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Department of Finance Releases Audit of Appellate Courts and AOC *“No Material Control Weaknesses” Found*

SAN FRANCISCO—The state Department of Finance’s Office of State Audit’s and Evaluations today released the results of an audit of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year that was requested last year by the AOC. The audit found no material weaknesses in fiscal controls. The audit is posted at:

www.dof.ca.gov/osae/audit_reports/documents/FinalReport-JudicialCouncilofCaliforniaAdministrativeOfficeoftheCourtsAudit.pdf

“In most instances, AOC’s fiscal controls were adequate and expenditures properly recorded,” the report said. The audit identified minor areas where fiscal controls could be improved and made recommendations to correct the instances in which they occurred. The AOC agreed with all the recommendations.

“We are pleased with the results of the audit and have already implemented the auditors’ recommendations for improvements in the management of public funds for the state’s judicial branch,” said William C. Vickrey, Administrative Director of the Courts. “Although the exceptions noted in the audit report were small in dollar amount, we strive to continually improve our processes.” The expenditures within the scope of this audit totaled \$582 million and included the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, Judicial Council, and the Judicial Branch Facility Program. A copy of the AOC’s response to the auditors’ recommendations is attached to the Department of Finance audit report.

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The Judicial Council is the policymaking body of the California courts, the largest court system in the nation. Under the leadership of the Chief Justice and in accordance with the California Constitution, the council is responsible for ensuring the consistent, independent, impartial, and accessible administration of justice. The Administrative Office of the Courts carries out the official actions of the council and promotes leadership and excellence in court administration.