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### **Title**

### **Trial Court Budget: Trial Court Trust Fund Revenue Shortfall (Action Requested)**

### **Summary**

The continued decline of fine, fee, and forfeiture revenues that support trial court base allocations, and the lack of an adjustment to the revenue backfill through the state budget process, has resulted in a projected current-year revenue shortfall of no more than \$7 million in the Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF). As a result, the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving coverage of the current-year revenue shortfall from the TCTF's fund balance. The TCTF has a structural deficit but sufficient unrestricted funds in the fund balance to cover this shortfall.

### **Recommendation**

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee unanimously recommends that the Judicial Council, effective May 24, 2018, approve that the current-year revenue shortfall, estimated at or below \$7 million, be covered from the Trial Court Trust Fund's fund balance.

### **Speakers**

Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

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