

[Subject to requests]

*If no public comment then agenda items may be advanced

8:30–8:35 a.m. **Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2002**
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8:35–8:55 a.m. **Judicial Council Committee Presentations**
Executive and Planning Committee
 Hon. Richard D. Huffman, Chair
Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee
 Hon. Marvin R. Baxter, Chair
Rules and Projects Committee
 Hon. Gail A. Andler, Chair
 [Council Committee Reports Tab]

8:55–9:15 a.m. **Judicial Council Court Visit Reports**
(Court visit memos, on green paper, follow this agenda.)

 Hon. Aviva K. Bobb, Team Leader
 Report on visits to Mono and Inyo Counties

 Hon. Barbara Ann Zúñiga, Team Leader
 Report on visit to Los Angeles County

Consent Agenda (Tab 1)

(If you wish to request that any item be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda, please notify Roma Cheadle at (415) 865–7640 at least 48 hours before the meeting.)

Item 1 Court Security Working Group Rule (amend Cal. Rules of Court, rule 6.170) (Action Required)

Staff: Mr. Michael Roddy, Northern/Central Regional Office

AOC staff recommends revising a rule which explicitly sets forth the composition of the Working Group on Court Security, which depends on the type of matters being considered. The revised rule also specifies the role of the California State Sheriffs' Association in determining which sheriff member is removed when the working group membership changes and establishes initial terms for the labor representatives of the working group.

Special Presentation The Norman S. Yoffie Career Achievement Award to be
9:15–9:25 a.m. **presented as part of the James Madison Freedom of Information Awards by the Society of Professional Journalists, Northern California Chapter**

The James Madison Freedom of Information Awards are named for the creative force behind the First Amendment. The awards honor local journalists, organizations, public officials, and private citizens who have fought for public access to government meetings and records, or have promoted the public's right to know, publish, broadcast, and speak freely about issues of public concern. The Norman S. Yoffie Career Achievement Award is named in memory of the former publisher and general manager of the *Marin Independent Journal*, who gave many years of distinguished service to the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) and the cause of freedom of information.

Presenters: Ms. Beverly Kees
President, SPJ Northern California Chapter
Independent journalist
Mr. Randy Lyman
Co-chair, Freedom of Information Committee
Independent journalist
Ms. Nicole Dogwill
Co-chair, Freedom of Information Committee
Attorney, Gray Cary Ware & Friedenrich

Also attending: Mrs. Norman S. Yoffie,
Widow of Mr. Yoffie

Discussion Agenda (Tabs 2–7)

Item 2
9:25–9:35 a.m.

Final Report of the Task Force; Charter Completion Date, December 31, 2002 (Action Required)

The Community-Focused Court Planning Implementation Committee respectfully offers the Judicial Council the following recommendations:

1. Provide for continued annual funding by adjusting courts' base budgets by amounts previously received for strategic planning, community outreach and education. The Administrative Office of the Courts should continue providing its current level of support for such activities (e.g., the Annual Report of Trial Court Strategic Planning, the Court/Community Clearinghouse, the Court and Community Collaborations Web site, and law-related education efforts) with direct costs to be paid from the Trial Court Improvement Fund.

2. Provide ongoing leadership and guidance for court planning, outreach, and education about the judicial system. The Administrative Office of the Courts should continue supporting institutionalization of these efforts with the Administrative Director of the Court's appointment of a steering committee to oversee them as appropriate; and
3. If necessary, based on the severity of the state's fiscal constraints, the Administrative Director may defer establishing the recommended steering committee to fiscal year 2004–2005 or later.

Presentation (5 minutes)

Speakers: Hon. Judith McConnell,
 Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District
 Mr. Fred Miller, Executive Office Programs

Discussion/Council Action (5 minutes)

Item 3
 9:35–10:20 a.m.

Implementation of the Trial Court Interpreters Employment and Labor Relations Act (adopt Cal. Rules of Court, rules 6.661 and 6.662 and amend rule 984.3) (Action Required)

AOC staff recommends that the Judicial Council adopt these rules of court:

Rule of Court 6.661, which allows for the establishment of Regional Court Interpreter Employment Relations Committees to negotiate terms and conditions of employment for the new court interpreter employees on behalf of the trial courts, and rule 6.66, so that said committees can establish rules to facilitate the efficient cross-assignment of interpreters within and across regions. Staff also seeks amendment to rule 984.3 so that trial courts can provide the Judicial Council with a semi-annual report containing current and accurate data not only on non-certified interpreters, but also on certified and registered interpreters.

Presentation (30 minutes)

Speakers: Mr. Ricardo Beacon, Human Resources
 Mr. Scott Gardner, Office of the General Counsel
 Ms. Margaret Jacobson, Human Resources

Discussion/Council Action (15 minutes)

10:20–10:35 a.m.

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Item 4
 10:35–12:35 p.m.

Discussion on Judicial Branch Budget Issues for Fiscal Years 2002–2003, 2003–2004 and 2004–2005 (Action Required)

AOC staff recommends that the Judicial Council approve recommendations pertaining to the judicial branch budget for fiscal years 2002–2003, 2003–2004, and 2004–2005, including specific proposals that relate to the following:

- I. Fiscal Year 2002–03:
 - A. Funding Increases
 - B. Budget Reductions

- II. Fiscal Year 2003–04:
 - C. Proposed Finance Letter Issues
 - D. Budget Reductions
 - E. Legislative Proposals Contained in the Governor’s FY 2003–04 Budget Policy Package
 - F. JBBAC-Recommended Cost Reduction Measures
 - G. Other Action Items

- III. Fiscal Year 2004–05:
 - A. Budget Priorities

Presentation (60 minutes)

Speakers: Ms. Christine M. Hansen, Finance
Mr. Stephen H. Nash, Finance

Discussion/Council Action (60 minutes)

Item 5
12:35–12:45 p.m.

Public Access to Trial Court Budget Information (Action Required)

AOC staff recommends that the Judicial Council approve the recommendation to provide detailed trial court budget information at Judicial Council meetings.

Presentation (5 minutes)

Speakers: Mr. Ronald G. Overholt, Executive Office
Ms. Christine M. Hansen, Finance

Discussion/Council Action (5 minutes)

Item 6
12:45–12:55 p.m.

Statewide Administrative Infrastructure Initiatives (Action Required)

AOC staff recommends that the Judicial Council reaffirm the past policy approach regarding the development and implementation of statewide administrative infrastructure initiatives in the areas of finance, human resources, information technology, and legal services.

Presentation (5 minutes)

Speakers: Mr. William C. Vickrey, Executive Office
Mr. Ronald G. Overholt, Executive Office

Discussion/Council Action (5 minutes)

Item 7
12:55–1:05 p.m.

Family Law Information Centers: Approval of Report to the Legislature (Action Required)

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee and the Task Force on Self-Represented Litigants recommends that the Judicial Council approve the attached report entitled “An Evaluation of the Success of Three Pilot Family Law Information Centers,” and direct staff to forward it to the Legislature.

Presentation (7 minutes)

Speakers: Ms. Diane Nunn
Center for Families, Children & the Courts
Ms. Deborah Chase
Center for Families, Children & the Courts
Ms. Bonnie Hough
Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Discussion/Council Action (3 minutes)

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