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Re: Annual Report of Fiscal Year 2007–2008 Court Reporter Fees Collected and Expenditures
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In FY 2007–2008, \$26,384,797 was remitted to the Trial Court Trust Fund for the amounts collected under Government Code sections 68086(a)(1) and 68086.1 as follows:

- \$10,911,442 was related to fees charged in civil proceedings lasting more than one hour for the services of an official court reporter on the first and each succeeding judicial day whose services are provided under Code of Civil Procedure section 269.
- \$15,473,355 was related to the S25 portion of the \$300 or \$320 first paper filing and response fee for a civil action or proceeding in the superior court where the amount demanded is over

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\$10,000. The amount reflects revenues collected for first paper filings from July 2007 to June 2008.

In FY 2007–2008, the estimated cost of civil reporters in superior court civil proceedings was \$75,932,277.

The expenditure amount is an estimate since most courts do not track by case categories the amount of time court reporters spend in various civil proceedings. The estimate of \$75,932,277 was made by multiplying the sum of the total FY 2007–2008 budgeted salaries and benefits of all filled court reporter employee positions as of July 1, 2007, (\$213,530,781) and total FY 2007–2008 expenditures on contract court reporters (\$6,562,775) by the estimated amount of time court reporters spend on civil cases (civil, probate, mental health, guardianship, and family) vs. all cases (34.5 percent). The time percentage estimate is based on the most recent time study survey conducted by the National Center for State Courts (September 2003) and involved nine superior courts, representing about 47 percent of statewide authorized court reporter positions. The nine participating courts were the Superior Courts of Amador, Calaveras, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Shasta, and Stanislaus Counties.

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Mr. Stephen Nash, Director, Finance Division, at 415 865-7584 or stephen.nash@jud.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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