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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 November meeting.

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## **2020 Year in Review**

Annual highlights of Judicial Council actions to maintain and enhance equal access to justice for all Californians in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic were shared branchwide and posted on the California Courts Newsroom: [2020 Year in Review](#).

## **New Court-Related Laws**

The annual [New Laws Summary for the 2019–20 Legislative Session](#), highlighting court-related legislation, was disseminated and posted on the California Courts public website.

## **New or Amended Local Court Rules**

Thirty courts' new or amended local rules, effective January 1, 2021, were disseminated and posted on the public website at: [www.courts.ca.gov/3027.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/3027.htm).

## **Court Emergency Order Requests**

A total of 428 court-requested emergency orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic have been reviewed and approved since the state of emergency was declared in March. As of January 19, 2021, 37 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.

## **Budget**

Following the release of the 2021–22 Governor's proposed budget, a summary of the proposal for the judicial branch was disseminated branchwide and statewide conference calls were held for judicial branch leadership to share information and respond to questions.

## **E-Filing Forum**

An e-filing forum was convened for trial courts on e-service rule of court changes effective January 2021. Currently, 24 trial courts use e-filing.

## **Collaborative Courts**

- The Judicial Council was awarded \$750,000 in grant funds from the federal Department of Justice/Bureau of Justice Assistance for a three-year Collaborative Court Data Improvement Project. The project will develop data collection standards and performance metrics and create an online communication hub allowing collaborative courts to share information.
- An online forum was convened for collaborative court judicial officers and staff to share challenges and experiences during the COVID-19 crisis.

## **Labor and Employee Relations**

Labor negotiations assistance was provided to 17 trial courts. Services included bargaining preparation, side letter negotiations, and successor memoranda of understanding negotiations. Support was also provided to courts on 23 different labor and employee-related matters.

## Facilities

Court facility modifications as of January 2021:

<i>Status</i>	<i>Number of Modifications</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
Awaiting Shared Cost	3	\$2,398,955
In Design	71	\$6,829,525
In Work	863	\$202,908,748
<b>Total</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>\$212,137,228</b>

- Twenty-five real estate transactions were completed, including new revenue licenses in Santa Clara and Siskiyou Counties; expense lease renewals in Glenn, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Merced, and Santa Clara Counties; revenue license renewals in Orange and San Diego Counties; temporary jury assembly space license renewals in Amador, Colusa, Lake, Merced, and Tuolumne Counties; and license terminations in Los Angeles and Sonoma Counties.

## MyCitations: Online Traffic and Ability to Pay

The Superior Court of Fresno County became the sixth pilot court to adopt MyCitations and offer online ability-to-pay determinations.

## Pretrial Pilot Program

Contracts with the 16 Pretrial Pilot Programs were amended for a one-year extension (through fiscal year 2021–22) as allowed under Budget Act.

## Advisory Bodies

The following Judicial Council advisory bodies convened remotely since the council's November meeting.

1. Administrative Presiding Justices Advisory Committee
2. Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
3. Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions
4. Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight Advisory Committee
5. Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
6. Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee
7. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
8. Court Interpreters Advisory Panel
9. Criminal Law Advisory Committee
10. Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
11. Workgroup on Homelessness
12. Information Technology Advisory Committee
13. Probate Mental Health Advisory Committee
14. Proposition 66 Implementation Working Group
15. Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
16. Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
17. Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee/Court Executives Advisory Committee
18. Tribal Court–State Court Forum

## **Meeting Details**

### **Administrative Presiding Justices Advisory Committee**

- Received updates on budget, security, and education programming.

### **Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness**

- Discussed the committee's annual agenda, current language access projects, and Model Self-Help Pilot Program funds.

### **Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions**

- Recommended changes and additions to jury instructions to reflect case law and statutes, including battery by peace officers relating to deadly force, new California Family Rights Act, civil rights retaliation, unlawful detainer, and Proposition 22.

### **Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight Advisory Committee**

- Reviewed sample case services report, audit pool and sample analysis report, and the defense attorney questionnaire report.

### **Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee**

- Reviewed new and revised small claims forms relating to COVID-19 rental debt.
- *Legislation Subcommittee*: Reviewed new bills with an impact on civil proceedings, including proposed urgency legislation.

### **Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee**

- Reviewed the proposed 2021 annual agenda, and discussed bias education, and the shift to remote delivery.

### **Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee**

- Discussed the 2021 annual agenda and associated goals and tasks.
- *Veterans in the Courts and Military Families Subcommittee and Mental Health Subcommittee*: Discussed 2021 goals and initiatives and reviewed progress on current objectives.

### **Court Interpreters Advisory Panel**

- Discussed the proposed 2021 annual agenda, interpreter compliance, and a project to review administering of interpreter exams.
- *Language Access Subcommittee*: Worked on a proposed rule of court to address a Limited English Proficient court user's request to waive the services of an interpreter.

### **Criminal Law Advisory Committee**

- Discussed remote appearances in criminal proceedings, revised the immigration advisement on plea forms, adopted forms to implement Assembly Bill 2147 (criminal record relief for inmate firefighters), reviewed Rule of Court under Penal Code 1382, revised Order for Commitment form (Sexually Violent Predator), and reviewed proof of service for the sex offender registration termination forms.

**Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee**

- Discussed finalizing recommendations for funding new Access to Visitation Program grants and midyear reallocation of funding for existing grant recipients, and recommended technical changes to child support enforcement and parentage forms.

**Workgroup on Homelessness**

- Workgroup members met with stakeholders in and outside of the judicial branch to consider the causes of homelessness, the impact of homelessness on the branch, innovation projects and other potential responses to the crisis.

**Information Technology Advisory Committee**

- Approved the 2021 annual agenda and received updates on the Court Technology Modernization Funding, branchwide e-filing, technical guidelines related to remote video, and the statewide self-represented litigant portal.
- *Data Analytics Workstream*: Issued a draft report on data and information governance policy concepts for public comment.

**Jury Selection Work Group**

- Investigated issues that arise outside the courtroom (summons process and yield) and discussed peremptory challenges and hardships.

**Probate Mental Health Advisory Committee**

- Reviewed the 2021 approved annual agenda, timelines for projects, Judicial Branch Statistical Information System revisions related to probate and mental health proceedings, and an American Bar Association resolution in support of establishing a national Guardianship Court Improvement Project.

**Proposition 66 Implementation Working Group**

- Reviewed and developed recommendations for the final report to the Chief Justice.

**Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee**

- Approved recommendations for reallocation of 2020–21 funding for the Model Self-Help Pilot Program funding, reallocation of 2020–21 funding for Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Programs, and 2019–20 final, one-time reduction for fund balances above the three percent cap.
- Developed trial court priorities for 2022–23 budget change proposals for consideration by the council’s Judicial Branch Budget Committee.

**Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee**

- Authorized expenditures of \$4.6 million for security-related projects, approved the Sustainability Plan for Trial Court Facilities, and placed a temporary hold on Priority Two projects due to budget constraints.

### **Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee/Court Executives Advisory Committee**

- Discussed conducting jury trials under the Governor's December 3, 2020, regional stay-at-home order.
- *Judicial Branch Statistical Information System Subcommittee*: Reviewed Probate and Mental Health non-filings data elements and considered which elements should continue to be reported or omitted from future data reporting.

### **Tribal Court–State Court Forum**

- Received a presentation on a cross-jurisdictional collaborative project in San Diego County.

## **Judicial Branch Education**

### **Judicial Education**

#### Programs/Courses

1. Ethics and Self-Represented Litigants in Domestic Violence Cases (Primary Assignment Orientations and Domestic Violence Program)
2. Experienced Assignment Course—Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases
3. Experienced Assignment Course—Immigration Issues in Domestic Violence Cases
4. Judicial Ethics
5. Mental Health Diversion
6. New Judge Orientation
7. Primary Assignment Orientation—Juvenile Justice (Delinquency)

#### Podcasts

8. Dependency Legal Update
9. Litigating Contracts
10. Supreme Court of the United States Update: Recap of the October 2019 Term

#### Videos

11. Disqualification 101
12. Gun Violence Restraining Orders

#### Webinars

13. Best Practices for Juvenile Courts During the COVID-19 Pandemic
14. California Department of Social Services on the Decertification of Out-of-State Group Homes
15. California Racial Justice Act of 2020
16. Child Abuse Indicators that Warrant a Report
17. Danger and Lethality Factors in Domestic Violence Cases
18. Dependency Writs
19. Domestic Violence, Strangulation, and Traumatic Brain Injury
20. Judicial Diversity Education Development
21. Resource Family Approval Process in Juvenile Court
22. Sexual Harassment Prevention
23. Unlawful Detainers in the Time of COVID-19

## **Court Personnel, Judicial Officer, and Justice System Stakeholder Education**

### Programs/Courses

- 24. Indian Child Welfare Act
- 25. Leadership Skills and Strategies for a Conflict Resilient Organization
- 26. Revenue Distribution

### Videos

- 27. Building a Culture of Learning

### Webinars

- 28. California Access to Visitation Grant Program Standard 5.20 and Uniform Standards of Practice for Providers of Supervised Visitation
- 29. Facilitation Online
- 30. Implicit Racial Bias in the Juvenile Justice System
- 31. Labor and Employee Relations
- 32. Laws that Apply to the Trial Courts
- 33. Legal Research Workshop
- 34. Sexual Harassment Prevention
- 35. Skills for Projects
- 36. Writing Judicial Opinion Titles
- 37. Youth Court Training

### Publication Updates

- 38. Benchguide 31: Landlord-Tenant Litigation: Unlawful Detainer
- 39. Benchbook: Small Claims and Consumer Law
- 40. Civil Proceedings Benchbook: After Trial
- 41. Handbook: Mandatory Criminal Jury Instructions

### Details

#### **Best Practices for Juvenile Courts During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Challenges, lessons learned, and best practices in Juvenile Court during the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Building a Culture of Learning**

Leaders' roles and responsibilities in creating and maintaining a culture of learning.

#### **California Access to Visitation Grant Program Standard 5.20 and Uniform Standards of Practice for Providers of Supervised Visitation**

Trainings for multidisciplinary organizational professionals, court and community-justice partners, and statewide professional providers of supervised visitation.

#### **California Department of Social Services on the Decertification of Out-of-State Group Homes**

Resources available to courts and counties to return youth to California, and the court's role in ensuring youth achieve permanency.

## **California Racial Justice Act of 2020**

A practical guide to implementing the California Racial Justice Act of 2020.

## **Child Abuse Indicators that Warrant a Report**

Indicators of abuse for reporting to law enforcement or child protective services.

## **Danger and Lethality Factors in Domestic Violence Cases**

Strategies for determining what information to gather and account for potential lethality risks when making criminal or family court decisions.

## **Dependency Writs**

Dependency writ petitions during the pandemic.

## **Disqualification 101**

Insights into common challenges and the reasons why litigants file challenges.

## **Domestic Violence, Strangulation, and Traumatic Brain Injury**

Exploration of how to use strangulation and traumatic brain injury information in determining how hearings will be conducted and what orders will be made.

## **Ethics and Self-Represented Litigants in Domestic Violence Cases (Primary Assignment Orientations and Domestic Violence Program)**

Judicial ethics issues that arise in domestic violence cases and application of the canons contained in the Code of Judicial Ethics in light of the large proportion of self-represented litigants in these cases.

## **Experienced Assignment Course—Immigration Issues in Domestic Violence Cases**

Overview of immigration law that may affect case decisions.

## **Experienced Assignment Course—Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases**

Overview of evidentiary issues that commonly arise in civil and criminal cases.

## **Facilitation Online**

Strategies for trainers, instructors, and faculty to facilitate effective online discussions, including breakout groups, text chat, and polling.

## **Gun Violence Restraining Orders**

Gun violence restraining orders and gun-violence related emergency protective orders.

## **Indian Child Welfare Act**

Update of the Indian Child Welfare Act, for judicial officers, attorneys, and justice partners.

## **Implicit Racial Bias in the Juvenile Justice System**

Third in a series of racial justice webinars on juvenile proceedings.

**Labor and Employee Relations**

Three separate sessions on the topics of Performance Management Best Practices, Preventing Sexual Harassment, and a Legal Update for Trial Courts.

**Leadership Skills and Strategies for a Conflict Resilient Organization**

Skills and strategies to lead through and beyond conflict successfully.

**Legal Research Workshop—Shepardizing**

History and basics of Shepardizing® and how to use it and other tools on LexisNexis to verify the validity of cases and statutes.

**Litigating Contracts**

Overview of issues in contract cases, including respective provinces of the judge and the jury, and how to get those issues briefed and analyzed.

**Mental Health Diversion Training**

Mitigating strategies of public safety risks for diversion participants. Training led in partnership with the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California and California Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health.

**New Judge Orientation**

Program for new judges, commissioners, and referees focusing on judicial duties and ethical responsibilities in ensuring fairness in all proceedings, promoting uniform court practices, and improving the administration of justice.

**Primary Assignment Orientation—Juvenile Justice (Delinquency)**

Examines all aspects of juvenile delinquency law and procedure, basic child and adolescent development, and the impact of substance abuse and domestic violence on children.

**Qualifying Judicial Ethics Program**

Three-hour mandatory core course for judicial officers.

**Resource Family Approval Process in Juvenile Court**

Tips for overcoming challenges, court remedies when the assessment process is delayed/denied, and recent changes in the process in light of COVID-19.

**Revenue Distribution**

Annual training co-led with the State Controller's Office on revenue distribution, including a presentation on the Uniform Penalty and Bail Schedule and the Ability to Pay pilot program.

**Supreme Court of the United States Update: Recap of the October 2019 Term**

Observations of the October 2019 term, why it was so different from other terms, where we are now, and what is in store in the foreseeable future.

**Sexual Harassment Prevention**

Training requirements mandated by Government Code §12950.1 for managers, supervisors, commissioners, and referees.

**Skills for Projects**

Methods for setting realistic deadlines, prioritizing tasks, and facilitating status meetings.

**Writing Judicial Opinion Titles**

Training to identify the correct parties on appeal, correct common errors, and practice writing titles with complex structures.

**Unlawful Detainers in the Time of COVID-19**

Examines the complex interaction between the Centers for Disease Control Order, Assembly Bill 3088 (COVID Tenant Relief Act of 2020), and California's unlawful detainer law.

**Youth Court Webinar Training**

Strategies for Youth Courts to “go virtual,” and to supplement county school attendance review boards.

## Staffing Metrics

As of December 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	143.00	147.00	37.00	142.00	51.00	870.40
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	10.00	10.80	8.00	6.00	58.80	41.00	17.00	64.55	41.00	23.50	102.00	138.00	29.00	118.00	46.00	713.65
Headcount - Employees	10	11	8	6	60	42	17	65	41	24	102	138	29	118	46	717.00
Vacancy (FTE)	4.00	1.20	2.00	3.00	7.00	14.00	1.00	23.55	7.50	6.50	41.00	9.00	8.00	24.00	5.00	156.75
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	28.6%	10.0%	20.0%	33.3%	10.6%	25.5%	5.6%	26.7%	15.5%	21.7%	28.7%	6.1%	21.6%	16.9%	9.8%	18.01%
Judicial Council Temp Employee (909)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3.00
*Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4.00
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	11.80	8.00	6.00	58.80	42.00	18.00	64.55	41.00	23.50	131.50	138.00	29.00	123.00	47.00	752.15

See following page for definition of terms.

**Definitions:**

<b>Authorized Position (FTE)</b>	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.
<b>Filled Authorized Position (FTE)</b>	Filled authorized positions are the number of authorized positions filled based on the employee's full time equivalency.
<b>Headcount</b>	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.
<b>Vacancy (FTE)</b>	The number of vacancies is the number of authorized positions minus the number of filled authorized positions.
<b>Vacancy Rate (FTE)</b>	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.
<b>Judicial Council Temporary Employees (909)</b>	<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>
<b>Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)</b>	These are workers from an employment agency. They are employees of the employment agency that provide short-term support.
<b>Contractor (FTE)</b>	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.
<b>Full Time Equivalency (FTE)</b>	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.
<b>Time Base</b>	<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>
<b>Regular Employee</b>	Commonly referred to as "permanent employees" – They receive full benefits.
<b>Limited Term</b>	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 32 new judicial appointments since the November Judicial Council meeting. Court of Appeal Appointment: 4th Appellate District Court, Division One (1); Superior Court Appointments: Alameda (3), Butte (1), Kern (3), Los Angeles (10), Orange (1), Riverside (2), San Bernardino (2), San Diego (5), San Francisco (2), Tulare (1), and Ventura (1).

### Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled, and Vacant as of January 4, 2021

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	7	0	0	7	1
Courts of Appeal	6	106	101	4	0	101	5
Superior Courts	58	1,754	1,669	62	23	1,642	119
<b>All Courts</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>1,777</b>	<b>89</b>		<b>1,750</b>	<b>117</b>

\*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: 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
Sixth Appellate District	1	Retirement	Hon. Nathan D. Mihara	7/30/2020
<b>TOTAL VACANCIES</b>	<b>4</b>			

### JUDICIAL VACANCIES: SUPERIOR COURTS

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day in Office
Contra Costa	3	Retirement	Hon. Linda Lye	12/31/2020
Contra Costa		Retirement	Hon. John H. Sugiyama	4/30/2020

Contra Costa		Removed	Hon. John T. Laettner	11/6/2019
El Dorado	1	Retirement	Hon. Warren C. Stracener	1/9/2020
Fresno	4	Retirement	Hon. Jane Cardoza	7/22/2020
Fresno		Retirement	Hon. W. Kent Hamlin	7/8/2020
Fresno		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Fresno		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Kern	4	Retirement	Hon. Lorna H. Brumfield	12/31/2020
Kern		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
Kings	1	Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Los Angeles	8	Retirement	Hon. William A. MacLaughlin	12/31/2020
Los Angeles		To Fed Court	Hon. Fernando L Aenlle-Rocha	12/23/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Gilbert M. Lopez	12/12/2020
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Ray A. Santana	12/4/2020
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
Madera	1	Retirement	Hon. Joseph A. Soldani	6/30/2019
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. John Dorsey Conley	12/30/2020
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Roger B. Robbins	11/1/2020
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
Riverside	4	Retirement	Hon. Becky Lynn Dugan	4/22/2020

Riverside		Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
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	4	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 Diego	1	Retirement	Hon. K. Michael Kirkman	6/22/2020
San Francisco	1	Resigned	Hon. Edward Torpoco	12/13/2020
San Joaquin	2	Retirement	Hon. Brett H. Morgan	8/4/2020
San Joaquin		Retirement	Hon. William D. Johnson	6/29/2020
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	1	Retirement	Hon. Kim Baskett	9/30/2020
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	1	Newly created position	Vacancy	9/24/2019
Tulare	1	Retirement	Hon. Kathryn T. Montejano	10/5/2020
<b>TOTAL VACANCIES</b>	<b>62</b>			

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

Month	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
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%
Nov-20	1,754	1,642	112	6.4%	106	101	5	4.7%
Dec-20	1,754	1,669	85	4.8%	106	101	5	4.7%

\* As of January 4, 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, December 2018–December 2020

