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Title

Trial Court Allocations: Fund Balances Held on Behalf of the Trial Courts (Action Required)

Summary

The Judicial Council provides a process by which trial courts can request that Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF) reduced allocations related to the 1 percent fund balance cap be retained in the TCTF as restricted fund balance for the benefit of those courts. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) recommends approving revisions to the process to allow previously approved and now amended requests to be approved by TCBAC's Fiscal Planning Subcommittee (FPS) and require that subcommittee to provide informational reports to the Judicial Council on the amended requests it approves.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee unanimously recommends that the Judicial Council, effective March 2, 2018, approve revisions to the *Judicial Council-Approved Process, Criteria, and Required Information for Trial Court Trust Fund Fund Balance Held on Behalf of the Courts* to:

1. Revise the process for submitting and reviewing previous requests that have been amended to:
 - a. Allow the FPS to approve those amended requests or refer them to the Judicial Council for approval; and
 - b. Require the FPS to provide an informational report to the Judicial Council on the amended requests that the subcommittee approves; and
2. Make technical changes, including changing the recipient of the request from "Administrative Director" of the Judicial Council to "Director of Budget Services," "Finance" staff to "Budget Services" staff to reflect the current name of the Judicial Council staff reporting unit, and "TCBAC subgroup" to "FPS."

Speakers

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