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Executive Summary

The following information outlines some of the many activities staff are 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 September meeting and is exclusive of issues on the November business meeting agenda.

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Court Emergency Order Requests

A total of 328 court-requested emergency orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic have been requested and approved since the state of emergency was declared in March. As of November 9, 2020, 20 courts are operating with active emergency orders. A [directory](#) of the emergency orders approved by the Chief Justice is posted on the California Courts public website.

New Online Resource on Evictions

The Judicial Council launched a new webpage on the California Courts public website with information on recent eviction legislation and checklists to guide both tenants and landlords. The webpage supplements information on the self-help website. The link was sent to more than 100 self-help centers staffed by attorneys and others in or near California courthouses tasked with helping litigants without attorneys navigate their cases. Many courts have launched live chat online self-help services in the wake of the pandemic. The webpage can be found at courts.ca.gov/44660.htm.

Budget Advocacy

Five budget change proposals for fiscal year 2021–22 were submitted to the State Department of Finance for recently enacted legislation: Assembly Bill (AB) 3088 (tenant, homeowner, and small landlord relief), AB 3070 (changes to jury selection and preemptory challenges), AB 3234 (court initiated misdemeanor program), AB 2731 (California Environmental Quality Act, City of San Diego, Old Town Center redevelopment), and AB 2542 (Racial Justice Act of 2020).

Cybersecurity Awareness

In October, Cybersecurity Awareness Month was promoted with the courts through weekly articles, tip sheets, security awareness videos, and education sessions for court employees on topics including phishing, ransomware, social engineering, threat management, working from home, and online security for children and the elderly.

Ability to Pay: Traffic Fines

An agreement was finalized with a behavioral science research firm to study the MyCitations system and associated court outreach to qualified litigants requesting an ability to pay determination. This project, to be completed in March 2021, will assist in improving the design of outreach materials and the electronic court order emailed to litigants after their online determination is complete.

Digitizing Court Records

The Judicial Council, in collaboration with 11 courts, completed agreements with five vendors for use by all judicial branch entities in digitizing judicial branch records from paper, microfiche, and microfilm media.

Appellate Document Management System

The Supreme Court joined the six Courts of Appeal in transitioning to the Appellate Document Management System that serves as the repository for appellate case electronic documents. The solution fulfills the requirements of the appellate courts to capture, store, manage, share, and deliver content in a digital format. Approximately 4.4 million documents have been migrated to the new document management system.

Labor and Employee Relations

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 20 trial courts on 25 matters. Services included side letter and successor memoranda of understanding negotiations. Additionally, support was provided on 22 labor and employee-related matters, including creating policies to address COVID-19 concerns, adding furlough language to contracts, and advising on employee pay and timekeeping.

Facilities

- Court facility modifications as of November 1, 2020:

<i>Status</i>	<i>Number of Modifications</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
Awaiting Shared Cost	3	\$3,033,659
In Design	32	\$9,605,982
In Work	443	\$264,104,640
Total	478	\$276,744,281

- Thirteen real estate transactions were completed, including a new lease in Kern County; expense lease renewals in Inyo and Merced Counties; revenue license renewal and a new temporary jury assembly space license in San Bernardino County; and temporary jury assembly space license renewals in Merced, Sonoma, and Tuolumne Counties.

Collaboration with Justice Partners

Meetings with justice partners are taking place on an ongoing basis to build and maintain effective partnerships in furthering Judicial Council strategic goals and improving programs and services for the benefit of the public. Examples include:

- *California Access to Justice Commission*: The Commission discussed issues related to housing and self-represented litigants in the courts.
- *Council of State Treatment Coordinators*: The two-day convening of treatment coordinators discussed national funding priorities, recent collaborative court research findings, and innovative responses to COVID-19 in collaborative courts.
- *California Lawyers Association Bar Leaders*: Staff presented 2019 judicial demographics and the Pathways to Achieving Judicial Diversity toolkit to association leaders.
- *Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors Legal Services Committee*: Staff presented the evaluation of the Shriver Civil Counsel Pilot Project to the committee.
- *California Department of Child Support Services/Judicial Branch Stakeholders*: The meeting included updates on the status of pending legislation affecting the child support program, and possible revisions to Judicial Council child support forms.
- *Tribal Justice Collaborative's 9th Annual Southern California Judges' Event*: Staff facilitated a webinar to discuss issues and solutions to COVID-19 practice changes.

Appellate Court Services

Support was provided for meetings of the Appellate Court Clerks' Association, which included discussion on returning employees to the workplace, COVID-19 legal updates, document fees, and California Rule of Court 8.83: Public Access.

Advisory Bodies

Judicial Council advisory bodies focusing on the following areas of judicial administration have convened remotely since the council's September meeting.

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| 1. Access and Fairness | 11. Family and Juvenile Law |
| 2. Administrative Presiding Justices | 12. Information Technology |
| 3. Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight | 13. Probate and Mental Health |
| 4. Civil and Small Claims | 14. Proposition 66 (Death Penalty) |
| 5. Collaborative Justice Courts | 15. Traffic |
| 6. Court Executives | 16. Trial Court Budget |
| 7. Court Facilities | 17. Trial Court Presiding Judges |
| 8. Court Interpreters | 18. Tribal Court–State Court |
| 9. Court Security | |
| 10. Criminal Jury Instructions | |

Meeting Details

Administrative Presiding Justices Advisory Committee

- Received updates on the appellate courts' budget, security, and education.

Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness

- Discussed recommendations for the fiscal year 2020–21 Signage and Technology Grant Program, development of recommendations and strategies to assist courts and service providers with implementation of Rule 1.300 (language access in court-ordered services), updates to the Judicial Diversity Toolkit, and the Self-Represented Litigants E-Portal.

Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee

- Considered final recommendations on new and revised unlawful detainer forms to implement AB 3088 (COVID-19 Tenant Relieve Act of 2020).

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee

- Discussed the annual agenda process, legislative proposals related to collaborative justice and mental health, and received updates on how collaborative courts are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- *Mental Health Subcommittee*: Discussed the initial work of the adhoc workgroups in identifying issues related to Covid-19 and other urgent needs impacting court responses to people with mental illnesses.

Court Executives Advisory Committee

- *Executive Committee*: Received updates regarding the budget forecast for fiscal year 2021–22, guidelines regarding facilities costs between the Judicial Council and the trial courts, temporary social distancing reimbursement, and the Asbestos Survey Database.

- *Judicial Branch Statistical Information System Subcommittee*: Discussed data elements collected for mental health and probate cases and the impact of Senate Bill (SB) 384 (Sex offenders: registration: criminal offender record information systems) on reporting.

Court Facilities Advisory Committee

- Approved the final draft of the update to the *California Trial Court Facilities Standards*.

Court Interpreters Advisory Panel

- *Language Access Subcommittee*: Discussed the Language Access Plan recommendation (No. 75) to develop a policy/rule to address requests by limited English proficient court users to waive the services of an interpreter.

Court Security Advisory Committee

- Approved proposed projects for the Security Systems Program that refreshes, maintains, replaces, improves, and installs electronic security equipment and systems in trial courts.

Criminal Jury Instructions Advisory Committee

- Reviewed proposed revisions to criminal jury instructions based on recent case law and user suggestions.
- Considered adding two new instructions regarding pre-deliberation instruction for death penalty cases and the offense of making or possessing counterfeiting equipment.

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee

- Discussed final recommendations for funding of new Access to Visitation Program grants and midyear reallocation funding for existing grant recipients.

Information Technology Advisory Committee

- Received updates from the Data Analytics Workstream, Digital Evidence Workstream, and Tactical Plan Workstream, and heard a final presentation on voice-to-text language services outside of the courtroom.

Probate Mental Health Advisory Committee

- Prioritized annual agenda projects needed to conform to law, promote efficiencies and cost savings for the courts, or promote access to the courts in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Proposition 66 (Death Penalty Procedures) Implementation Working Group

- Received updates on the development of the Proposition 66 benchguides and budget change proposal.

Traffic Advisory Committee

- Released a 2021 draft Universal Traffic Infraction Penalty Schedule for public comment.

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Approved recommendations on a backlog definition, reporting requirements, and allocation methodology related to the \$50 million one-time COVID-19 backlog funding received in the Budget Act of 2020.

Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee

- *Executive Committee*: Discussed effective practices and peer education.
- *Joint Executive Committees of the Trial Court Presiding Judges and Court Executives Advisory Committees*: Received updates on court modernization funding and data governance policy concepts, and discussed the resumption of hearing unlawful detainer cases.

Tribal Court–State Court Forum

- Discussed Indian Child Welfare Act best practices, and court continuation of operations and reopening.

Judicial Branch Education

All in-person programming for the remainder of 2020 is being redesigned for remote delivery.

Summary

Judicial Education

1. Appellate Qualifying Judicial Ethics Program
2. New Judge Orientation
3. Primary Assignment Orientation—Civil Law (Limited Civil/Small Claims/Unlawful Detainer)
4. Primary Assignment Orientation—Criminal Law
5. Qualifying Judicial Ethics Program

Distance Education

Podcast

6. Electronic Probation Conditions; Welfare and Institutions (WIC) Code 654; Confessions, Miranda and WIC 625.6
7. Juvenile Justice Legal Update: 707 Transfers; Prop 57; and Record Sealing

Videos

8. Leading Teams Toward High Performance
9. Testifying, for Probate Court Investigators

Webinars

10. AB 1058 Child Support Training Conference
11. American with Disabilities Act Accommodations and COVID-19
12. California Access to Visitation Grant Program Trainings
13. Continuity of Operations Planning

14. Court Interpreter Data Collection System
15. Family Court Services Trainings
16. Family Separation and the Indian Child Welfare Act
17. Implicit Bias in Child Welfare Proceedings
18. Landlord/Tenant (Unlawful Detainer)
19. Lessons Learned and Future Planning During COVID-19: Juvenile Court Systematic Change
20. Making a Case for Diversion
21. Overview of Facilities Management for New Court Executive Officers
22. Preparing People for Diversion
23. Pretrial Release and Decisions on Conditions
24. Senate Bill 1159 (Workers' Compensation) – COVID-19 Guidance
25. The Criminalization of Human Trafficking Survivors
26. The Moral Construction of Poverty: Implications on Race and How to Move Forward
27. Tiered Sex Offender
28. Vacatur Relief for Victims of Human Trafficking
29. Virtual Visitation During COVID-19

Publication Updates

30. Benchguide 91: Felony Arraignment and Pleas
31. Benchbook: Search and Seizure

Details

AB 1058 Child Support Training Conference

The 24th annual conference covered the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, parentage, income determination, and Department of Child Support Services guideline calculator training. More than 470 child support commissioners, family law facilitators, and other court staff attended.

Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Accommodations and COVID-19

How to provide an ADA accommodation while still following COVID 19 requirements.

California Access to Visitation Grant Program Trainings

More than 100 multidisciplinary organizational professionals, court and community-justice partners, and statewide professional providers of supervised visitation participated in training on implementing Standard 5.20 of the California Standards of Judicial Administration (Uniform Standards of Practice for Providers of Supervised Visitation) and Family Code section 3200.5.

Continuity of Operations Planning

Overview of the online continuity of operations planning system; attended by 90 representatives from 29 courts.

Court Interpreter Data Collection System

Overview of the new optional interpreter data collection portal.

Family Court Services Trainings

Trainings for directors, managers, and supervisors on: how courts adjust to changing family needs, adapting to shifting mental health landscapes, child custody and relocation, and domestic violence legal updates.

Family Separation and the Indian Child Welfare Act

Overview of contemporary and historic legal issues impacting Native American communities.

Implicit Bias in Child Welfare Proceedings

Impact of implicit bias on decision-making and the differential application of policies and procedures within agencies or organizations.

Landlord/Tenant (Unlawful Detainer)

Updated Landlord/Tenant (Unlawful Detainer) laws, new forms, and new procedure during the pandemic.

Leading Teams for High Performance

Framework and three-step strategy for managers to move their teams toward high performance.

Juvenile Court Systemic Change: Lessons Learned and Future Planning During COVID

How the pandemic created opportunities for systemic changes in local and state organizations and its impact on court practices and other stakeholders.

Making a Case for Diversion

Designed (in partnership with the County Behavioral Health Directors Association and the California Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health) for district attorneys, public defenders, judges, and county behavioral health representatives to learn best practices to improve local implantation efforts.

New Judge Orientation

Introduced new judges, commissioners, and referees to their judicial duties and ethical responsibilities in ensuring fairness in all proceedings, promoting uniform court practices, and improving the administration of justice.

Facilities Management for New Court Executive Officers

Overview of the role and responsibilities of new court executive officers, Judicial Council Facilities Services functions, and how to access available resources.

Preparing People for Diversion

Strategies to motivate, prepare, and stabilize participants who are incarcerated to be released to diversion programming, both in terms of their clinical treatment needs and legal situations. Designed in partnership with the County Behavioral Health Directors Association and the California Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health for jail and community behavioral health providers, defense attorneys, prosecutors, judges, and other criminal justice stakeholders.

Primary Assignment Orientation—Civil Law

Issues typically seen in small claims and unlawful detainer cases.

Primary Assignment Orientation—Criminal Law

Procedural and substantive law governing criminal cases from arraignment through posttrial from a judge's perspective.

Senate Bill 1159 (Workers' Compensation) – COVID-19 Guidance

Guidance for courts on certain COVID-19 illnesses/injuries established as presumptively compensable for workers' compensation benefits.

The Criminalization of Human Trafficking Survivors

Forced criminality, the cycle of victimization, and the role of the court in human trafficking identification and legal responses.

The Moral Construction of Poverty: Implications on Race and How to Move Forward

How poverty, socioeconomics, and bias inform the child welfare system in protecting children.

Tiered Sex Offender

Change in the law, including tier designations, exclusion categories, and the petition and termination process.

Vacatur Relief for Victims of Human Trafficking

Key aspects of the law and potential legal and procedural issues when handling petitions.

Virtual Visitation During COVID-19: Is it Effective?

Opportunities and barriers to virtual visitation and what attorneys and judges should consider when evaluating progress of virtual visitation.

Staffing Metrics

As of October 31, 2020

	Executive Division				Leadership Services Division		Operations & Programs Division					Administrative Division				
STAFFING	Audit Services	Executive Office	Governmental Affairs	Public Affairs	Leadership Support Services	Legal Services	Business Mgmt Services	Center for Families, Children and the Courts	Center for Judicial Education & Research	Criminal Justice Services	Information Technology	Branch Accounting & Procurement	Budget Services	Facilities Services	Human Resources	Judicial Council
Authorized Position (FTE)	14.00	12.00	10.00	9.00	65.80	55.00	18.00	88.10	48.50	30.00	141.00	147.00	37.00	142.00	51.00	868.40
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	10.00	10.80	7.00	6.00	59.80	43.00	18.00	68.35	43.00	23.80	103.00	137.00	27.00	120.00	46.00	722.75
Headcount - Employees	10	11	7	6	61	45	18	69	43	24	103	137	27	120	46	727.00
Vacancy (FTE)	4.00	1.20	3.00	3.00	6.00	12.00	0.00	19.75	5.50	6.20	38.00	10.00	10.00	22.00	5.00	145.65
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	28.6%	10.0%	30.0%	33.3%	9.1%	21.8%	0.0%	22.4%	11.3%	20.7%	27.0%	6.8%	27.0%	15.5%	9.8%	16.77%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4.00
*Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.50	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.50
TOTAL WORKFORCE (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	10.00	12.80	7.00	6.00	59.80	44.00	19.00	69.35	43.00	23.80	133.50	137.00	27.00	122.00	46.00	760.25

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 new judicial appointments since the September Judicial Council meeting. On October 5, 2020, the Governor nominated Justice Martin J. Jenkins to fill the vacant seat on the California Supreme Court. The Commission on Judicial Appointments will consider the nomination on November 10, 2020.

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant as of November 1, 2020

TYPE OF COURT	NUMBER OF COURTS	NUMBER OF JUDGESHIPS					
		Authorized	Filled	Vacant	Vacant (Unfunded 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	106	101	5	0	101	5
Superior Courts	58	1,754	1,625	106	23	1,635	119
All Courts	65	1,867	1,732	135		1,742	125

*50 new (AB 159) judgeships were authorized, but not funded in 2008; funding was provided for two of the judgeships in the 2018 Budget Act and for a further 25 positions in the 2019 Budget Act.

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: SUPREME COURT

Supreme Court	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Justice to be Replaced	Last Day In Office
Supreme Court	1	Retirement	Hon. Ming W. Chin	8/31/2020
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 Five	1	Retirement	Hon. Barbara J.R. Jones	9/30/2020
Second Appellate District, Division Seven	1	Retirement	Hon. Laurie D. Zelon	8/31/2020
Third Appellate District	1	Retirement	Hon. Mary Kathleen Butz	6/30/2020

Fourth Appellate District, Division One	1	Retirement	Hon. Gilbert Nares	8/30/2019
Sixth Appellate District	1	Retirement	Hon. Nathan D. Mihara	7/30/2020
TOTAL VACANCIES	5			

JUDICIAL VACANCIES: SUPERIOR COURTS

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day In Office
Alameda	4	Retirement	Hon. Jon R. Rolefson	10/15/2020
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Carol S. Brosnahan	8/1/2020
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Ronni B. MacLaren	5/11/2020
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Wynne S. Carvill	11/18/2019
Butte	1	Retirement	Hon. Barbara L. Roberts	10/11/2020
Contra Costa	2	Retirement	Hon. John T. Laettner	6/10/2020
Contra Costa		Retirement	Hon. John H. Sugiyama	4/30/2020
El Dorado	1	Retirement	Hon. Warren C. Stracener	1/9/2020
Fresno	6	Retirement	Hon. Alan M. Simpson	8/14/2020
Fresno		Retirement	Hon. Jane Cardoza	7/22/2020
Fresno		Retirement	Hon. W. Kent Hamlin	7/8/2020
Fresno		Retirement	Hon. Don Penner	11/22/2019
Fresno		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Fresno		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Kern	6	Retirement	Hon. John S. Somers	9/30/2020
Kern		Retirement	Hon. John L. Fielder	9/8/2020
Kern		Retirement	Hon. Louie L. Vega	8/21/2020
Kern		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Kern		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Kern		Retirement	Hon. Steven M. Katz	9/20/2019
Kings	1	Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Los Angeles	23	Retirement	Hon. Carol Rose	10/1/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Lisa Hart Cole	9/30/2020

Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Barbara R. Johnson	9/30/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Songhai D. Miguda-Armstead	9/25/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Edmund Willcox Clarke, Jr.	9/24/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Yvonne T. Sanchez	9/23/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Stanley Blumenfeld	9/18/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Elizabeth R. Feffer	8/31/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Elizabeth Ann Lippitt	7/31/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Frederick Rotenberg	7/31/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Elizabeth Allen White	7/3/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. William N. Sterling	6/29/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Debre Katz Weintraub	6/29/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Michael A. Cowell	6/15/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Steven P. Sanora	6/15/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Richard Edward Rico	4/15/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Charles F. Palmer	3/31/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Randolph Rogers	3/31/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Leslie A. Swain	3/6/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Abraham Khan	2/29/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Daniel P. Ramirez	2/15/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Richard R. Romero	2/15/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Thomas T. Lewis	12/17/2019
Madera	1	Retirement	Hon. Joseph A. Soldani	6/30/2019
Mendocino	1	Retirement	Hon. John A. Behnke	1/15/2020
Merced	1	Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Modoc	1	Retirement	Hon. David A. Mason	10/31/2020
Monterey	2	Retirement	Hon. Susan J. Matcham	8/31/2020
Monterey		Retirement	Hon. Efren N. Iglesia	5/22/2020
Nevada	1	Retirement	Hon. Robert Lynn Tamietti	10/31/2020
Orange	5	Retirement	Hon. Carlton P. Biggs	9/30/2020
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Ronald Lawrence Bauer	5/31/2020
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Geoffrey T. Glass	6/21/2019

Orange		Retirement	Hon. Franz E. Miller	4/29/2019
Orange		Retirement	Hon. David R. Chaffee	3/4/2019
Riverside	6	Retirement	Hon. Becky Lynn Dugan	4/22/2020
Riverside		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
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Riverside		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Riverside		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Sacramento	4	Retirement	Hon. Alan G. Perkins	9/30/2020
Sacramento		Retirement	Hon. Eugene L. Balonon	5/8/2020
Sacramento		Retirement	Hon. Raoul M. Thorbourne	4/30/2020
Sacramento		Retirement	Hon. David W. Abbott	3/31/2020
San Bernardino	6	Retirement	Hon. Keith D. Davis	10/8/2020
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Raymond L. Haight III	2/9/2020
San Bernardino		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
San Bernardino		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
San Bernardino		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
San Bernardino		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
San Diego	7	Retirement	Hon. K. Michael Kirkman	6/22/2020
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. David B. Oberholtzer	5/4/2020
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Stephanie Sontag	4/14/2020
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Adrienne A. Orfield	4/7/2020
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Lantz Lewis	3/31/2020
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Gale E. Kaneshiro	2/29/2020
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Louis R. Hanoian	2/20/2020
San Francisco	4	Retirement	Hon. Peter J. Busch	8/31/2020
San Francisco		Retirement	Hon. Charlene P. Kiesselbach	6/26/2020
San Francisco		Retirement	Hon. A. James Robertson II	5/31/2020
San Francisco		Elevated	Hon. Teri L. Jackson	1/21/2020
San Joaquin	3	Retirement	Hon. Brett H. Morgan	8/4/2020
San Joaquin		Retirement	Hon. William D. Johnson	6/29/2020

San Joaquin		Retirement	Hon. Phillip R. Urie	12/31/2019
San Mateo	2	Retirement	Hon. Clifford V. Cretan	8/31/2020
San Mateo		Retirement	Hon. Mark R. Forcum	9/10/2019
Santa Clara	5	Retirement	Hon. Mark H. Pierce	9/10/2020
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Michele McKay McCoy	3/10/2020
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Edward Frederick Lee	2/29/2020
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Joshua Weinstein	9/3/2019
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. Rise Jones Pichon	4/18/2019
Santa Cruz	2	Retirement	Hon. Kim Baskett	9/30/2020
Santa Cruz		Retirement	Hon. Ariadne J. Symons	7/15/2020
Solano	2	Retirement	Hon. Michael Mattice	3/25/2020
Solano		Retirement	Hon. Robert C. Fracchia	2/27/2020
Sonoma	2	Retirement	Hon. Allan D. Hardcastle	4/3/2020
Sonoma		Retirement	Hon. Robert S. Boyd	6/3/2019
Stanislaus	3	Retirement	Hon. Marie Sovey Silveira	7/31/2020
Stanislaus		Retirement	Hon. Roger M. Beauchesne	12/31/2019
Stanislaus		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Tulare	2	Retirement	Hon. Kathryn T. Montejano	10/5/2020
Tulare		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Tuolumne	1	Retirement	Hon. James A. Boscoe	12/31/2019
Ventura	1	Retirement	Hon. Kent M. Kellegrew	9/4/2020
TOTAL VACANCIES	106			

Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant, October 2018–October 2020 (two years) *

Month	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
Oct-18	1,743	1,658	85	4.9%	106	103	3	2.8%
Nov-18	1,743	1,663	80	4.6%	106	106	0	0.0%
Dec-18	1,743	1,679	64	3.7%	106	106	0	0.0%
Jan-19	1,743	1,687	56	3.2%	106	106	0	0.0%
Feb-19	1,743	1,688	55	3.2%	106	105	1	0.9%
Mar-19	1,743	1,683	60	3.4%	106	105	1	0.9%
Apr-19	1,743	1,675	68	3.9%	106	105	1	0.9%
May-19	1,743	1,675	68	3.9%	106	105	1	0.9%
Jun-19	1,743	1,672	71	4.1%	106	105	1	0.9%
Jul-19	1,743	1,667	68	3.9%	106	105	1	0.9%
Aug-19	1,743	1,662	81	4.6%	106	104	2	1.9%
Sep-19	1,743	1,660	83	4.8%	106	104	2	1.9%
Oct-19	1,743	1,668	75	4.3%	106	104	2	1.9%
Nov-19	1,743	1,664	79	4.5%	106	104	2	1.9%
Dec-19	1,743	1,661	82	4.7%	106	104	2	1.9%
Jan-20	1,743	1,658	85	4.9%	106	105	1	0.9%
Feb-20	1,743	1,650	93	5.3%	106	105	1	0.9%
Mar-20	1,743	1,642	101	5.8%	106	105	1	0.9%
Apr-20	1,743	1,648	95	5.5%	106	105	1	0.9%
May-20	1,743	1,643	100	5.7%	106	105	1	0.9%
Jun-20	1,754	1,646	108	6.2%	106	104	2	1.9%
Jul-20	1,754	1,639	115	6.6%	106	103	3	2.8%
Aug-20	1,754	1,646	108	6.2%	106	102	4	3.8%
Sep-20	1,754	1,635	119	6.8%	106	101	5	4.7%
Oct-20	1,754	1,625	129	7.4%	106	101	5	4.7%

* As of November 3, 2020.

Note: Growth in number of Authorized Judicial Positions reflects SJO conversions, as well as newly funded positions via the 2019 Budget Act. Since 2007, 157 SJO positions have been converted to judgeships.

Percent of Judgeship Vacancies in the Superior Courts, August 2018–August 2020

