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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Report to the Legislature: 2018–19 Fee
Revenues and Expenditures for Court
Reporter Services in Superior Court Civil
Proceedings

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Executive Summary

Government Code section 68086(f) requires that the Judicial Council annually report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee information concerning court reporter fees collected under Government Code sections 68086(a)(1)–(2), and 68086.1; and expenditures on court reporter services in superior court civil proceedings statewide. To comply with the statute, the Judicial Council staff submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee on February 1, 2020, the *Report of Court Reporter Fees Collected and Expenditures for Court Reporter Services in Superior Court Civil Proceedings for 2018–19*.

Relevant Previous Council Action

The report on trial court reporter fees collected and expenditures for court reporter services in superior court civil proceedings has been required and submitted under Government Code section 68086(f) since 2003–04 and has been provided as an information-only item to the Judicial Council. Legislative reports can be found at <https://www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm>.

Analysis/Rationale

The legislative report provides actual court reporter fees in the amount of \$23,390,386 that were collected in 2018–19 and remitted to the Trial Court Trust Fund as required by Government Code sections 68086(a)(1)–(2) and 68086.1.

In 2018–19, the estimated amount spent for the services of court reporters in superior court civil proceedings was \$74,884,045. The expenditure amount is an estimate because most courts do not track the time court reporters spend in proceedings by case categories.

The estimate of \$74,884,045 was made by multiplying the sum of total 2018–19 budgeted salaries and benefits for all filled court reporter employee positions as of July 1, 2018 (\$211,889,733), and total 2018–19 expenditures on contract court reporters (\$5,165,471) by 34.5 percent, which is the estimated proportion of time court reporters spend on civil cases (civil, probate, mental health, guardianship, and family) versus all cases.

Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications

Submission of this mandated report to the Legislature imposes no fiscal impact or policy implications on the trial courts.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: *Report of Court Reporter Fees Collected and Expenditures for Court Reporter Services in Superior Court Civil Proceedings for 2018–19*



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*Re: Report of Court Reporter Fees Collected and Expenditures for Court
Reporter Services in Superior Court Civil Proceedings for 2018–19, as
required under Government Code section 68086(f)*

Dear Senator Mitchell and Assembly Member Ting:

Pursuant to the requirements under Government Code section 68086(f), the Judicial Council submits the report on court reporter fees collected and expenditures for court reporter services in 2018–19.

In 2018–19, fees in the amount of \$23,390,386 were collected and remitted to the Trial Court Trust Fund as required by Government Code sections 68086(a)(1)–(2) and 68086.1. The total amount spent for the services of court reporters in superior court civil proceedings was \$74,884,045. Details of remitted funds and total amount spent is provided in the following:

- Government Code section 68086(a)(1), fees in the amount of \$3,954,659 were paid by parties for the services of an official court reporter in each civil proceeding lasting under one hour.

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- Under Government Code section 68086(a)(2), fees in the amount of \$3,125,569 were paid by parties for the services of an official court reporter in each civil proceeding lasting one hour or more on the first day and each succeeding judicial day that services were provided.
- Fees in the amount of \$16,310,158 were required to be deposited in the Trial Court Trust Fund by Government Code section 68086.1 from the following:
 - First paper filings and responses for superior court civil proceedings, other than proceedings under the Probate Code, in the superior court where the amount demanded are more than \$10,000;
 - Family law filings and responses; and
 - Marriage dissolution filings and responses.

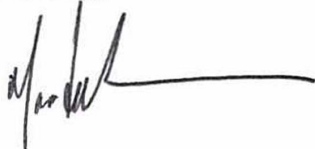
This amount reflects the distribution to the Trial Court Trust Fund from total revenues collected for first paper, family law, and marriage dissolution filings and responses from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019.

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If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Deputy Director, Judicial Council Budget Services, at 916-263-1397 or Zlatko.Theodorovic@jud.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Martin Hoshino', followed by a long horizontal line.

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