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### Title

## **Trial Court Allocations: Trial Court Trust Fund Funds Held on Behalf of the Trial Courts (Action Required)**

### Summary

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee's Fiscal Planning Subcommittee recommends that the Judicial Council approve two requests from two trial courts for Trial Court Trust Fund funds to be held on behalf of the trial courts. Under the Judicial Council-adopted process, courts may request funding reduced as a result of a court's exceeding the 1 percent fund balance cap, to be retained in the Trial Court Trust Fund for the benefit of that court. The total estimated amount requested by the trial courts that would be reduced from their fiscal year (FY) 2016-2017 allocations for exceeding the cap is \$1.3 million. The council will be informed of any final adjustments to the estimated amounts after FY 2015-2016 year-end.

### Recommendation

Based on actions taken at its July 7, 2016 meeting, the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee's (TCBAC's) Fiscal Planning Subcommittee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 29, 2016:

1. Allocate and designate \$1,204,632 in Trial Court Trust Fund fund balance to the Superior Court of Alameda County and \$99,325 to the Superior Court of Lassen County from funding to be reduced from the courts' allocation in fiscal year 2016-2017 as a result of the courts' exceeding the 1 percent fund balance cap because of contracts that exceeded their three-year term. The funds would be distributed to the courts in FY 2016-2017 (see Attachments A1 and A2).
2. Direct those courts with approved requests relying on estimates before fiscal year-end to submit amended requests with final amounts, and direct Judicial Council staff to inform the council of any final adjustments to the estimated amounts after FY 2015-2016 year-end.

Attachment B, *Judicial Council-Approved Process, Criteria, and Required Information for Trial Court Trust Fund Fund Balance Held on Behalf of the Courts*, provides the recommendations proposed by the TCBAC and approved by the Judicial Council at its April 15, 2016, business meeting. Attachment C, *Summary of Requests for TCTF Funds to be Held on Behalf of the Court*, provides a summary of the court requests, including the amount of the request and other relevant information.

### Speakers

Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair, TCBAC Fiscal Planning Subcommittee  
Mr. Colin Simpson, Finance