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Judicial Council Releases Year-End Report

Report Highlights Branch's Efforts to Improve Access to Justice

San Francisco—The Judicial Council of California today released its 2008 year-end report, a summary of the judicial branch's significant progress and challenges in improving court administration and equal access to justice for all Californians. The report is available at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/2_annual.htm.

The report highlights the branch's efforts, in cooperation with the legislative and executive branches of state government, to improve service to the public and describes key trends in court caseloads and workloads.

The report covers the 18-month period from January 2007 to June 2008 as part of a transition from a calendar-year to a fiscal-year reporting schedule. The report includes hyperlinks to fact sheets, reports, studies, and additional online resources that provide further information on court-related topics.

The report emphasizes the steps taken toward improving court services provided to Californians. Some of the strategic goals for the judicial branch focus on urgently needed courthouse construction and renovation, implementation of a uniform case management system that ensures access to current information across the state, providing new protections for conservatees and domestic violence victims, and implementing new foster care reforms.

More accomplishments, studies, plans, and issues are described in the report. The report also highlights the steps taken to protect the public's access to impartial courts. Also included is information on how the judicial branch was funded in fiscal year 2007–2008.

To access the report, click [here](#).

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