboration with the 2018 California Association of Collaborative Courts Conference, commenced planning the statewide Veterans Treatment Court Conference set for September 2018.

Court Facilities Advisory Committee

- Reviewed working drawings for Glenn County renovation/addition, site acquisition plans for the new Los Angeles Mental Health Courthouse, and preliminary plans for the Santa Barbara courthouse project.

Court Security Advisory Committee

- Discussed funding and budget change proposals for the Trial Court Security Grant Program.

Criminal Law Advisory Committee

- Reviewed and discussed proposed legislation, including AB 1793 (Bonta) cannabis convictions, AB 2438 (Ting) automatic withdrawal of plea, AB 2462 (Harper) domestic violence, AB 2988 (Weber) disposition of evidence, AB 2867 (Gonzalez Fletcher) postconviction relief, and AB 3125 (Mayes) bail schedules.

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee

- Discussed the Family Violence Appellate Project survey about the challenges facing domestic violence survivors in civil courts.
- Discussed alternative methodologies for Court Appointed Special Advocate program funding, changes to protective orders regarding people under 18 years old, and a new rule related to foster children's access to specialty mental health services.

Futures Traffic Work Group

- Began designing the new civil adjudication model, based on policy decisions made by the Futures Commission.
- Addressed how changes to the system might impact juveniles and commercial drivers.

Pretrial Detention Reform Workgroup

- Co-chairs provided a webinar briefing on the report and its recommendations to the California Judges Association's Board of Directors.

Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee

- Legislation Subcommittee: Considered and deferred formal action on legislation affecting proceedings under the Probate Code and Lanterman-Petris-Short Act.

Proposition 66 Rules Working Group

- Shared information regarding capital case review and discussed priorities in the development of possible rule proposals.
- Formed three subcommittees to consider (1) qualifications of appointed counsel in capital appeals and habeas corpus proceedings, (2) appointment of counsel in capital habeas corpus proceedings, and (3) preparation of the record on appeal in capital cases.

Traffic Advisory Committee

- Reviewed and discussed pending legislation, including SB 1233 (McGuire) community service/educational program in lieu of a total fine, and SB 1474 (Hill) shifting authority from courts to the Public Utilities Commission to impound a vehicle owned or operated by a charter company.

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Considered continued suspension of the minimum operating and emergency reserve fund balance policy, and Juvenile Dependency Counsel Collections Program and Court Appointed Counsel collections of 2016–2017 and allocations of 2017–2018 monies.
- Considered options to address the Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF) revenue shortfall of \$7 million.
- Fiscal Planning Subcommittee: Considered two amended requests and three new requests on TCTF funds to be held on behalf of five courts.
- Funding Methodology Subcommittee: Considered allocation methodology for the \$47.8 million intended to equalize funding among courts.
- Revenue and Expenditure Subcommittee: Reviewed 2018–2019 request for allocations from the Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF) and adjustments to 2017–2018 allocations for Language Access Plan and Jury Management Program.

Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee

- Ratified facility modifications, reviewed the Superior Court of Orange County's request to apply for a hazard mitigation grant, and reviewed seismic renovation feasibility studies.

Tribal Court-State Court Forum

- Discussed Forum membership nominations, proposed remote access rules relevant to tribes, resources for peer courts, and development of tribal peer or youth courts.

Workload Assessment Advisory Committee

- Determined that the Resource Assessment Study model will retain the current work year value of 111,360 minutes. The value conforms with how other state agencies compute available work time, but a more detailed study will be conducted over the next year to confirm the value's accuracy.

Judicial Branch Education and Training

Summary

Judicial Education

1. California Environmental Quality Act Overview
2. Death Penalty Trials
3. Domestic Violence Judicial Institute
4. Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases
5. Evidence in Family Law: Frequently Occurring Issues and the Impact of *People v. Sanchez* on Expert Testimony
6. Family Law Orientation
7. Fundamentals of Felony Sentencing
8. Handling Sexual Assault Cases
9. Homicide Trials
10. Juvenile Delinquency Orientation
11. Negotiating the Fiduciary Fee Maze
12. New Judge Orientation
13. Pretrial Release Considerations After *Humphrey*
14. Probate Accountings: Common Problems and Solutions

Judicial Officer, Employee, and Stakeholder Education and Training Programs

15. ADA Training
16. Advanced Core 40: Court Management
17. Anticipating Predictable Barriers to Achieving Change
18. Appellate Judicial Attorneys Institute
19. California Access to Visitation Training
20. Child Support Directors Association Child Support Conference
21. Civil Default, Default Judgements, and Enforcement Documents
22. Communication Strategies for Leadership
23. Continuum of Care Reform
24. Court Clerks Training Institute
25. Family Court Services Directors Training and Regional Training
26. Indian Child Welfare Act Training

27. Interviewing Children – Probate Court Investigator Regional Education
28. Labor Relations Academy I and II
29. Parolee Reentry Court Webinar
30. Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers Court Management Institute
31. Preventing and Responding to Sexual Harassment
32. Purposes and Responsibilities of Courts
33. Revenue Distribution Training
34. Trial Court Judicial Attorneys Institute
35. Workforce Management

Distance Education

Video

36. Advanced Customer Service
37. Judicial Wellness and Self-Care
38. Managing a Diverse Workforce
39. Probate Investigations: An Overview for Clerks
40. Provisional Remedies
41. Recognizing and Protecting Yourself From Secondhand Trauma, for staff
42. Recognizing and Managing Secondhand Trauma, for managers and supervisors
43. Reporting Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse
44. Statements of Decision

Ten-Minute Mentor

45. Informal Discovery Conferences

Online Course

46. Guardians ad Litem

Podcasts

47. Dependency Legal Updates
48. The Unique Emotional Challenges of Being a Judge
49. Wheeler-Batson Motions: Fairness in Jury Selection

Webcasts

50. Commission on Judicial Appointments Hearing
51. Supreme Court Oral Arguments

Publications Updates

52. Civil Proceedings Bench Handbook: Before Trial
53. Handbook: Felony Sentencing
54. Benchguide 117: Juvenile Delinquency Transfer of Jurisdiction Hearing
55. Benchguide 202: Property Characterization and Division

Detail

Advanced Core 40: Court Management

Overcoming obstacles, building self-awareness, coaching, and conflict management.

Advanced Customer Service

Video exploring methods to assess what might be going on for the customer, when to listen versus when to be assertive, and when to seek help from a manager or supervisor.

Anticipating Predictable Barriers to Achieving Change

Participants discuss challenges and opportunities that arise when implementing changes.

Appellate Judicial Attorneys Institute

Updates on substantive law and procedure as well as a forum for refining skills and sharing innovative practices.

California Access to Visitation Training

Mandatory training attended by approximately 40 multidisciplinary organizational professionals.

California Environmental Quality Act Overview

Procedural and substantive framework for judges and court attorneys to analyze and efficiently deal with the issues presented by a challenge made under CEQA to the approval of a public or private project.

Child Support Directors Association Child Support Conference

Conference topics included best practices from child support professionals and workshops on implementing changes to the title IV-D child support program.

Civil Default, Default Judgments, and Enforcement Documents

One-day course preparing civil legal processing assistants to review and process requests for default, default judgments, and a variety of enforcement documents.

Communication Strategies for Leadership

Opportunities for peer interaction and instructor feedback on effective communication strategies for working with individuals and teams.

Continuum of Care Reform Regional Trainings

An overview of the requirements of extended foster care, the quality parenting initiative, and reproductive health rights.

Court Clerk Training Institute

Week-long institute includes courses on civil, juvenile, and traffic matters for courtroom and legal process clerks.

Death Penalty Trials

Two-day course for judges to become familiar with and keep up-to-date on issues that are most difficult, specialized, and likely to present a risk of mistrial or reversal.

Domestic Violence Judicial Institute

Includes interactive segments that focus on practical application and skills-building in handling key issues in domestic violence cases.

Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases

An overview for judges and subordinate judicial officers of evidentiary issues that commonly arise in civil and criminal cases.

Family Court Services Directors Training

Training on crime prevention and active shooter response, with the intent to identify and strengthen Family Court Services safety.

Family Court Services Regional Training

Day-long training for directors, mediators, and child custody recommending counselors on domestic violence matters with focus on cultural considerations, best practices and legal updates.

Family Law Orientation

Five-day course providing a comprehensive review of basic law and procedure necessary to handle family law matters in courts of various sizes.

Fundamentals of Felony Sentencing

Two-day course on sentencing issues from probation grants to Three Strikes, and newly passed Propositions 57 and 64.

Guardians ad Litem

Interactive module for family law personnel.

Handling Sexual Assault Cases

Two-day course on issues that arise in sex cases, including guiding a judge through a sexual assault trial from arraignment through sentencing and post-sentencing procedures.

Homicide Trials

Course for experienced trial court judges with a working knowledge of substantive homicide law on special circumstances that may present a risk of mistrial or reversal.

Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Trainings

- Trainings on the historical background and legal basis of the Act for graduate students in the Masters of Social Welfare program at San Francisco State University and the University of California at Berkeley.
- Facilitated the first annual Bay Area ICWA Symposium, including a panel on historical trauma. Also assisted with the Superior Court of Los Angeles County roundtable focusing on policy and education, and conducted an ICWA training for court clerks in Mendocino.

Informal Discovery Conferences

Video on conducting the Informal Discovery Conference as a valuable tool in streamlining discovery and the entire case management process.

Interviewing Children

This course provides Probate Court Investigators a toolkit for conducting productive interviews of children.

Judicial Wellness and Self-Care

Two-part video series on the neurology and physiology of stress, the sources and consequences of judicial stress, and practical solutions.

Juvenile Delinquency Orientation

Five-day course examining all aspects of juvenile delinquency law and procedure, including the philosophy that underlies delinquency law, applicable statutes, rules of court, and case law.

Labor Relations Academy I and II

Introduction to labor relations for court staff new to collective bargaining (Academy I) or for court staff experienced in labor relations (Academy II). Forty-six courts participated.

Managing a Diverse Workforce

Video course identifying the ways diversity is experienced in the workplace and common challenges that arise in such an environment.

Maximize Your Use of Appellate Court Case Management System

Webinar on how to navigate the case management system ACCMS and how to use the electronic documents.

Negotiating the Fiduciary Fee Maze

Webinar on fiduciary fees, including regional differences in fee orders and calculating a reasonable fee order for attorneys, trustees, and other personal representatives.

New Judge Orientation

One-week orientation program introducing new judges, commissioners, and referees to their judicial duties and familiarizing them with ethical responsibilities in ensuring fairness in all proceedings, promoting uniform court practices, and improving the administration of justice.

Parolee Reentry Court Webinar

Interactive webinar on program sustainability, successes and challenges, data collection, and future program activities.

Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers Court Management Institute

Three-day institute addressing current challenges facing the courts and individual and collective court governance and leadership responsibilities.

Preventing and Responding to Sexual Harassment

Webinar that meets mandated training for all court managers and supervisors.

Pretrial Release Considerations After *Humphrey*

One-day class offering a framework for hearing and ruling on pretrial detention issues after the *Humphrey* case.

Probate Accountings: Common Problems and Solutions

Webinar addressing common problems when dealing with accountings in probate court, such as balancing accounts, reporting on investments, clearing defects, and issue spotting.

Probate Investigations: An Overview for Clerks

Video introducing clerks to the guardianship and conservatorship investigation process.

Provisional Remedies

Video series on standards, procedures, and issues in provisional remedies: ex parte applications, writs of possession and attachment, preliminary injunctions, appointing receivers, and assignment orders.

Purposes and Responsibilities of Courts

Course providing historical and societal context for the development of the court system and the courts' ability to fulfill its purposes and responsibilities.

Recognizing and Protecting Yourself (Your Staff) From Secondhand Trauma

Videos designed for court staff to learn the most effective ways to guard against the negative effects of secondhand trauma at work or in their personal lives, (and for managers and supervisors to support staff).

Revenue Distribution Training

Training on statewide fine, fee, and assessment collection programs, including available resources for distribution calculations, research and analysis, and hands-on experience in revenue distribution based on test cases. Approximately 250 county and court employees participated.

Trial Court Judicial Attorneys Institute

Updates on substantive law and procedure, as well as a forum for refining skills and sharing innovative practices.

Workforce Management

Three-day course on developing positive employee relations, mentoring, and succession planning.

Youth Court Roundtable

More than 40 attendees participated in a roundtable on promising practices in youth courts, and truancy and discipline issues in school.

Staffing Metrics

As of April 30, 2018

					Leadership Services Division			Operations & Programs Division						Administrative Division					
STAFFING	Executive Office	Govern- mental Affairs	Public Affairs	Audit Services	Legal Services	Special Projects	Judicial Council and Trial Court Leadership	Center for Families Child. & Courts	Court Operation Services	Criminal Justice Services	Center for Judicial Educ. & Research	Information Technology	Appellate Court Services	Budget Services	Branch Account. & Procurement	Facilities Services	Human Resources	Conference & Print Production	Judicial Council
Authorized Position (FTE)	12.00	10.00	9.00	14.00	56.00	11.00	18.80	62.00	24.60	23.00	48.50	127.00	7.00	49.00	138.00	141.00	48.00	29.00	827.90
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	11.00	10.00	9.00	12.00	47.50	10.00	17.80	53.55	18.80	18.25	46.50	96.00	7.00	35.00	129.00	106.00	41.00	26.00	694.40
Headcount - Employees	12	10	9	12	48	10	18	54	18	19	47	96	7	37	129	106	41	26	699.00
Vacancy (FTE)	1.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	8.50	1.00	1.00	8.45	5.80	4.75	2.00	31.00	0.00	14.00	9.00	35.00	7.00	3.00	133.50
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	8.3%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	15.2%	9.1%	5.3%	13.6%	23.6%	20.7%	4.1%	24.4%	0.0%	28.6%	6.5%	24.8%	14.6%	10.3%	16.13%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	5.00
*Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	3	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	31.25	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.75
TOTAL WORKFORCE (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	12.00	10.00	9.00	12.00	47.50	10.00	17.80	53.55	19.30	18.25	46.50	127.25	7.00	35.00	136.00	110.00	44.00	26.00	741.15

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)	<p>The "909 category is the State Controller code used to reference a temporary position or a temporary employee.</p> <p>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).</p>
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	<p>Full time: Employee is scheduled to work 40 hours per week. Receives full benefits.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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 March Judicial Council meeting.

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled and Vacant as of **April 30, 2018**

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	6	1	0	6	1
Courts of Appeal	6	105	93	12	0	95	10
Superior Courts	58	1,732	1,617	65**	50*	1,623	109
All Courts	65	1,844	1,716	128		1,724	120

*Fifty new judgeships were authorized in January 2008 with the enactment of AB 159 (Chapter 722, Statutes of 2007), however, funding has not been provided.

Vacancies occurring in the current reporting month are highlighted below in yellow:

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: SUPREME COURT

	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Justice to be Replaced	Last Day in Office
California Supreme Court	1	Retirement	Hon. Kathryn Mickle Werdegar	08/31/17
TOTAL VACANCIES	1			

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: APPELLATE COURTS

Appellate District	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Justice to be Replaced	Last Day in Office
First Appellate District, Division Three	3	Retirement	Hon. William R. McGuiness	12/29/17
First Appellate District, Division Four		Retirement	Hon. Ignazio J. Ruvolo	03/31/18
First Appellate District, Division Four		Retirement	Hon. Maria P. Rivera	01/15/18
Second Appellate District, Division Three	4	Retirement	Hon. Richard D. Aldrich	06/30/17
Second Appellate District, Division Five		Deceased	Hon. Paul Turner	05/18/17
Second Appellate District, Division Seven		Retirement	Hon. Fred Woods	03/31/15
Second Appellate District, Division Eight		Retirement	Hon. Madeleine I. Flier	02/28/18
Third Appellate District	1	Retirement	Hon. George W. Nicholson	01/02/18
Fourth Appellate District, Division Two	1	Retirement	Hon. Thomas E. Hollenhorst	08/01/17
Fifth Appellate District	2	Deceased	Hon. Gene M. Gomes	03/06/18
Fifth Appellate District		Retirement	Hon. Stephen J. Kane	06/30/17
Sixth Appellate District	1	Elevated	Hon. Mary J. Greenwood	04/16/18
TOTAL VACANCIES	12			

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: SUPERIOR COURTS

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day in Office
Alameda	3	Retirement	Hon. Vernon K. Nakahara	04/09/18
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. George C. Hernandez, Jr.	01/12/18
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Alice Vilardi	10/06/17
Calaveras	1	Resigned	Hon. Grant V. Barrett	09/01/17
El Dorado	2	Retirement	Hon. James R. Wagoner	09/01/17
El Dorado		Retirement	Hon. Steven C. Bailey	08/31/17
Fresno	1	Retirement	Hon. Dale Ikeda	02/20/17
Humboldt	1	Retirement	Hon. John T. Feeney	02/28/18
Kern	2	Retirement	Hon. Sidney P. Chapin	02/15/18
Kern		Retirement	Hon. William D. Palmer	10/12/17
Los Angeles	22	Elevated	Hon. Helen Bendix	04/16/18
Los Angeles		Elevated	Hon. Carl H. Moor	04/16/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Michael M. Johnson	03/31/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Donna Fields Goldstein	03/28/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Marc R. Marmaro	03/26/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. William P. Barry	03/07/18
Los Angeles		Newly created position	Vacancy	03/07/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Christine C. Ewell	03/07/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Mark G. Nelson, Sr.	02/28/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Roy L. Paul	02/16/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. C. Edward Simpson	02/16/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Carol H. Rehm, Jr.	02/16/18
Los Angeles		Deceased	Hon. Ross M. Klein	02/06/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Lesley C. Green	02/05/18
Los Angeles		Elevated	Hon. Anne Harwood Egerton	12/27/17

Los Angeles		Newly created position	Vacancy	12/14/17
Los Angeles		Newly created position	Vacancy	12/14/17
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. David S. Wesley	08/31/17
Los Angeles		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		Retirement	Hon. Karen Joy Nudell	06/08/17
Merced	2	Retirement	Hon. Harry L. Jacobs	12/31/17
Merced		Retirement	Hon. Ronald W. Hansen	12/31/17
Orange	2	Retirement	Hon. Thierry Patrick Colaw	02/28/18
Orange		Elevated	Hon. Thomas M. Goethals	01/24/18
Riverside	4	Retirement	Hon. Helios (Joe) Hernandez II	03/02/18
Riverside		Retirement	Hon. James A. Cox	02/15/18
Riverside		Retirement	Hon. Gloria Connor Trask	12/01/17
Riverside		Newly created position	**Vacancy (transferred from Santa Clara)	09/18/17
Sacramento	3	Retirement	Hon. Marjorie Koller	04/16/18
Sacramento		Retirement	Hon. Raymond M. Cadei	02/20/18
Sacramento		Retirement	Hon. Cheryl Chun Meegan	08/12/17
San Bernardino	3	Deceased	Hon. Victor R. Stull	02/18/18
San Bernardino		Newly created position	**Vacancy (transferred from Alameda)	09/18/17
San Bernardino		Newly created position	**Vacancy (transferred from Alameda)	09/18/17

San Diego	3	Retirement	Hon. Lisa Schall	02/15/18
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. David J. Daniels	12/30/17
San Diego		Elevated	Hon. Patricia Guerrero	12/13/17
San Francisco	3	Retirement	Hon. Donald S. Mitchell	03/21/18
San Francisco		Retirement	Hon. Nancy L. Davis	09/20/17
San Francisco		Retirement	Hon. Ksenia Tsenin	07/10/17
San Joaquin	1	Retirement	Hon. David P. Warner	02/12/18
San Luis Obispo	1	Retirement	Hon. Barry T. LaBarbera	03/30/18
Santa Clara	5	Elevated	Hon. Mary J. Greenwood	01/24/18
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. William J. Elfving	12/16/17
Santa Clara		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
Solano	3	Retirement	Hon. Paul Lloyd Beeman	03/05/18
Solano		Retirement	Hon. Harry S. Kinnicutt	02/28/18
Solano		Retirement	Hon. Garry T. Ichikawa	01/12/18
Trinity	1	Retirement	Hon. Elizabeth W. Johnson	01/18/18
Tulare	1	Retirement	Hon. James W. Hollman	07/31/17
Yolo	1	Retirement	Hon. Steven M. Basha	01/21/18
TOTAL VACANCIES	65			

AB 159 JUDGE ALLOCATION LIST		
Judgeship Type and Status	Number Authorized	List of Judgeships by Current Allocation
Authorized, but not funded or filled (AB 159)	50	Please see: http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/jc-20141212-itemT.pdf

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled and Vacant as of the End of Each Month: From April 2016 through April
2018 (two years)*

Superior Courts					Courts of Appeal			
Month	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
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%
Sep-17	1,732	1,584	148	8.5%	105	94	11	10.5%
Oct-17	1,732	1,584	152	8.8%	105	94	11	10.5%
Nov-17	1,732	1,613	119	6.9%	105	96	9	8.6%
Dec-17	1,732	1,630	102	5.9%	105	95	10	9.5%
Jan-18	1,732	1,621	111	6.4%	105	94	11	10.5%
Feb-18	1,732	1,632	100	5.8%	105	97	8	7.6%
Mar-18	1,732	1,623	109	6.3%	105	95	10	9.5%
Apr-18	1,732	1,617	115	6.6%	105	93	12	11.4%

* As of February 27, 2018

Note: Growth in number of Authorized Judgeships reflects SJO conversions. Since 2007, 136 SJO positions have been converted to judgeships.

Percent of Judgeships Vacant Between April 2016 and April 2018 in the Superior Courts

