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Trial Courts: Update of Resource Assessment Study Model (Action Required)

Summary

The Workload Assessment Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council adopt the updated workload measures of the Resource Assessment Study (RAS), with the understanding that ongoing technical adjustments will continue to be made as more data become available. The RAS model uses a weighted caseload methodology to measure trial court staff need; previous iterations of the model were approved by the Judicial Council in 2005 and 2013. The RAS model serves as the foundation of the judicial branch's Workload-based Allocation and Funding Methodology.

Recommendation

The Workload Assessment Advisory Committee (WAAC) recommends that the Judicial Council:

1. Adopt the caseweights and other model parameters for use in the Resource Assessment Study model; and
2. Direct WAAC to conduct any necessary interim analyses or make any technical adjustments needed prior to the next workload study update.

Speakers

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