

JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Administrative Office of the Courts
San Francisco, California
Open to the Public
June 23, 2004
2:00 p.m.–4:10 p.m.

AGENDA

2:00–2:05 p.m. **Approval of Minutes of April 23, 2004**
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2:05–2:25 p.m. **Judicial Council Committee Presentations** *[Informational]*
Executive and Planning Committee
Hon. Richard D. Huffman, Chair
Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee
Hon. Marvin R. Baxter, Chair
Rules and Projects Committee
Hon. Norman L. Epstein, Chair
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Consent Agenda (Tabs 1–2)

(If you wish to request that any item be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda, please notify Dennis Blanchard at 415-865-7455 at least 48 hours before the meeting.)

**Item 1 Travel Expense Reimbursement Policies and Procedures for
Trial Court Judges and Employees (Action Required)**

Staff: Ms. Christine M. Hansen, Finance Division

AOC staff recommends that the council adopt the annual trial court travel expense policies and procedures, as required by Government Code section 69505.

**Item 2 Family Law: Confidential Declaration of Social Security
Numbers (revoke form FL-102) (Action Required)**

Staff: Ms. Bonnie Hough
Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Assembly Bill 782 (Kehoe) was chaptered as urgency legislation on June 7, 2004. It repealed Family Code section 2024.5, which required the Judicial Council to develop a form to be filed with any petition or first responsive declaration in a dissolution, legal separation, or nullity action that would list the social security numbers (known to the party) of the petitioner, the respondent, and any minor child of the parties. Form FL-102, *Confidential Declaration of Social Security Numbers (Family Law)*, which was designed to meet that requirement and was adopted by the Judicial Council to go into effect July 1, 2004, should now be revoked.

Discussion Agenda (Tabs 3–6)

Item 3
2:25–2:40 p.m.

Resolution Commending the Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care (Action Required)

AOC staff recommends that the council adopt a resolution in support of the report of the Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care. California has more than 100,000 children in foster care, approximately one-fifth of the nation’s foster children. A formal resolution by the council may help to implement the commission’s recommendations while furthering the council’s operational plan.

Presentation (10 minutes)

Speakers: Mr. William C. Vickrey, Administrative Director
Ms. Diane Nunn
Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Discussion/Council Action (5 minutes)

Item 4
2:40–3:10 p.m.

Court-Appointed Counsel: Caseload Standards, Service Delivery Models, and Contract Administration (Action Required)

At the direction of the Judicial Council, the AOC undertook several initiatives related to the goals of improving the quality of court-appointed counsel in juvenile dependency proceedings and maximizing the resources available for those services. These efforts included: Dependency Counsel Caseload Study in collaboration with the American Humane Association; Reimbursement Program Funding for the Trial Courts; and a Service Delivery Model Analysis conducted in collaboration with the Spangenberg Group. Staff recommends that the council direct staff, through the Dependency Representation, Administration, Funding and Training (DRAFT) program, to begin phased-in implementation of dependency counsel caseload standards

and to assess the efficacy of statewide trial-level appointed dependency counsel administration. Staff will report back to the Judicial Council with first-year DRAFT program findings.

Presentation (10 minutes)

Speakers: Ms. Diane Nunn
Center for Families, Children & the Courts
Ms. Leah Wilson
Center for Families, Children & the Courts
Mr. Lee Morhar
Center for Families, Children & the Courts
Ms. Marea Beeman, Partner, The Spangenberg Group

Discussion/Council Action (20 minutes)

3:10–3:25 p.m.

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Item 5

3:25–3:55 p.m.

Appellate and Trial Court Facilities Governance Rules (amend rule 6.150 and adopt rules 6.15, 6.58, and 6.180–6.183) (Action Required)

Staff recommends adoption of the facilities governance rules to establish a system for decision making, operation, capital improvement, and construction of appellate and trial court facilities. The rules would:

1. Set out the respective roles of the Judicial Council, the appellate and trial courts, and the Administrative Office of the Courts;
2. Establish a temporary internal council committee to review matters related to facilities before they are submitted to the council; and
3. Establish an interim task force to advise the council and the Administrative Office of the Courts on facilities issues.

These rules would implement the Trial Court Facilities Act of 2002 and related laws concerning appellate court facilities.

Presentation (10 minutes)

Speakers: Ms. Kim Davis
Office of Court Construction and Management
Mr. Michael Fischer, Office of the General Counsel

Discussion/Council Action (20 minutes)

Item 6

3:55–4:10 p.m.

Court Interpreters Advisory Panel (amend Cal. Rules of Court, rule 6.51) (Action Required)

The Executive and Planning Committee recommends amendment of the Court Interpreters Advisory Panel rule to focus the responsibilities of the panel and change the panel's membership. This rule would distinguish the panel's duty to advise the council on policy issues from the employment and labor relations processes established by the Trial Court Interpreter Employment and Labor Relations Act, and it would establish new panel membership that reflects the current stakeholders in a manner consistent with the act. This rule also would reduce panel membership to 11 members, consistent with recent council actions to reduce the size and foster the efficiency of its advisory committees.

Presentation (5 minutes)

Speakers: Mr. Ricardo Beacon, Human Resources Division
Ms. Karen Sundermier, Office of the General Counsel

Discussion/Council Action (10 minutes)

Informational Items

No Circulating Orders have been approved since the last business meeting.

Judicial Council Appointment Orders Since Last Business Meeting

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Judicial Branch Budget Hearing: Supplemental Written Testimony

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