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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 July meeting and is exclusive of issues on the September business meeting agenda.

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Advisory Body Appointments

At the end of the nominations cycle, the Chief Justice made and council staff coordinated 175 appointments to 28 Judicial Council advisory committees, effective September 15, 2018.

Judicial Council-Sponsored Legislation

Assembly Bill 2710 (Obernolte) and Assembly Bill 2532 (Jones-Sawyer), Judicial Council-sponsored bills, were signed into law by the Governor. AB 2710 promotes procedural efficiencies by streamlining and modernizing the warrant process, and AB 2532 provides a uniform rate for converting infraction fines to community service. The latest status of sponsored bills is posted on the California Courts website at: [2018 Legislative Status Chart](#).

Labor and Employee Relations

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 17 trial courts, at their request. Services included advice on proposed policy revisions, decertification, and successor memoranda of understanding negotiations. Additionally, support was provided on 14 different labor and employee-related matters.

Language Access Services

- *Court Interpreters Program:* Five examinations were held for more than 350 candidates in several certified languages including Arabic, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Farsi, Punjabi, Portuguese, Russian, Vietnamese, and Japanese.
- *Video Remote Interpreting:* The pilot program concluded in the three superior courts and special demonstrations were held at the Superior Court of Sacramento County. Assembly Member Richard Bloom, Legislative Analyst's Office staff, Department of Finance staff, and interested presiding judges and court executive officers attended. Following an assessment of the pilot program, a final report and recommendations will be presented to the council in March 2019.

State-Tribal Joint Jurisdictional Court Opening

The Superior Court of Humboldt County and the Yurok Tribal Court opened a joint jurisdictional court for families involved in juvenile dependency. This collaborative project is supported by a court innovations grant and may serve as a model for other dual-jurisdiction courts. The Yurok Tribe is the largest in California with a population of almost 7,000 people.

Self-Assessment for Court Compliance

Self-assessment checklists have been made available to superior courts to evaluate court compliance with council policies in areas such as cash handling and payment processing.

Judicial Council Visitors Program

A delegation of international judges and mediators from eight countries (Cyprus, Estonia, Japan, Krygz Republic, Lebanon, Pakistan, Taiwan, and Uzbekistan) visited the Judicial Council to learn about court-related alternative dispute resolution (ADR) through the UC Hastings College of the Law, International Court ADR Institute.

Court Facilities Maintenance and Management

- Facility modifications as of September 5, 2018:

Status	Number of Modifications	Estimated Cost
Awaiting Shared Cost	6	\$9,588,103
In Design	46	\$6,504,505
In Work	773	\$154,552,2
Total	825	\$170,644,842

- Fifty-three real estate transactions were completed, including three lease renewals for the Superior Court of Mariposa County; 15 license terminations, including BuzzFeed, Inc. at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse and California Dining Services at the Chatsworth Courthouse in Los Angeles County, and 34 short-term event licenses.

Local Court Assistance

Judicial Council staff provide daily assistance to courts on a multitude of judicial administration issues. Examples include:

- File reviews were conducted at the juvenile courts in El Dorado and Stanislaus Counties to identify any issues and training needs relative to maintaining federal foster care funding.
- In-person and remote technical assistance was provided to Superior Courts of Amador, Kings, San Diego, and San Bernardino Counties on Judicial Branch Statistical Information System reporting.

Advisory Bodies

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

1. Advisory Committee for Audits and Financial Accountability
2. Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight Advisory Committee
3. Bench-Bar Coalition
4. Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
5. Collaborative Courts Advisory Committee
6. Court Executives Advisory Committee
7. Court Facilities Advisory Committee
8. Criminal Law Advisory Committee
9. Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
10. Futures Traffic Working Group
11. Governing Committee of the Center for Judicial Education and Research
12. Information Technology Advisory Committee
13. Interpreter Act Working Group
14. Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee
15. Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

16. Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
17. Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee
18. Workload Assessment Advisory Committee

Meeting Details

Advisory Committee for Audits and Financial Accountability

- Approved a process whereby new court executives may request a shortened review of their court outside of the normal audit process, based on the court's prior completion of self-assessment checklists.

Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight Advisory Committee

- Conducted a quarterly review of court appointed counsel program cases and reviewed data analysis reports that cover the audit pool, case length, out of contact cases, brief length, direct case assistance, cost per page, and other parameters.

Bench-Bar Coalition

- Confirmed new executive committee members: Mr. James O. Heiting, Cochair; Hon. Paul Bacigalupo, Member-at-Large; and Ms. Beti Tsai Bergman, Member-at-Large.
- Annual meeting: More than 75 members attended the meeting, which included a welcome by the Chief Justice, service awards to leadership of the California Judges Association and the Bench-Bar Coalition, a discussion on advocacy, and a presentation on court technology trends.

Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee

- Acted on rules and forms that have been circulated for comment to implement recently enacted law authorizing confidentiality of certain information regarding minors relating to protective orders.
- Finalized a legislative proposal to circulate for comment to further recommendations made by the Futures Commission relating to discovery in civil cases.

Collaborative Courts Advisory Committee

- Discussed AB 1810 and SB 215 regarding mental health diversion, and collaborative court responses to the opioid crisis, including medically assisted treatment.
- *Juvenile Subcommittee*: Discussed implementing services to assist homeless youth, educational issues in juvenile court, and increasing awareness of the youth court project.

Court Executives Advisory Committee

- Approved the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System Dispute Resolution Process with amendments, received an overview of grant contracting processes, discussed remote case access and identity management, received updates concerning *Dynamex Operations West, Inc. v. Superior Court of Los Angeles*, the Interpreter Payment Policy Working Group, and viewed a presentation on the draft Self-Help Assessment Tool.

- *Ad Hoc Working Group on SB 384 Implementation*: California Department of Justice conducted stakeholder meetings to discuss registrant termination requirements.
- *Judicial Branch Statistical Information System Subcommittee*: Discussed implementation of revised reporting standards, the updated manual, and proposed standards for data quality, data amendments, and dispute resolution.
- *Joint Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee (TCPJAC)/Court Executives Advisory Committee (CEAC) Statewide meeting*: Discussed the results of the court data analytics business need and demand survey, viewed a demonstration of the California Court Access App, and received updates on the Assigned Judges Program, the Courthouse Construction Program, self-represented litigants related initiatives, and innovations grant projects.
- *Joint TCPJAC/CEAC Legislation Subcommittee*: Reviewed seven bills, including AB 2185 (Chiu) Civil actions: party names; AB 1793 (Bonta) Cannabis convictions: resentencing; and AB 2988 (Weber) Criminal procedure: disposition of evidence.
- *Joint TCPJAC/CEAC Emergency Response Workgroup*: Created a resource page for the Judicial Resource Network on emergency situations, and finalized draft rule proposal comments.
- *Joint TCPJAC/CEAC Working Group to Assess Issues Related to Body Cameras Worn by Law Enforcement*: Developed a new resource page on policies governing body cameras for courts.

Court Facilities Advisory Committee

- Discussed methodology development for capital-outlay plan reassessment criteria required by SB 847 (2018 Budget Act Trailer Bill).

Criminal Law Advisory Committee

- Discussed proposed legislation, including AB 1065 (Jones-Sawyer) Theft: aggregation: organized retail theft; SB 349 (Lara) Courthouses: privilege from civil arrest; SB 1437 (Skinner) Felony murder rule.

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee

- Discussed vacatur of convictions related to human trafficking, preservation of extended foster care eligibility, protecting information of persons under 18, and allocation of Court Appointed Special Advocate programming augmentation in fiscal year 2018–19.
- *Violence Against Women Education Project Subcommittee*: Discussed grant objectives, self-help center funding for trial courts, and program development in the areas of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, and human trafficking.
- *AB 1058 Funding Allocation Joint Subcommittee*: Recommended implementing a new funding model following the format of the Workload Allocation Funding Methodology (including a five percent cap on any increases or decreases, maintaining current funding of Cluster 1 courts and shared services courts), and no change in funding for the Family Law Facilitator program pending analysis of the impact of the new self-help funding.

Futures Traffic Working Group

- Reviewed recommendations for moving traffic infraction cases to a civil model and expanding online adjudication options, received a presentation by the California District Attorneys Association on a prosecutorial perspective of the model, and discussed input from the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee on how the model will impact juveniles.

Governing Committee of the Center for Judicial Education and Research

- Approved the Judicial College Steering Committee membership.
- Discussed the 2018–2020 Education Implementation Plan, distance delivery design for the Preventing and Responding to Sexual Harassment webinar, and development, support and succession planning for faculty.

Information Technology Advisory Committee

- Discussed progress on the Strategic Plan Workstream’s update to the plan, initiatives that may be continued or removed from the Tactical Plan, reviewed final quarterly reports on technology initiatives of the Futures Commission directives, and considered proposed updates to the Judicial Branch Information Security Framework.

Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee

- Discussed plans for the 2019 annual agenda, and proposed amendments to AB 2185 (Chiu), which provides for appointment of a guardian ad litem under a pseudonym in specific circumstances.

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Finalized the *Funding Methodology Subcommittee* workplan.
- Recommended allocation methodologies for the \$75 million in new funding, self-help, one-time reduction for fund balances above the one percent reserve cap, and discussed the interpreter funding shortfall.

Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee

- Agreed to defer cancelation of the flood protection project for the Solano Hall of Justice and directed staff to submit it as a scope change for the October committee meeting.

Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee

- Received an update on trailer bill language in AB 1810 regarding mental health diversion, and discussed how the bill impacts current criminal court practices.
- Discussed best practices for creating and retaining records of presiding judges, specifically those concerning complaints about judicial officers.
- Conducted a roundtable to discuss examples of handling difficult conversations with judges.

Workload Assessment Advisory Committee

- Received an update about the judicial workload study and heard informational items about assessing the workload need for court reporters in family law.

Summary

Judicial Education

1. B. E. Witkin Judicial College
2. Dependency Training
3. New Appellate Justices Orientation
4. New Judge Orientation
5. Qualifying Judicial Ethics Core Course

Court Employee Education and Training Programs

6. Advanced DMV Reporting
7. Appellate Management Institute
8. Budget and Fiscal Management (Institute for Court Management)
9. California Access to Visitation Grant Program Training
10. Core 40—Basic Training for Supervisors
11. Core Leadership and Training Skills
12. Family Court Services Trainings
13. Indian Child Welfare Act and Service Provider Training
14. Security and Emergency Training Services
15. Self-Help/Family Law Conference
16. Veterans and Military Families Summit
17. Visioning and Strategic Planning (Institute for Court Management)

Distance Education

Video

18. Becoming an Effective One-on-One Trainer
19. Court Personnel: Civil Harassment Restraining Orders
20. Insurance Issues
21. Jury Voir Dire in Criminal Cases
22. *Mendez et al. v Westminster School District of Orange County et al.*: Forbidden, Barred and Excluded
23. Setting Up New Employees for Success
24. What Judges Need to Know About Substance Abuse

Ten Minute Mentors

25. Domestic and Qualified Domestic Relations Orders
26. Family Finding and Relative Placement for Children Entering and in Foster Care
27. Marital Property Issues After Death of a Spouse
28. Spousal Property Petitions

Webinars

29. Statements of Decision

- 30. Judicial Wellness and Self Care Webinar Series
- 31. Workers' Compensation Ergonomic Risk Factors for the Courtroom Reporter

Podcasts

- 32. Juvenile Justice Legal Update: Probation Conditions, DNA Testing, and Vandalism
- 33. SCOTUS Update (4 episodes)

Publications Updates

- 34. Revised Benchguide: Misdemeanor Sentencing
- 35. Revised Benchbook: Domestic Violence Cases in Criminal Court

Details

Appellate Management Institute

Topics included best practices for effective workplace interventions, hiring, ethical responsibilities of court leaders, managing procurement effectively, and implicit bias.

B. E. Witkin Judicial College of California

One hundred and two judicial officers completed this year's college. Plenary sessions included: Making an Effective Record; Trials; Evidence; Experts 101; Domestic Violence; Ethics and Fairness; and Mental Health and Substance Abuse. The Chief Justice addressed participants, and council members—Associate Justice Ming Chin, Judge Marla Anderson, and Judge David Rubin—participated in a panel presentation on becoming a citizen of the judicial branch.

Becoming an Effective One-on-One Trainer

Designed for leads and those who trains others, this course includes making the most of limited preparation and training time, using a variety of teaching approaches, and evaluating success.

Budget and Fiscal Management (Institute for Court Management)

Designed for court professionals with varying levels of involvement with court budget, this course defines the building blocks of finance and explains how to plan, prepare, review, present, execute, and monitor a budget.

California Access to Visitation Grant Program Training

Twenty-five hours of education for statewide providers of supervised visitation on the Uniform Standards of Practice.

Core Leadership and Training Skills

Three-day class for clerks in a lead role to build and improve their leadership and training skills while interacting with peers from other counties.

Dependency Training

Continuum of Care Reform training for the Superior Court of Los Angeles County's juvenile dependency judges.

Family Court Services Trainings

Trainings include safety/security presentations, updates on Court Innovation Grants activities related to family courts, family law and domestic violence legal updates, domestic violence matters related to cultural and gender considerations, and the batterer intervention program.

Indian Child Welfare Act and Service Provider Training

Training for Los Angeles County foster family agencies, group home staff, and Statewide Transitional Residential Program staff on the Act.

Insurance Issues

Overviews of typical insurance coverage issues, including the duty to defend, property and liability insurance, untimely tender, trigger of coverage, and reinsurance and captive insurance.

Judicial Wellness and Self Care Webinar Series

For judges in various assignments, this series provided evidence-based practices and practical solutions to assist with difficult decisions, recognizing and reducing chronic stress, and methods to support personal wellness.

Marital Property Issues After Death of a Spouse

This *Ten-Minute Mentor* video discusses the types of marital property, how it passes to survivors, and recent developments and undecided issues.

***Mendez et al. v Westminster School District of Orange County et al.*: Forbidden, Barred and Excluded**

Exploration of the *Mendez* desegregation case and its continued relevance for California courts today.

Security and Emergency Training

- Yurok Tribe: Security topics for judges and court staff.
- Superior Court of Santa Clara County: Judicial officer safety for bench officers.
- Superior Court of San Diego County: Security for family and community court services.

Self-Help/Family Law Conference

Co-sponsored with the Legal Aid Association of California, this annual conference hosted more than 230 participants, including self-help center attorneys, interpreters, managers, and other professionals. The agenda included user-centered design, mediation techniques, technology, and innovative service provision techniques.

SCOTUS Update

This four episode podcast offers a recap of the United States Supreme Court's 2017 term, including decisions regarding criminal procedure and criminal law, free speech, immigration, federalism, and voting.

Statements of Decision

Webinar on practical approaches to preparing a statement of decision and integrating the process into the closing phases of a bench trial.

Veterans and Military Families Summit

The Judicial Council co-hosted a Veterans and Military Families Summit in conjunction with the Collaborative Courts Association's Annual Conference. Topics included trauma and evidence-based treatment in collaborative courts, leveraging state and county resources, and increased use of data.

Visioning and Strategic Planning (Institute for Court Management)

This course discusses theory, practice, models, and methods for creating an effective organization.

Staffing Metrics

As of August 30, 2018

STAFFING	Leadership Services Division							Operations & Programs Division					Administrative Division				Judicial Council
	Executive Office	Governmental Affairs	Public Affairs	Audit Services	Legal Services	Leadership Support Services	Center for Families, Children and the Courts	Court Operations Services	Criminal Justice Services	Center for Judicial Education & Research	Information Technology	Appellate Court Services	Budget Services	Branch Accounting & Procurement	Facilities Services	Human Resources	
Authorized Position (FTE)	12.00	10.00	9.00	14.00	56.00	57.80	64.00	27.60	24.00	48.50	139.00	7.00	46.00	137.00	142.00	51.00	844.90
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	11.00	9.00	9.00	13.00	45.40	53.30	55.55	20.80	19.00	44.50	98.00	6.00	35.00	127.00	107.00	40.00	693.55
Headcount - Employees	11	9	9	13	46	54	56	22	20	45	98	6	35	126	107	40	697.00
Vacancy (FTE)	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	10.60	4.50	8.45	6.80	5.00	4.00	41.00	1.00	11.00	10.00	35.00	11.00	151.35
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	8.3%	10.0%	0.0%	7.1%	18.9%	7.8%	13.2%	24.6%	20.8%	8.2%	29.5%	14.3%	23.9%	7.3%	24.6%	21.6%	17.91%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	5.00
*Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	2	9.00
Contractors (FTE)	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	31.75
TOTAL WORKFORCE (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	13.00	9.00	9.00	13.00	45.40	53.30	55.55	21.30	19.00	44.50	130.25	6.00	36.00	134.00	108.00	42.00	739.30

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 18 judicial appointments since the July Judicial Council meeting: Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Four (1); Second Appellate District, Division Three (1); Second Appellate District, Division Four (1); Second Appellate District, Division Five (1); Second Appellate District, Division Eight (1); Fourth Appellate District, Division Two (1); Superior Courts: Los Angeles (2); Orange (1); Placer (1); Riverside (2); San Bernardino (1); San Diego (1); San Francisco (1); San Mateo (1); Stanislaus (1); and Ventura (1) Counties.

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled and Vacant as of **August 31, 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	100	5	0	101	4
Superior Courts	58	1,732	1,618	64	50*	1,633	99
All Courts	65	1,844	1,724	120		1,740	104

*50 new judgeships were authorized (but not funded) in 2008 with the enactment of AB 159 (Chapter 722, Statutes of 2007); funding was provided for two of the judgeships in the 2018 Budget Act.

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	2	Elevated	Hon. Peter J. Siggins	07/25/18
First Appellate District, Division Four		Retirement	Hon. Ignazio J. Ruvo	03/31/18
Second Appellate District, Division Four	2	Elevated	Hon. Nora M. Manella	08/22/18
Second Appellate District, Division Five		Deceased	Hon. Paul Turner	05/18/17
Third Appellate District	1	Retirement	Hon. George W. Nicholson	01/02/18
TOTAL VACANCIES	5			

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: SUPERIOR COURTS

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day in Office
Alameda	3	Elevated	Hon. Alison M. Tucher	08/22/18
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Jeffrey W. Horner	07/26/18
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Vernon K. Nakahara	04/09/18
Contra Costa	2	Retirement	Hon. Barry P. Goode	06/29/18
Contra Costa		Retirement	Hon. Bruce Clayton Mills	05/30/18
El Dorado	2	Retirement	Hon. James R. Wagoner	09/01/17
El Dorado		Retirement	Hon. Steven C. Bailey	08/31/17
Fresno	2	Elevated	Hon. Mark Wood Snauffer	07/25/18
Fresno		Retirement	Hon. Dale Ikeda	02/20/17
Glenn	1	Retirement	Hon. Peter B. Twede	06/30/18
Imperial	1	Resigned	Hon. Ruth Bermudez Montenegro	08/14/18
Kern	1	Retirement	Hon. Sidney P. Chapin	02/15/18
Kings	1	Elevated	Hon. Thomas DeSantos	07/25/18

Los Angeles	23	Elevated	Hon. Maria E. Stratton	08/22/18
Los Angeles		Elevated	Hon. Michael J. Raphael	08/22/18
Los Angeles		Elevated	Hon. Halim Dhanidina	08/22/18
Los Angeles		Elevated	Hon. Dorothy C. Kim	08/22/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Mary Thornton House	08/20/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Howard L. Halm	08/15/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Robert Leslie Hess	08/13/18
Los Angeles		Deceased	Hon. Sandra Ann Thompson	08/08/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Lloyd C. Loomis	08/01/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Hank Goldberg	07/30/18
Los Angeles		Elevated	Hon. Gail Ruderman Feuer	07/29/18
Los Angeles		Newly created position	Vacancy	06/21/18
Los Angeles		Newly created position	Vacancy	06/21/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. James R. Brandlin	06/01/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Patrick A. Cathcart	05/15/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Kenji Machida	05/04/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Robert M. Martinez	05/02/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Donna Fields Goldstein	03/28/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Marc R. Marmaro	03/26/18
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. 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. Carol H. Rehm, Jr.	02/16/18
Madera	1	Retirement	Hon. Charles A. Wieland	08/31/18
Merced	2	Retirement	Hon. Harry L. Jacobs	12/31/17
Merced		Retirement	Hon. Ronald W. Hansen	12/31/17
Riverside	2	Retirement	Hon. Charles E. Stafford, Jr.	05/01/18

Riverside		Retirement	Hon. Helios (Joe) Hernandez II	03/02/18
Sacramento	4	Retirement	Hon. Timothy M. Frawley	08/14/18
Sacramento		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	1	Deceased	Hon. Victor R. Stull	02/18/18
San Diego	3	Retirement	Hon. Kerry Wells	07/12/18
San Diego		Newly created position	Vacancy	06/21/18
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Lisa Schall	02/15/18
San Francisco	2	Retirement	Hon. Ronald Evans Quidachay	06/26/18
San Francisco		Retirement	Hon. Donald S. Mitchell	03/21/18
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	6	Elevated	Hon. Allison M. Danner	07/25/18
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Aaron Persky	07/05/18
Santa Clara		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
Solano	3	Retirement	Hon. Peter B. Foor	06/29/18
Solano		Retirement	Hon. Cynda Riggins Unger	04/30/18
Solano		Retirement	Hon. Paul Lloyd Beeman	03/05/18
Ventura	1	Retirement	Hon. Brian John Back	04/30/18
Yolo	1	Retirement	Hon. Steven M. Basha	01/21/18
TOTAL VACANCIES	64			

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

	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
Month	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
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%
May-18	1,732	1,608	124	7.2%	105	93	12	11.4%
Jun-18	1,732	1,627	105	6.1%	105	97	8	7.6%
Jul-18	1,732	1,633	99	5.7%	105	101	4	3.8%
Aug-18	1,732	1,618	114	6.6%	105	100	5	4.8%

* As of September 4, 2018.

Note: Growth in number of Authorized Judgeships reflects SJO conversions.

Since 2007, 145 SJO positions have been converted to judgeships.

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

