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### Title

### **Trial Court Budget | \$50 Million COVID-19 Backlog Funding (Action Required)**

#### Summary

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommends approval of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommendations regarding a COVID-19 related backlog definition, reporting requirements, and methodology for allocating the remaining \$25 million from the one-time \$50 million COVID-19 backlog funding appropriation.

#### Recommendation

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommends that the Judicial Council:

1. Approve the COVID-19 backlog definition developed by the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee as workload that was not disposed of during the pandemic period of March 1 through August 31, 2020, compared to the same period in 2019.
2. Approve the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee's recommendation for at least quarterly reporting requirements regarding progress in reducing the COVID-19 backlog with continued evaluation of trial court spending. In March 2021, the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee will perform a reconciliation using trial court COVID-19 spending reports and court projections to redistribute COVID-19 backlog funds to courts still in need of COVID-19 backlog funding as defined.
3. Approve the allocation methodology for the remaining \$25 million COVID-19 backlog funding as displayed in Attachment A.
4. Continue work on the Judicial Council staff-created template that has been distributed to all 58 courts to report nondispositional information on how courts have addressed COVID-19 related challenges.

#### Speakers

Hon. David M. Rubin, Chair, Judicial Branch Budget Committee

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

Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Vice-chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

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