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Following is the final status report on 2012 legislation considered by the Judicial Council's Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee (PCLC) during the 2011-2012 legislative session. The bills are listed in numerical order by house (Assembly and Senate) and are indexed by subject matter. The second column, "description" summarizes the relevant portions of the bill—and the version of the bill—on which the PCLC position is based. The description column also includes an updated summary to reflect the most current version of the bill. The "Judicial Council position" column tracks the council's initial position and any subsequent change to that position.

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AB 73 (Tracy Kenny)	<p><u>AB 73 (Feuer) – Dependency proceedings: public access</u></p> <p>As amended April 14, 2011 Requires, subject to the provision of private funding, the Judicial Council to establish a four-year pilot project in three courts (Los Angeles, Ventura, and an unspecified court) making juvenile dependency proceedings presumptively open to the public. Requires the court at the commencement of the proceedings to inform the parties that the hearing is open, and to inquire as to whether there is any reason to close the proceedings. If the proceedings remain open, requires the court to admonish the parties to refrain from disclosing any information that would personally identify the child, his or her sibling, or parent. If there is a request to close the proceeding, requires the court to consider whether opening the proceedings is contrary to the child’s best interests. Requires the child’s attorney to advise the child of his or her right to request that the proceeding be closed, and if no attorney is present for the child, requires the court to make that advisement. Requires the Judicial Council to contract with an independent organization to evaluate the pilot and sets forth the issues to be addressed in the evaluation. Provides that the pilot shall begin within one year of securing private funding for the pilot project and evaluation.</p>	Support	Author	Dead
AB 109 (Andi Liebenbaum)	<p><u>AB 109 (Committee on Budget) – Criminal justice alignment</u></p> <p>As amended March 17, 2011 Among other things, shifts the jurisdiction over parole from the Executive Branch to the Judicial Branch.</p>	Took no position on AB 109, but directed staff to submit a letter to Governor and Legislature on behalf of the Judicial Council expressing grave concerns about the concept of shifting parole jurisdiction to the judicial branch, and the critical need to provide adequate resources.	Committee on Budget	Signed into law (Stats. 2011, ch. 15)
AB 141 (Andi Liebenbaum)	<p><u>AB 141 (Fuentes) – Jurors: electronic communications</u></p> <p>As introduced Requires the court, when admonishing the jury against conversing about a trial, to clearly explain, as part of the admonishment, that the prohibition applies to all forms of communication, research, and dissemination of information, including electronic and wireless devices. Requires the officer in charge of a jury to prevent any form of electronic or wireless communication. Provides that violation of this admonishment constitutes criminal and civil contempt of court.</p>	Support	Author	Signed into law (Stats. 2011, ch. 181)

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status as of October 2, 2012
AB 212 (Tracy Kenny)	<u>AB 212 (Beall) – California Fostering Connections to Success</u> As amended August 30, 2011 Clarifies the intent and implementation of the California Fostering Connections to Success Act (AB 12 (Beall and Bass), Stats. 2010, ch. 559. Specifically, AB 212: (1) clarifies the requirements for youth to be eligible for extended care consistent with federal requirements; (2) clarifies the process by which a nonminor can re-enter foster care and petition the court for reinstatement of jurisdiction; (3) clarifies the process for providing extended care to eligible delinquent youth in foster care; (4) conforms provisions relating to Kin-GAP guardianships in the delinquency statutes to reflect federal requirements; and (5) restores a provision erroneously deleted from law that allows youth in Kin-GAP guardianships to receive support up to age 19 if they are in the process of completing high school or an equivalency certificate.	Support	Author	Signed into law (Stats. 2011, ch. 459)
AB 314 (Daniel Pone)	<u>AB 314 (Gorell) – Court facilities</u> As introduced Requires that contracts pertaining to the acquisition and construction of court facilities be subject to the provisions of the Public Contract Code.	Oppose	Author	Dead
AB 362 (Andi Liebenbaum)	<u>AB 362 (Lowenthal) – Elections: office of superior court judge: write-in candidate</u> As amended May 9, 2011 Revises the number of signatures needed for placing an uncontested judicial election on the ballot for a potential write-in contest from 100 to at least 0.1 percent of the registered voters qualified to vote, with respect to the office, provided that the petition contain at least 100 signatures and need not contain more than 600 signatures. Requires that a write-in candidate for the office of superior court judge include on the statement of intent to run his or her compliance with eligibility requirements for a judge of a court of record.	Support	California Judges Association	Signed into law (Stats. 2011, ch. 214)
AB 458 (Daniel Pone)	<u>AB 458 (Atkins) – Guardianship</u> As amended March 29, 2011 Prohibits a court from appointing a minor’s parent as a guardian of the person of the minor, except as specified. Establishes requirements for transferring a proceeding to another court in circumstances in which a proceeding that concerns custody or visitation of a minor child is pending in one or more counties at the time the petition for guardianship is filed, and specifies circumstances under which the court in a guardianship proceeding would maintain exclusive jurisdiction to determine issues of custody or visitation. Requires the court in which a guardianship proceeding is filed to communicate with each court where a custody or visitation proceeding is pending prior to making a determination on maintaining or transferring the guardianship proceeding. Requires the Judicial Council, on or before January 1, 2013, to adopt rules of court to implement the inter-court communication provisions.	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2011, ch. 102)

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AB 520 (Andi Liebenbaum)	<p><u>AB 520 (Ammiano) – Sentencing</u></p> <p>As introduced Provides that the court may not impose an upper term based on aggravating facts unless facts were first presented to the factfinder and the factfinder found the facts to be true.</p> <p><i>UPDATE: As amended May 31, 2011 Reinstates current law and extends existing sunset for one year, to December 31, 2012.</i></p> <p><i>UPDATE: As amended September 2, 2011 Amended to address a non-court-related matter.</i></p>	<p>Oppose</p> <p>Update: <i>As amended May 31, 2011 Neutral</i></p>	California Attorneys for Criminal Justice	Signed into law (Stats. 2011, ch. 657)
AB 618 (Tracy Kenny)	<p><u>AB 618 (Furutani) – Court interpreters</u></p> <p>As amended August 15, 2011 Enacts the California Language Access Bill of Rights. Requires the court to provide separate interpreters for defendants and witnesses, and for codefendants in specified proceedings. Allows a defendant to object to the use of a noncertified, nonregistered interpreter if the interpreter appears unqualified. Requires the court to follow existing rules and procedures to record that objection. Prohibits any noninterpreter staff person of the court, sheriff’s department, probation department, or specified other local government entities from providing interpreter services unless the court uses existing mechanisms for qualifying a noncertified interpreter.</p>	Oppose	California Federation of Interpreters	Dead
AB 738 (Tracy Kenny)	<p><u>AB 738 (Hagman) – Public employees’ retirement: elected officials</u></p> <p>As amended January 5, 2012 Provides that a person who is publicly elected to any office on or after January 1, 2013, shall not become a member of any retirement system by virtue of that service and shall not acquire any retirement rights or benefits for serving in that elective office unless required by the Constitution. Also prohibits an elected official elected on or after January 1, 2013, from becoming a member or obtaining any retirement rights or benefits from specified state and local retirement systems for serving in an elective office (does not include Judges’ Retirement Systems).</p>	Oppose unless amended to expressly exclude judges from the class of elected officials affected by the bill.	Author	Dead

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AB 973 (Donna Hershkowitz)	<p><u>AB 973 (Campos) – Trial Courts: budget process: public meeting</u></p> <p>As amended August 30, 2011 Requires each trial court, until January 1, 2017, prior to adopting a baseline budget plan for the fiscal year, to provide the public notice of, and an opportunity for input on, the trial court’s proposed budget plan, either by conducting a public hearing or accepting of written comments. Amends the law governing notice of courtroom closures, or closures or reductions in the hours of clerks’ offices during regular business hours on any day, by requiring a trial court to provide notification of such events by electronic distribution to individuals who have subscribed to the court’s electronic distribution service. Specifies that those required notifications must include information on how the public may provide written comments during the 60-day period on the court’s plan for closing a courtroom, or closing or reducing the hours of clerks’ offices. Requires the court to review and consider all public comments received and immediately post a revised notice if the court’s plan changes as a result of the comments received. Sunsets on January 1, 2017.</p>	<p>Support if amended to provide flexibility to the trial courts on how the opportunity for public comment is provided, rather than mandating a public hearing; neutral if not amended.</p> <p>Update: <i>As amended August 30, 2011</i> <i>Support</i></p>	<p>American Federation of State, County; Municipal Employees</p>	<p>Signed into law (Stats. 2011, ch. 687)</p>
AB 1067 (Daniel Pone)	<p><u>AB 1067 (Huber) – Civil procedure: orders</u></p> <p>As introduced Provides that the denial of a motion to reconsider an order pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure (CCP) section 1008 is not separately appealable. Specifies, however, that a determination made pursuant to CCP section 1008(a) may be reviewed on appeal from an appealable order that was the subject of a motion made pursuant to that provision.</p> <p><i>UPDATE: As amended April 25, 2011</i> <i>Adds clarifying amendments regarding appealability of motions to reconsider.</i></p>	<p>Support if amended.</p> <p>Update: <i>As amended April 25, 2011</i> <i>Support</i></p>	<p>Conference of California Bar Associations</p>	<p>Signed into law (Stats. 2011, ch. 78)</p>

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AB 1208 (Donna Hershkowitz)	<p><u>AB 1208 (Calderon) – Trial Courts: administration</u></p> <p>As introduced Provides that each trial court of this state is an independent constitutional and statutory court, with the independent right and duty to manage its administrative and financial affairs in accordance with its own policies, as provided by its trial court management, if the court is in reasonable compliance with accounting, audit, and budgetary standards established by law. Provides that each trial court shall be independently empowered with enumerated powers. Provides that, except as otherwise provided by law, all funds allocated for trial court operations, once appropriated, shall be fully allocated among the trial courts, and that no deductions shall take place without the consent of the affected courts. Requires the trial court management’s consent to impose, implement, or share any case or accounting information system, or to contribute any portion of the trial court’s budget to a statewide information system, or to undertake the construction of a court facility in that county.</p> <p>UPDATE: As amended May 18, 2011 <i>Significantly lessens the role of the Judicial Council in determining the allocation of funds to trial courts and allocating funds in a manner to support implementation of statewide policies and initiatives and reduces the council’s role in ensuring the stability of trial court operations and providing management or oversight over trial court budgets.</i></p>	<p>Oppose, but support the process developed by the Chief Justice with the establishment of the Strategic Evaluation Committee to address branch governance issues.</p> <p>Update: As amended May 18, 2011 <i>Oppose</i></p>	Alliance of California Judges	Dead
AB 1264 (Andi Liebenbaum)	<p><u>AB 1264 (Hagman) – Statewide Bail Commission: statewide bail schedule</u></p> <p>As introduced Repeals the requirement that the superior court adopt a uniform countywide schedule of bail and instead establishes a Statewide Bail Commission. Requires the commission to revise annually a statewide bail schedule for all bailable felony, misdemeanor, and infraction offenses except Vehicle Code infractions.</p>	Oppose	Author	Dead
AB 1284 (Andi Liebenbaum)	<p><u>AB 1284 (Hagman) – Probation bonds</u></p> <p>As introduced Permits the court, in lieu of revoking probation, to allow the defendant to post bond to secure appearance at any future hearing regarding a violation of the court-imposed conditions of probation. Requires the court to notify the defendant, the surety, and the bail agent of the probation revocation hearing.</p>	Oppose	Author	Dead
AB 1337 (Tracy Kenny)	<p><u>AB 1337 (Alejo) – Parent and child relationship</u></p> <p>As amended May 25, 2012 Specifies who shall be served with notice of a parentage proceeding when one parent is deceased and there is no current or pending custody or guardianship matter before the court. Requires notice to the person with custody of the child and relatives within the second degree if they can be identified and located.</p>	Support		Signed into law (Stats. 2012, ch. 155)

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<p>AB 1403 (Daniel Pone)</p>	<p><u>AB 1403 (Committee on Judiciary) – Civil actions</u></p> <p>As introduced Section 1: Amends the statute governing voir dire in civil jury trials to require the trial judge to permit counsel to conduct a liberal and probing examination of prospective jurors that is calculated to discover bias or prejudice. Section 2: Amends the statute governing additur and remittitur to: (1) provide that if a deadline is not set forth in the conditional order, the deadline for acceptance or rejection of the addition or reduction of damages is 30 days from the date the conditional order granting a new trial is issued; (2) provide that failure to respond to the order shall be deemed a rejection of the addition or reduction of damages, and a new trial limited to the issue of damages shall be granted automatically; and (3) require a party serving an acceptance of a conditionally ordered addition or reduction of damages to prepare an amended judgment reflecting the modified judgment amount, as well as any other uncontested judgment awards.</p> <p><i>UPDATE: As amended May 10, 2011</i> <i>Added minor clarifying amendments to Section 2 that were sought by the Judicial Council.</i></p> <p><i>UPDATE: As amended June 23, 2011</i> <i>Section 1: Reinstates discretionary language and makes only non-substantive changes to civil voir dire statute.</i> <i>Section 2: No changes.</i> <i>Section 3: Adds court interpreter fees to costs that may be recovered when the court has authorized a court interpreter for an indigent person, as specified.</i></p> <p><i>UPDATE: As proposed to be amended</i> <i>Makes various changes to the statute governing voir dire in civil trials. Among other things, provides that a brief opening statement should be allowed for each party prior to the commencement of the oral questioning phase of the voir dire process; prohibits a blanket policy of time limits for voir dire; provides that in cases where a questionnaire is utilized, the parties should be given reasonable time to evaluate the responses before oral questioning commences; and requires the court to provide the parties with both the alphabetical list and the list of prospective jurors in the order in which they will be called.</i></p> <p><i>UPDATE: As amended September 2, 2011</i> <i>Makes changes to civil voir dire statute noted above, except for the language governing the provision of juror lists, which is discretionary rather than mandatory.</i></p>	<p>Section 1: Defer action while the sponsor is considering whether or how to move forward with this issue. Section 2: Support if amended.</p> <p>Update: <i>As amended May 10, 2011</i> <i>Section 1: No change</i> <i>Section 2: Support</i></p> <p>Update: <i>As amended June 23, 2011</i> <i>Section 1: No change</i> <i>Section 2: Support</i> <i>Section 3: No position</i></p> <p>Update: <i>As proposed to be amended</i> <i>No position, but direct OGA staff to seek an amendment to the bill to make the language regarding the provision of juror lists discretionary rather than mandatory to address the PCLC's strong concerns about the potential adverse effects of the mandatory language in this provision, which could result in unwarranted delays in the voir dire process.</i></p> <p>Update: <i>As amended September 2, 2011</i> <i>No position</i></p>	<p>Section 1: Consumer Attorneys of California Section 2: California Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>Signed into law (Stats. 2011, ch. 409)</p>

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AB 1405 (Donna Hershkowitz)	<u>AB 1405 (Committee on Judiciary) – Courts: judgeships</u> As introduced Authorizes the third set of 50 critically needed new trial court judgeships. UPDATE: As amended January 11, 2012 Amended to address unrelated issue.	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Dead
AB 1406 (Tracy Kenny)	<u>AB 1406 (Committee on Judiciary) – Dissolution of marriage: disclosure</u> As amended June 6, 2012 Requires that a petitioner or respondent for dissolution, separation, or nullity of marriage serve a copy of the preliminary declaration of disclosure at the time the petition or response is filed, or within 60 days of filing the petition or response unless that time period is extended by written agreement or court order. Also requires that the declarant include the prior two years tax returns as part of the disclosure. Cleans up statutory provisions relating to minor’s counsel and attorney fees.	Support	Author	Signed into law (Stats. 2012, ch. 107)
AB 1444 (Daniel Pone)	<u>AB 1444 (Feuer) – California Environmental Quality Act: expedited judicial review</u> As introduced Expresses the intent of the Legislature to expand the application of the recently-enacted expedited judicial review procedures in CEQA matters to new public rail transit infrastructure projects. UPDATE: As amended May 1, 2012 Creates new procedures designed to expedite preparation and certification of records in CEQA cases. Imposes new hearing requirements at trial court level in an effort to expedite resolution of disputes about the record in CEQA cases. Sunsets above provisions on January 1, 2016.	Oppose Update: As amended May 1, 2012 Defer taking position pending outcome of negotiations with author on possible amendments.	Author	Dead
AB 1709 (Tracy Kenny)	<u>AB 1709 (Mitchell) – Juveniles: jury trial</u> As amended March 14, 2012 Provides that any minor whose case is being adjudicated in juvenile court for an offense that could be used as a future felony conviction under the “Three Strikes” law must be provided an opportunity for a jury trial in the same manner that a jury trial would be held in criminal court.	Oppose	Author	Dead

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AB 1712 (Tracy Kenny)	<u>AB 1712 (Beall) – Minors and nonminor dependents: out-of-home placement</u> As amended August 24, 2012 Contains numerous technical and clarifying amendments to implement the provisions of AB 12 (Beall and Bass, Ch. 559, Stats. of 2010), including the following: (1) clarifies that a CASA can serve a nonminor dependent; (2) clarifies that a nonminor delinquent in a foster care placement to accomplish his or her rehabilitative goals cannot be required to complete a mutual agreement to be a nonminor dependent, but remains subject to the jurisdiction and authority of the delinquency court; (3) clarifies competency provisions relating to nonminor dependents; (4) clarifies that nonminor dependent Indian children may participate in tribal customary adoptions; (5) authorizes adult adoption as a permanent plan for nonminor dependents; (6) establishes a framework to transfer the case of a nonminor dependent if he or she has established residency in a new county based upon residency in the county for at least a year; (7) expands the definition of relative for purposes of Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (Kin-GAP) eligibility; and (8) clarifies the educational and health care privacy rights of the nonminor dependent.	Support	County Welfare Directors Association; California Alliance of Child and Family Services	Signed into law (Stats. 2012, ch. 846)
AB 1875 (Daniel Pone)	<u>AB 1875 (Gatto) – Civil procedure: depositions: time limits</u> As amended August 22, 2012 Specifies that, unless otherwise ordered by the court, a deposition in a civil case would generally be limited to one day of 7 hours of total testimony. Provides that the court shall allow additional time if needed to fairly examine the deponent or if the deponent, another person, or any other circumstance impedes or delays the examination. Exempts from the bill’s provisions: depositions of experts; depositions of persons designated as most qualified; employment rates; complex cases, as specified; and cases where the parties have stipulated that the bill’s provisions will not apply to a specific deposition or the entire proceeding.	No position	Consumer Attorneys of California	Signed into law (Stats. 2012, ch. 346)
AB 1893 (Daniel Pone)	<u>AB 1893 (Wagner) – Probate proceedings: rules of practice</u> As amended June 25, 2012 Clarifies the procedural rules that apply to probate proceedings.	Support	Trusts and Estates Section of the State Bar of California	Dead
AB 1913 (Andi Liebenbaum)	<u>AB 1913 (Skinner) – Postrelease community supervision: revocation: release on bail</u> As amended June 27, 2012 Authorizes persons on post-release community supervision (PRCS) to apply for bail during the pendency of court revocation proceedings. Specifies that admittance to bail pending revocation of PRCS is within the sole discretion of the court. Provides that a bail application pursuant to the bill’s provisions shall be governed by existing statutory procedures for the setting of bail.	Oppose	Aladdin Bail Bonds (co-sponsor); American Bail Coalition (co-sponsor)	Dead

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AB 2073 (Daniel Pone)	<p><u>AB 2073 (Silva) – Courts: electronic filing and service of documents in the trial courts</u></p> <p>As amended August 21, 2012 Authorizes the Orange County Superior Court, until July 1, 2014, to adopt a local rule of court that would establish a pilot project mandating parties to civil actions identified by the court to electronically file and serve documents. Requires the Judicial Council to conduct an evaluation of the pilot project and report to the Legislature, on or before December 31, 2013, on the results of the evaluation. Requires the Judicial Council, on or before July 1, 2014, to adopt uniform rules that would permit trial courts throughout the state to mandate electronic filing and service of documents in civil cases.</p>	Support	Orange County Superior Court	Signed into law (Stats. 2012, ch. 320)

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AB 2076 (Donna Hershkowitz)	<p><u>AB 2076 (Ma) – Official court reporter fee</u></p> <p>As amended April 9, 2012 Provides that fees charged and collected by courts for the cost of providing a court reporter in civil cases are to be retained by the court in which the fee was collected. Requires courts to collect the fees for providing a court reporter in civil cases lasting an unspecified amount of time less than one hour.</p> <p>UPDATE: As amended June 25, 2012 <i>Provides that fees charged and collected by courts for the cost of providing a court reporter in civil cases are to be retained by the court in which the fee was collected in lieu of the current practice of depositing the fee in the Trial Court Trust Fund where it is allocated to all courts on a pro rata basis. Directs trial courts to assess a flat \$30 fee for the services of a court reporter in civil proceedings lasting for less than one hour. Provides that the \$30 of the civil filing fee which is to be used for the services of an official court reporter in civil proceedings shall be retained by the trial court or transmitted to the Trial Court Trust Fund for redistribution to courts that provide court reporters in civil proceedings. Repeals existing statutory language which authorizes the Judicial Council to allocate revenues from the portion of the filing fees that is intended for court reporters in civil proceedings to replace reductions in the General Fund appropriation to the trial courts.</i></p>	<p><i>No position on the issue of whether courts should be able to retain the court reporter fees assessed and collected pending action of the Trial Court Budget Working Group.</i></p> <p><i>Oppose the requirement that courts collect court reporter fees for every proceeding, no matter the length.</i></p> <p><i>Oppose deletion of language that authorizes the Judicial Council to allocate revenues from the portion of the filing fees that is supposed to be designated for court reporters in civil proceedings to replace reductions in the General Fund appropriation to the Trial Court Trust Fund.</i></p> <p>Update: As amended May 25, 2012</p> <p>1) <i>No position on the issue of whether courts should be able to retain the court reporter fees assessed and collected, pending action of the Trial Court Budget Working Group.</i></p> <p>2) <i>Oppose the repeal of statutory language which allows the Judicial Council to redirect the filing fee revenue to replace reductions in the General Fund appropriation to the Trial Court Trust Fund.</i></p> <p>3) <i>Take no position on the provision requiring courts to assess a flat \$30 fee for court reporter services in proceedings lasting less than one hour.</i></p> <p>4) <i>Consistent with recommendation #2 and existing law, oppose the requirement that directs \$30 of each filing fee be retained by the trial court,</i></p>	California Court Reporters Association; California Official Court Reporters Association	Dead

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	<p><i>UPDATE: As proposed to be amended</i> <i>Makes necessary amendments to a fee enacted in the budget trailer bill (SB 1021, ch. 41, Stats. of 2012) for court reporter services in civil proceedings lasting less than one hour. Specifically, 1) clarifies that the fee is for proceedings lasting one hour or less; 2) clarifies that the moving party is responsible to pay the fee; 3) authorizes the court to collect the fee at the time the party files the papers that result in the scheduled hearing; and 4) specifies that the fee is only refundable if the court fails to provide a court reporter at the scheduled hearing. Provides that longstanding fees charged and collected by courts for the cost of providing a court reporter in civil cases lasting more than one hour are to be retained by the court in which the fee was collected in lieu of the current practice of depositing the fee in the Trial Court Trust Fund where it is allocated to all courts on a pro rata basis.</i></p>	<p><i>instead of remitted to the Trial Court Trust Fund, for the purposes of providing court reporters in civil proceedings.</i></p> <p>Update: <i>As proposed to be amended</i> <i>Support the clean up to the budget trailer bill language regarding the fee for court reporter services lasting less than one hour. No action on remainder of bill, as bill was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.</i></p>		
AB 2106 (Daniel Pone)	<p><u>AB 2106 (Wagner) – Civil procedure: motion to set aside and vacate a judgment and motion for a new trial</u></p> <p>As amended June 18, 2012 Clarifies the time for bringing a motion for a new trial and a motion to set aside and vacate a judgment.</p>	Support	Conference of California Bar Associations	Signed into law (Stats. 2012, ch. 83)
AB 2163 (Daniel Pone)	<p><u>AB 2163 (Knight) – California Environmental Quality Act: expedited judicial review</u></p> <p>As introduced Expands AB 900 (Stats. 2011, ch. 354) by substantially increasing the type and size of development projects that would be eligible for expedited judicial review. Repeals the provisions that require such projects to have been certified by the Governor, and repeals the sunset provision in AB 900, so that it would be in effect indefinitely.</p>	Oppose	Author	Dead
AB 2274 (Daniel Pone)	<p><u>AB 2274 (Lara) – Vexatious litigants</u></p> <p>As amended July 3, 2012 Extends the vexatious litigant statute to pro per parties who had legal representation at the time of filing their lawsuits. Among other things, current law in this area authorizes a defendant to move the court for an order requiring a plaintiff who has previously been determined to be a vexatious litigant to furnish security.</p>	Support	Civil Justice Association of California	Signed into law (Stats. 2012, ch. 417)
AB 2299 (Tracy Kenny)	<p><u>AB 2299 (Feuer) – Local government: public safety officials: confidentiality</u></p> <p>As amended June 6, 2012 Authorizes the board of supervisors of a county to establish a program whereby the names of certain public safety officials, including judges and subordinate judicial officers, may be redacted upon request from any property record of principal residence that is disclosed to the public by that county.</p>	Support	Author	Dead

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AB 2365 (Tracy Kenny)	<u>AB 2365 (Nestande) – Family law: child custody</u> As amended June 4, 2012 Adds to the matters a court shall consider in determining the best interest of a child in a custody proceeding either parent’s habitual or continual abuse of prescribed controlled substances. Eliminates the sunset date on the authority of the family court to order drug testing in custody matters.	Support	Author	Signed into law (Stats. 2012, ch. 258)
AB 2381 (Donna Hershkowitz)	<u>AB 2381 (Hernández) – Judicial Council: employer-employee relations</u> As amended April 12, 2012 Makes the Ralph C. Dills Act applicable to an employee of the Administrative Office of the Courts, with the exception of managerial, confidential, or supervisory employees. Expressly excludes from its reach judicial officers and employees of the Supreme Court, courts of appeal, or Habeas Corpus Resource Center (HCRC). By extending the Dills Act to the Judicial Council, provides the right to join an employee organization to represent the rights of AOC employees and collectively bargain.	No position, but direct OGA to work with the author to seek amendments to create a parallel act for AOC employees, not simply include them in the Dills Act, to address differences between the executive branch and the judicial branch and their employees.	Service Employees International Union	Dead
AB 2393 (Tracy Kenny)	<u>AB 2393 (Davis) – Family law: child support formula</u> As amended June 18, 2012 Increases the net disposable income adjustment for low-income child support obligors from \$1,000 to \$1,500, and directs the Judicial Council to calculate an annual adjustment to that amount each March 1 based upon the change in the California Consumer Price Index. Provides that this provision will sunset on January 1, 2018.	Support	Western Center on Law and Policy	Signed into law (Stats. 2012, ch. 646)

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AB 2442 (Donna Hershkowitz)	<p><u>AB 2442 (Williams) – State property: California Hope Public Trust</u></p> <p>As amended June 27, 2012 Establishes the California Hope Public Trust to support instruction and direct student services to the California State University, the University of California, and the California Community Colleges systems. Requires the Trust to submit requests to the Legislature to enact legislation that would authorize the Trust to control the state-owned real property the Trust determines it should control, including court facilities. Provides that the Trust may manage the properties it controls in a variety of ways including: disposition; construction and maintenance; leasing; entering into joint ventures with other entities for construction or development of buildings and land for joint-use purposes; issuing revenue bonds to obtain funds to pay the cost of projects involving the property; and contracting with DGS for the management and maintenance of property in possession of the Trust.</p> <p><i>UPDATE: As amended August 24, 2012</i> <i>Exempts the following properties from consideration for management by the Trust: courthouses and properties in which courtrooms or other facilities directly supporting judicial proceedings are located including courthouses that have been closed but are planned for use in the future; property planned for development as courthouses; and property used for parking for courthouses.</i></p>	<p>Oppose unless amended to exempt all property controlled and managed by the judicial branch.</p> <p>Update: <i>As proposed to be amended</i> <i>Remove opposition</i></p>	Service Employees International Union	Vetoed
AB 2501 (Donna Hershkowitz)	<p><u>AB 2501 (Garrick) – State government</u></p> <p>As amended March 29, 2012 Requires the Supreme Court, by January 1, 2025, to move its location to the Sacramento metropolitan area and only hear cases in this location and also requires the Administrative Office of the Courts, along with all state agencies, departments, and other state entities under the direction of a constitutional officer, to move its primary administrative office to the Sacramento metropolitan area.</p>	Oppose	Author	Dead
AB 2683 (Daniel Pone)	<p><u>AB 2683 (Committee on Judiciary) – Guardianships: venue</u></p> <p>As amended April 23, 2012 Makes technical, clarifying changes to the law governing notice to creditors in decedents' estates. Corrects erroneous cross-reference in recently enacted statute on venue in guardianship cases.</p>	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2012, ch. 207).
SB 210 (Andi Liebenbaum)	<p><u>SB 210 (Hancock) – Criminal procedure: release on defendant's own recognizance</u></p> <p><u>As amended August 22, 2012</u> Requires that a judge determine whether a defendant charged with a felony, the sentence for which may be served in county jail pursuant to Penal Code section 1170(h), is eligible for release on his or her own recognizance. Sets forth a nonexclusive list of factors a court may, but is not required to consider in granting OR release to ensure that public safety is not compromised and to ensure the defendant's appearance. Expands the list of entities that may be responsible for preparing a pretrial investigation report that, if available, may be considered by the court in determining a defendant's eligibility for OR release.</p>	Oppose	American Civil Liberties Union; California Public Defenders Association	Dead

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SB 221 (Daniel Pone)	<p><u>SB 221 (Simitian) – Small claims court: jurisdiction</u></p> <p>As amended May 19, 2011 Increases small claims court jurisdiction for actions brought by natural persons from \$7,500 to \$10,000. Delays, until January 1, 2015, operation of jurisdictional increase for bodily injury claims resulting from vehicle accidents.</p>	Support	Author	Signed into law (Stats 2011, ch. 64)
SB 270 (Donna Hershkowitz)	<p><u>SB 270 (Hernandez) – State employees: compensation</u></p> <p>As introduced Continuously appropriates from the General Fund, the amount necessary to fully compensate state employees should a budget not be enacted before July 1, of any given fiscal year. Does not extend its protections to employees of the judicial branch.</p>	Oppose unless amended to include employees of the judicial branch in the protections provided by the bill.	Professional Engineers in California Government; California Association of Professional Scientists	Dead
SB 326 (Tracy Kenny)	<p><u>SB 326 (Yee) – Court records: public access</u></p> <p>As introduced Requires the Judicial Council to adopt a rule of court requiring courts to make newly filed or lodged court records available for public inspection at the courthouse no later than the end of the same day on which those records are received by the court. Defines court records broadly to include any document, paper, or exhibit filed or lodged by the parties to an action or proceeding.</p> <p><i>UPDATE: As amended May 10, 2011 Requires the Judicial Council, within 18 months of enactment of the legislation, to adopt a rule of court that would require courts that have fully implemented the California Court Case Management System to provide, to the extent possible and practicable, same day access to specified civil and criminal case initiating documents.</i></p> <p><i>UPDATE: As amended September 1, 2011 Requires the Judicial Council, within 18 months of enactment of the legislation, to adopt a rule of court that would require courts to provide same-day access to specified civil and criminal case-initiating documents received within 30 minutes of the court closing to the extent possible and practicable. Provides further that in no case would a document be made available later than 60 minutes after the court opens on the next court day. Requires courts to provide copies of the court records at no cost.</i></p>	<p>Oppose, unworkable for courts</p> <p>Update: <i>As amended May 10, 2011 Remove opposition, adopt a neutral position</i></p> <p>Update: <i>As amended September 1, 2011 Resume opposition</i></p>	Courthouse News Service; First Amendment Coalition; and Californians Aware	Dead

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SB 384 (Daniel Pone)	<p><u>SB 384 (Evans) – Civil actions</u></p> <p>As amended May 10, 2011 Authorizes a motion for summary adjudication of a legal issue or claim of damages, other than punitive damages, that does not completely dispose of a cause of action, an affirmative defense, or an issue of duty. Provides that such a motion may only be brought upon stipulation of the parties whose claims or defenses are put at issue by the motion, and a prior determination by the court, that the motion will further the interests of judicial economy by reducing the time required for trial or increasing the ability of the parties to settle. Requires that before such a motion is filed, the parties submit to the court a joint stipulation setting forth the issues to be adjudicated and a declaration from each stipulating party showing that a ruling will further the interests of judicial economy and/or increase the probability of settlement. Requires that the stipulation be served on all parties who are not parties to the motion, and allows such parties to file an objection to the determination of an issue within ten days of the submission of the stipulation.</p> <p>Clarifies the law governing fees in complex civil cases by requiring the payment of a single fee on behalf of all plaintiffs, as specified, and makes other conforming changes. Provides that these changes are declaratory of existing law.</p> <p>UPDATE: As amended September 1, 2011 <i>Adds new provisions which (1) clarify that a "demand for money" served by an attorney to a building owner or tenant containing a construction-related accessibility claim, which must under existing law include a written advisory of the owner's or tenant's rights and obligations, is defined as such whether or not the attorney intends to file a complaint and whether or not the attorney eventually files a complaint in state or federal court; and (2) provide that a violation of an attorney's obligation to include this written advisory of rights constitutes cause for the imposition of discipline against the attorney.</i></p>	Support	California Defense Counsel; Consumer Attorneys of California	Signed into law (Stats. 2011, ch. 419)
SB 405 (Donna Hershkowitz)	<p><u>SB 405 (Corbett) – Judgeships</u></p> <p>As introduced Ratifies the authority of the Judicial Council to convert 10 additional subordinate judicial officer positions to judgeships in the 2011–12 fiscal year where the conversion will result in a judge being assigned to a family law or juvenile law assignment previously presided over by a subordinate judicial officer.</p>	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2011, ch. 705)
SB 428 (Andi Liebenbaum)	<p><u>SB 428 (Strickland) – Public Safety Omnibus Bill</u></p> <p>As amended August 18, 2011 Among other things, authorizes courts to obtain thumbprints of felony defendants at the earliest possible time but no later than at the arraignment on the information or indictment or upon entry of a guilty or no contest plea under Penal Code section 859a.</p>	Support	Author	Signed into law (Stats. 2011, ch. 304)

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SB 503 (Tracy Kenny)	<u>SB 503 (Vargas) – Judges’ retirement</u> As amended September 1, 2011 Amends the Judges’ Retirement System II (JRS II) statutes to allow JRS II members who previously served as subordinate judicial officers (SJOs) to purchase JRS II service credit for a fraction of their SJO years.	Co-Sponsor	California Judges Association; Judicial Council	Vetoed
SB 565 (Donna Hershkowitz)	<u>SB 565 (DeSaulnier) – Vehicles: traffic violator schools: fees</u> As amended August 22, 2011 Among other things, corrects a chaptering-out error caused by the enactment of a 2010 budget trailer bill that amended the Vehicle Code provision (contained in AB 2499 (Portantino) which the Judicial Council supported) describing the court’s responsibility for collecting certain fees when a person is ordered or permitted to attend traffic violator school.	Support	Author	Signed into law (Stats. 2011, ch. 341)
SB 647 (Daniel Pone and Tracy Kenny)	<u>SB 647 (Committee on Judiciary) – Civil law: omnibus bill</u> As amended August 22, 2011 Amends the law governing the process for obtaining a subpoena in connection with an out-of-state proceeding by requiring the first page of the pleading to state whether or not the person filing the document is a party to the out-of-state case. Makes clarifying changes to recently enacted legislation (AB 131 [Evans], Stats. 2009, ch. 413) to allow courts to collect the costs of providing court appointed counsel in dependency cases from those parents who have the ability to pay. [Note: contains other proposals not sponsored by the Judicial Council, including making technical changes to provisions in the Small Claims Act by deleting erroneous cross-references.]	Sponsor	Author	Signed into law (Stats. 2011, ch. 308)
SB 731 (Daniel Pone)	<u>SB 731 (Committee on Judiciary) – Civil actions</u> As amended March 29, 2011 Makes various changes to improve the handling of judicial arbitration awards, and streamlines the procedures governing vexatious litigants. In the judicial arbitration area: (1) provides that a party need not file a request for a trial de novo to stop entry of the arbitrator’s award as the judgment in the case but instead could file a request for dismissal; and (2) gives parties up to 60 days after the filing of the arbitrator’s award to file either of the requests. In the vexatious litigants area: (1) clarifies that the vexatious litigant statute applies to matters in the Courts of Appeal, as well as the trial courts, and that a presiding justice or judge may delegate to another justice or judge of the same court the authority to make the pre-filing determination that an individual is a vexatious litigant or is permitted to file an action; (2) authorizes the presiding justice or presiding judge to order that notice be given of a vexatious litigants status if the clerk mistakenly files litigation without a pre-filing order; and (3) provides procedures for an application to vacate a pre-filing order and remove a litigant’s name from the Judicial Council’s list of vexatious litigants, along with guidance for the courts in deciding the application.	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2011, ch. 49)

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SB 848 (Daniel Pone)	<u>SB 848 (Emmerson) – Court of appeal districts</u> As amended April 27, 2011 Reorganizes the court of appeal districts into seven districts by removing the counties of Riverside, San Bernardino, and Inyo (currently Division Two) from the Fourth Appellate District and creating a new Seventh Appellate District consisting of those counties.	Oppose	Author	Dead
SB 858 (Andi Liebenbaum)	<u>SB 858 (Gaines) – Probation: chief probation officer of Nevada County</u> As amended April 25, 2011 Provides that the Chief Probation Officer of Nevada County shall be appointed by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors.	Oppose	Author	Dead
SB 1048 (Tracy Kenny)	<u>SB 1048 (Liu) – Juveniles</u> As amended April 17, 2012 Expands the existing authority of the juvenile court to join in a juvenile court proceeding a governmental agency or private service provider providing legally mandated services to a child by allowing joinder at any time after a dependency or delinquency petition is filed, and by conforming the joinder language in the delinquency statute to track the current authority in the dependency statute that includes private service providers.	Support	Public Counsel; Children’s Law Center; Youth Law Center	Signed into law (Stats. 2012, ch. 130)
SB 1124 (Andi Liebenbaum)	<u>SB 1124 (Cannella) – Prisons: cost of incarceration: reimbursement</u> As amended April 9, 2012 Requires, rather than allows, the court, following every conviction resulting in commitment to state prison or county jail, to order the defendant to file a statement setting forth his or her assets, liabilities, and income, and would require rather than allow the court to conduct a hearing and make a determination of the ability of the defendant to pay all or a portion of the reasonable costs of incarceration.	Oppose	Author	Dead

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SB 1186 (Daniel Pone)	<p><u>SB 1186 (Steinberg & Dutton) – Disability access</u></p> <p>As amended August 30, 2012 Among other things, provides, in construction-related accessibility cases, for an expansion of the early evaluation conference (EEC) process to two slightly broader classes of defendants: (1) small businesses, as defined, who declare that all of the alleged violations have been or will be fixed within 30 days of being served with the complaint; and (2) a defendant, until January 1, 2018, whose site’s new construction or improvement on or after January 1, 2008, and before January 1, 2016, was approved pursuant to the local building permit and inspection process, or was approved by a local public building department inspector who is a certified access specialist, as specified, and who declares that all violations have been or will be corrected within 60 days of being served with the complaint. Extends the timeline for the court to conduct all EECs, including those covered under current law, from 50 to 70 days. Authorizes a defendant who does not qualify for an EEC pursuant to the above provisions, or who forgoes those provisions, to request a mandatory evaluation conference (MEC), and allows a plaintiff to make that request if the defendant does not do so. Requires the court to schedule the MEC no later than 180 days from the date of the request. Provides further that an MEC may, at the court’s discretion, be scheduled or combined with the case management conference, as specified.</p>	Neutral	Authors	Signed into law (Stats. 2012, ch. 383)
SB 1206 (Tracy Kenny)	<p><u>SB 1206 (Walters) – Child abduction prevention</u></p> <p>As introduced Modifies existing statutes in child custody matters to prevent child abduction by: (1) requiring that the standard restraining orders in a family law case be modified to include an order requiring the surrender of the passport or other travel document of a child if either parent has strong familial or cultural ties to another country; (2) requiring that the court, when it finds a risk of abduction, enter the child’s name into the Prevent Departure Program of the United States Department of Homeland Security and the Children’s Passport Issuance Alert Program of the United States Department of State; and (3) authorizing the court to freeze the California assets of a party who has abducted a child for whom a protective custody warrant is sought.</p> <p>UPDATE: As amended August 6, 2012 Amends standard restraining orders to prohibit a parent in a dissolution matter from applying for a passport for a minor child without a court order or the written consent of the other parent. Eliminates requirements contained in prior versions of the bill for courts to enter information in federal programs.</p>	Oppose Update: <i>No position based on amendments</i>	Bring Our Children Home	Signed into law (Stats. 2012, ch. 276)
SB 1214 (Daniel Pone)	<p><u>SB 1214 (Cannella) – California Environmental Quality Act</u></p> <p>As introduced Expands the types of projects that would be eligible for expedited judicial review by requiring all CEQA challenges to projects located in a “distressed county” (except for high speed rail projects) be filed directly with the Court of Appeal with geographic jurisdiction over the project.</p>	Oppose	Author	Dead

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SB 1433 (Tracy Kenny)	<u>SB 1433 (Alquist) – Domestic violence: protective orders</u> As amended April 11, 2012 Modifies existing statutory requirements concerning firearms relinquishment in cases in which a Domestic Violence Prevention Act (DVPA) protective order has been issued to: (1) require courts to conduct a search to determine if the restrained person has a registered firearm when the court is performing other required criminal history searches on the party to be restrained by the order, subject to the availability of resources for this task; (2) require law enforcement officers who serve DVPA orders to request that a restrained person surrender his/her firearm when the order indicates that the party might have a gun; (3) require the restrained party to file a copy of the form filed with the court documenting the surrender of the firearm with the law enforcement agency that served the order; and (4) require a peace officer serving a DVPA protective order to take temporary custody of any firearm in plain sight or discovered pursuant to a lawful search as necessary to protect the peace officer or other person present.	Support	Santa Clara County District Attorney	Signed into law (Stats. 2012, ch. 765)
SB 1574 (Daniel Pone)	<u>SB 1574 (Committee on Judiciary) – Discovery: electronically stored information</u> As amended April 19, 2012 Makes various technical and conforming changes to the law governing electronic discovery.	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2012, ch. 72)

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AB 458 (Daniel Pone)	<p><u>AB 458 (Atkins) – Guardianship</u></p> <p>As amended March 29, 2011 Prohibits a court from appointing a minor’s parent as a guardian of the person of the minor, except as specified. Establishes requirements for transferring a proceeding to another court in circumstances in which a proceeding that concerns custody or visitation of a minor child is pending in one or more counties at the time the petition for guardianship is filed, and specifies circumstances under which the court in a guardianship proceeding would maintain exclusive jurisdiction to determine issues of custody or visitation. Requires the court in which a guardianship proceeding is filed to communicate with each court where a custody or visitation proceeding is pending prior to making a determination on maintaining or transferring the guardianship proceeding. Requires the Judicial Council, on or before January 1, 2013, to adopt rules of court to implement the inter-court communication provisions.</p>	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2011, ch. 102)
AB 1405 (Donna Hershkowitz)	<p><u>AB 1405 (Committee on Judiciary) – Courts: judgeships</u></p> <p>As introduced Authorizes the third set of 50 critically needed new trial court judgeships.</p> <p><i>UPDATE: As amended January 11, 2012 Amended to address unrelated issue.</i></p>	Judicial Council	Dead
AB 2683 (Daniel Pone)	<p><u>AB 2683 (Committee on Judiciary – Guardianships: venue</u></p> <p>As amended April 23, 2012 Makes technical, clarifying changes to the law governing notice to creditors in decedents’ estates. Corrects erroneous cross-reference in recently enacted statute on venue in guardianship cases.</p>	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2012, ch. 207)

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SB 405 (Donna Hershkowitz)	<p><u>SB 405 (Corbett) – Judgeships</u></p> <p>As introduced Ratifies the authority of the Judicial Council to convert 10 additional subordinate judicial officer positions to judgeships in the 2011–12 fiscal year where the conversion will result in a judge being assigned to a family law or juvenile law assignment previously presided over by a subordinate judicial officer.</p>	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2011, ch. 405)
SB 503 (Tracy Kenny)	<p><u>SB 503 (Vargas) – Judges’ retirement</u></p> <p>As amended September 1, 2011 Amends the Judges’ Retirement System II (JRS II) statutes to allow JRS II members who previously served as subordinate judicial officers (SJOs) to purchase JRS II service credit for a fraction of their SJO years.</p>	California Judges Association Judicial Council	Vetoed
SB 647 (Daniel Pone and Tracy Kenny)	<p><u>SB 647 (Committee on Judiciary) – Civil law: omnibus bill</u></p> <p>As amended August 22, 2011 Amends the law governing the process for obtaining a subpoena in connection with an out-of-state proceeding by requiring the first page of the pleading to state whether or not the person filing the document is a party to the out-of-state case. Makes clarifying changes to recently enacted legislation (AB 131 [Evans], Stats. 2009, ch. 413) to allow courts to collect the costs of providing court appointed counsel in dependency cases from those parents who have the ability to pay. [Note: contains other proposals not sponsored by the Judicial Council, including making technical changes to provisions in the Small Claims Act by deleting erroneous cross-references.]</p>	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2011, ch. 308)

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SB 731 (Daniel Pone)	<p><u>SB 731 (Committee on Judiciary) – Civil actions</u></p> <p>As amended March 29, 2011 Makes various changes to improve the handling of judicial arbitration awards, and streamlines the procedures governing vexatious litigants. In the judicial arbitration area: (1) provides that a party need not file a request for a trial de novo to stop entry of the arbitrator’s award as the judgment in the case but instead could file a request for dismissal; and (2) gives parties up to 60 days after the filing of the arbitrator’s award to file either of the requests. In the vexatious litigants area: (1) clarifies that the vexatious litigant statute applies to matters in the Courts of Appeal, as well as the trial courts, and that a presiding justice or judge may delegate to another justice or judge of the same court the authority to make the pre-filing determination that an individual is a vexatious litigant or is permitted to file an action; (2) authorizes the presiding justice or presiding judge to order that notice be given of a vexatious litigants status if the clerk mistakenly files litigation without a pre-filing order; and (3) provides procedures for an application to vacate a pre-filing order and remove a litigant’s name from the Judicial Council’s list of vexatious litigants, along with guidance for the courts in deciding the application.</p>	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2011, ch. 49)
SB 1574 (Daniel Pone)	<p><u>SB 1574 (Committee on Judiciary) – Discovery: electronically stored information</u></p> <p>As amended April 19, 2012 Makes various technical and conforming changes to the law governing electronic discovery.</p>	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2012, ch. 72)