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### **Title**

### **Trial Courts: Realignment of State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Expenditures (Action Required)**

### **Summary**

Upon recommendation of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee, at the April 17, 2015, Judicial Council meeting, the council approved the consideration of shifting certain costs away from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF) beginning in 2016-17, the assessment on whether costs of the Trial Court Transactional Assistance Program can be provided on a fee-for-service basis, and the viability of a cost recovery model for the Center for Families, Children & the Courts Publications program and the California Courts Protective Order Registry program. This action would permanently shift approximately \$2.867 million in expenditures to the Judicial Council's General Fund appropriation to support core central costs of the Court Interpreters Program, Treasury Services-Cash Management, Audit Services, Uniform Civil Fees, and Regional Office Assistance Group and shift \$17,000 in expenditures to the Trial Court Trust Fund, Program 45.45-Court Interpreter appropriation to support the Domestic Violence Family Law Interpreter Program. This memorandum provides staff's assessment of (1) whether it is feasible and/or appropriate to shift these expenditures to alternative fund sources, (2) whether sufficient ongoing expenditure authority exists within the Judicial Council's General Fund appropriation and Program 45.45-Court Interpreters Trial Court Trust Fund appropriation to support the shift of these costs, and (3) if it is appropriate to switch to a fee-for-service and/or cost recovery model for the identified programs.

### **Speakers**

Hon. Douglas P. Miller, Chair, Executive and Planning Committee  
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