Court Executives Advisory Committee (CEAC)  
Annual Agenda—20176  
Approved by E&P: 01/25/16

I. ADVISORY BODY INFORMATION

| Chair: | Mr. Jake Chatters, Richard D. Feldstein, Court Executive Officer, Superior Court of Placer/Napa County |
| Staff: | Ms. Claudia Ortega, Senior Analyst, Leadership Services Division |

Advisory Body’s Charge: [Insert charge from Cal. Rules of Court, or the specific charge to the Task Force.]

The Court Executives Advisory Committee (CEAC) makes recommendations to the council on policy issues affecting the trial courts (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.48(a)).

In addition to this charge, the committee has the following additional duties (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.48(b)):

1) Recommend methods and policies to improve trial court administrators’ access to and participation in council decision making;
2) Review and comment on legislation, rules, forms, standards, studies, and recommendations concerning court administration proposed to the council;
3) Review and make proposals concerning the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System or other large-scope data collection efforts;
4) Suggest methods and policies to increase communication between the council and the trial courts; and
5) Meet periodically with the Judicial Council’s executive team to enhance branch communications.

Advisory Body’s Membership: [Insert total number of members and number of members by category.]

- **CEAC:** Per rule 10.48(c), CEAC consists of the court executive officers from the 58 California superior courts.
- **Executive Committee of CEAC:** 18 members. Per rule 10.48(d), the Executive Committee consists of the following members:
  - The nine court executive officers or interim/acting court executive officers from the nine trial courts that have 48 or more judges;
  - Four court executive officers from trial courts that have 16 to 47 judges;
  - Two court executive officers from trial courts that have 6 to 15 judges;
  - Two court executive officers from trial courts that have 2 to 5 judges; and
  - One at-large member appointed from the trial courts by the committee chair to a one-year term.
Subgroups/Working Groups: [List the names of each subgroup/working group, including groups made up exclusively of advisory body members and joint groups with other advisory bodies, and provide additional information about the subgroups/working groups in Section IV below. To request approval for the creation of a new subgroup/working group, include “new” before the name of the proposed subgroup/working group and describe its purpose and membership in Section IV below.]

Subcommittee or working group name:

1. TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee
2. TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee
3. TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Technology Subcommittee
4. TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Working Group on Court Fees
5. TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Working Group to Assess Issues Related to Body Cameras Worn by Law Enforcement
6. TCPJAC/CEAC Joint CLETS Working Group
7. TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Trial Court Efficiencies Vetting Group
8. Nominations Subcommittee
9. Records Management Subcommittee
10. Facilities Working Group
11. JBSIS Working Group

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1 California Rules of Court, rule 10.30 (c) allows an advisory body to form subgroups, composed entirely of current members of the advisory body, to carry out the body’s duties, subject to available resources, with the approval of its oversight committee.
Advisory Body’s Key Objectives for 2017:

[An objective is a strategic aim, purpose, or “end of action” to be achieved. Enter as bullet points the advisory body’s objectives for the coming year.]

- Address the current level of branch-wide underfunding by working with the Judicial Council to secure equitable, adequate, and sustainable funding for the trial courts that provides resources necessary to fully fund essential court operations;
- Partner with the Judicial Council and other advisory bodies to identify and develop strategies that assist courts in developing operational and programmatic efficiencies thereby maximizing existing financial resources;
- Develop programs to assist trial courts with the review, reengineering, and enhancement of court processes and programs to provide increased access to justice services;
- Increase the legislative branch’s and executive branch’s understanding of trial court operations and the resource requirements necessary to adequately meet the justice service needs and expectations of California residents;
- Review, comment, and make recommendations regarding policies, procedures, standards, projects, and other actions related to the development, maintenance, and enhancement of technological improvements for the trial courts;
- Review, comment, and make recommendations regarding policies, procedures, standards, projects, and other actions related to the design and construction of trial court facilities;
- Advance the role of the professional administrator on key branch advisory groups and projects by demonstrating the value of sound administrative principles and practices to the successful delivery of justice services throughout the state;
- Recommend, review and comment on policies, procedures, and technologies that address data and record information storage, retrieval, reporting and sharing; information ownership; and information access control issues;
- Develop, review, and/or provide input on proposals to establish, amend, or repeal the California Rules of Court, Standards of Judicial Administration, and forms to improve the efficiency or effectiveness of the trial courts;
- Assist staff in the Judicial Council’s Governmental Affairs office with proposed legislation - addressing new laws or the amendment of existing laws including: 1) reviewing and recommending draft proposals for council-sponsored legislation; 2) reviewing and developing recommendations regarding draft proposals from other advisory bodies for legislation; 3) reviewing and developing recommendations regarding bills sponsored by other parties that may impact court administration; and 4) directly participating in and otherwise supporting legislative advocacy and related activities;
- Develop, review, comment, and/or make recommendations on various Judicial Council task force reports, other studies, and other recommendations aimed at improving court administration; and
- Meet periodically with the Chief Justice, Judicial Council’s Administrative Director, and division chiefs regarding matters affecting the operation of trial courts.
## II. ADVISORY BODY PROJECTS

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| 1  | Develop, Review, Comment, and Make Recommendations on Proposed Legislation to Establish New and/or Amend Existing Laws | 1        | Judicial Council Direction:  
Goal II: Independence and Accountability  
Objective 2. Partner with other branches and the public to secure constitutional and statutory amendments that will strengthen the Judicial Council’s authority to lead the judicial branch.  
Objective 3. Improve communication within the judicial branch, with other branches of government, with members of the bar, and with the public to achieve better understanding of statewide issues that impact the delivery of justice.  

Goal III: Modernization of Management and Administration  
Objective 4. Uphold the integrity of court orders, protect court user safety, and improve public understanding of compliance requirements; improve the collection of fines, fees, and forfeitures statewide.  
Objective 5. Develop and implement effective trial and appellate case management rules, procedures, techniques, and practices to promote the fair, timely, consistent, and efficient processing of all types of cases. | Ongoing | Comments on proposed legislation and recommendations to PCLC on behalf of TCPJAC and CEAC  
Identify high-priority legislative proposals for the trial courts and request PCLC’s consideration of these proposals |

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2 All proposed projects for the year must be included on the Annual Agenda. If a project implements policy or is a program, identify it as implementation or a program in the project description and attach the Judicial Council authorization/assignment or prior approved Annual Agenda to this Annual Agenda.

3 For non-rules and forms projects, select priority level 1 (must be done) or 2 (should be done). For rules and forms proposals, select one of the following priority levels: 1(a) Urgently needed to conform to the law; 1(b) Urgently needed to respond to a recent change in the law; 1(c) Adoption or amendment of rules or forms by a specified date required by statute or council decision; 1(d) Provides significant cost savings and efficiencies, generates significant revenue, or avoids a significant loss of revenue; 1(e) Urgently needed to remedy a problem that is causing significant cost or inconvenience to the courts or the public; 1(f) Otherwise urgent and necessary, such as a proposal that would mitigate exposure to immediate or severe financial or legal risk; 2(a) Useful, but not necessary, to implement statutory changes; 2(b) Helpful in otherwise advancing Judicial Council goals and objectives.
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<td><strong>Origin of Project:</strong> California Rule of Court 10.48(b)(2)</td>
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<td><strong>Resources:</strong> Judicial Council and Trial Court Leadership and Governmental Affairs. Subject matter presentation and expertise. Staffing of subcommittee.</td>
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|    |         |          | **Key Objective Supported:**  
  - Assist staff in the Judicial Council’s Governmental Affairs office with proposed legislation addressing new laws or the amendment of existing laws including: 1) reviewing and recommending draft proposals for council-sponsored legislation; 2) reviewing and developing recommendations regarding draft proposals from other advisory bodies for legislation; 3) reviewing and developing recommendations regarding bills sponsored by other parties that may impact court administration; and 4) directly participating in and otherwise supporting legislative advocacy and related activities |                        |                                        |
| 2. | Develop, Review, and/or Provide Input on Proposals to Establish, Amend, or Repeal the California Rules of Court, Standards of Judicial Administration, and | 1        | **Judicial Council Direction:**  
  **Goal II:** Independence and Accountability  
  **Objective 3.** Improve communication within the judicial branch, with other branches of government, with members of the bar, and with the public to | Ongoing                | Comments on proposals concerning rules, standards, and forms. Recommendations to RUPRO |
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<td><strong>Forms; Make Recommendations on the Rule Making Process</strong></td>
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<td>achieve better understanding of statewide issues that impact the delivery of justice.</td>
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|    | Through the TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee (JRS), develop, review, and/or provide input on proposals to establish, amend, or repeal the California Rules of Court, Standards of Judicial Administration, and forms to improve the efficiency or effectiveness of the trial courts. The JRS focuses on those proposals that may lead to a significant fiscal and/or operational impact on the trial courts. Additionally, the JRS makes recommendations to RUPRO concerning the overall rule making process. | | Goal III: Modernization of Management and Administration  
**Objective 4.** Uphold the integrity of court orders, protect court user safety, and improve public understanding of compliance requirements; improve the collection of fines, fees, and forfeitures statewide.  
**Objective 5.** Develop and implement effective trial and appellate case management rules, procedures, techniques, and practices to promote the fair, timely, consistent, and efficient processing of all types of cases. | | |
|    | **Goal VI: Branchwide Infrastructure and Service Excellence**  
**Objective 4.** Implement new tools to facilitate the electronic exchange of court information while balancing privacy and security. | | **Origin of Project:** California Rule of Court 10.48(b)(2) | | |
|    | **Resources:** Judicial Council and Trial Court Leadership and Legal Services. Subject matter presentation and expertise. Staffing of subcommittee. | | **Key Objective Supported:**  
- Develop, review, and/or provide input on proposals to establish, amend, or repeal the | | |
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| 3 | Encourage Cost Savings and Greater Efficiencies for the Trial Courts | 1 | **Judicial Council Direction:**  
**Goal II: Independence and Accountability**  
**Objective 3:** Improve communication within the judicial branch, with other branches of government, with members of the bar, and with the public to achieve better understanding of statewide issues that impact the delivery of justice.  
**Goal III: Modernization of Management and Administration**  
**Objective 2:** Evaluate and improve management techniques, allocation of funds, internal operations, and services; support the sharing of effective management practices branchwide.  
**Objective 4:** Uphold the integrity of court orders, protect court user safety, and improve public understanding of compliance requirements; improve the collection of fines, fees, and forfeitures statewide.  
**Objective 5:** Develop and implement effective trial and appellate case management rules, procedures, techniques, and practices to promote the fair, timely, consistent, and efficient processing of all types of cases.  
**Origin of Project:**  
Directive of the Judicial Council | Ongoing | Maintenance of the online BPR and IKC resource pages. |
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<td>Review and Make Recommendations on Court Technology Proposals and Recommendations</td>
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<td><strong>Judicial Council Direction:</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Goal VI:</strong> Branchwide Infrastructure for Service Excellence&lt;br&gt;<strong>B. Technology Infrastructure</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Policy 1:</strong> Encourage and sustain innovation in the use of new information-sharing technologies.&lt;br&gt;<strong>Policy 2:</strong> Establish a branchwide technology infrastructure that provides the hardware, software, telecommunications, and technology management systems necessary to meet the case management, information-sharing, financial, human resources, education, and administrative technology needs of the judicial branch and the public.&lt;br&gt;<strong>Policy 3:</strong> Develop and maintain technology strategic plans for the judicial branch that are coordinated with the branch’s technology initiatives and address needs such as business continuity planning and meaningful performance standards.</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>Input into the development and future adoption of court technology proposals and recommendations that have a direct impact on court operations</td>
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**Key Objectives Supported:**<br>- Develop programs to assist trial courts with the review, reengineering, and enhancement of court processes and programs to provide increased access to justice services<br>- Increase the legislative branch’s and executive branch’s understanding of trial court operations and the resource requirements necessary to adequately meet the justice service needs and expectations of California residents

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<td>The subcommittee also provides input and feedback on various technology issues being addressed by the Judicial Council Technology Committee and the Information Technology Advisory Committee. The subcommittee is charged with providing preliminary feedback on technology proposals on behalf of TCPJAC and CEAC. Input on more substantive technology policy decisions will first be vetted by the Technology Subcommittee and then presented to TCPJAC and CEAC for final review.</td>
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<td>Resources: Judicial Council and Trial Court Leadership, Legal Services, and Information Technology Services. Subject matter presentation and expertise.</td>
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<td>The TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Working Group on Court Fees provides an opportunity for presiding judges and court</td>
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| 1 | executive officers to examine the many complex issues associated with courts’ practices relating to charging government entities, other courts, and the public for various services and records. The working group will also assess any new and related legislation. | 3 | **Resources:** Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee, Judicial Council and Trial Court Leadership, Governmental Affairs, Finance, and Legal Services. Subject matter presentation and expertise. Staffing of working group.  
**Key Objectives Supported:** [To be updated]  
- Assist staff in the Judicial Council’s Governmental Affairs office with proposed legislation addressing new laws or the amendment of existing laws including: 1) reviewing and recommending draft proposals for council-sponsored legislation; 2) reviewing and developing recommendations regarding draft proposals from other advisory bodies for legislation; 3) reviewing and developing recommendations regarding bills sponsored by other parties that may impact court administration; and 4) directly participating in and otherwise supporting legislative advocacy and related activities  
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<td>6.</td>
<td><strong>Assess Issues Related to the Body Cameras Worn by Law Enforcement</strong></td>
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<td>Evaluate and make recommendations relating to the storage of physical and electronic evidence arising from the use of body-worn cameras. Evaluate and make recommendations concerning the presence of body-worn cameras brought into the court environment by officers appearing on legal matters.</td>
<td><strong>Evaulate Issues Related to the</strong> <strong>Body Cameras Worn by Law Enforcement</strong> <strong>Through a new joint TCPJAC/CEAC working group, the committees will assess:</strong>  &lt;ul&gt;  &lt;li&gt;Physical and electronic storage of evidence that comes from law enforcement body cameras.&lt;/li&gt;  &lt;li&gt;Issues relating to the presence of body-worn cameras brought into the court by officers appearing on legal matters. Review and recommend policies and procedures for trial courts.&lt;/li&gt;  &lt;li&gt;Other related issues that may arise as the working group delves into this new subject.&lt;/li&gt; &lt;/ul&gt;</td>
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| 6. | **Identify Mechanism for Access to Criminal History Information for Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Family Law Child Custody Cases** | 2        | **Judicial Council Direction:**  
**Goal III:** Modernization of Management and Administration  
**Objective 2.** Evaluate and improve management techniques, allocation of funds, internal operations, and services; support the sharing of effective management practices branchwide.  
**Objective 5.** Develop and implement effective trial and appellate case management rules, procedures, techniques, and practices to promote the fair, timely, consistent, and efficient processing of all types of cases.  
**Origin of Project:** CEAC (November 6, 2014 business meeting)  
**Resources:** Judicial Council and Trial Court Leadership, Governmental Affairs, Legal Services, Center for Family, Children & the Courts, possibly the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, possibly the Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee, and possibly the Criminal Law Advisory Committee.  
**Key Objectives Supported:**  
• Recommend, review and comment on policies, procedures, and technologies that address data and record information storage, retrieval, reporting and sharing; information ownership; and information access control issues  
• Assist staff in the Judicial Council’s Governmental Affairs office with proposed legislation addressing new laws or the | 2017 | Identify a process to access criminal background information for probate investigators and child custody mediators |
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<td>Seek Amendment of Rules 2.810 and 10.742 (Pertaining to the Requirement to Report on the Use of Court-Appointed Temporary Judges)</td>
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<td>amendment of existing laws including: 1) reviewing and recommending draft proposals for council-sponsored legislation; 2) reviewing and developing recommendations regarding draft proposals from other advisory bodies for legislation; 3) reviewing and developing recommendations regarding bills sponsored by other parties that may impact court administration; and 4) directly participating in and otherwise supporting legislative advocacy and related activities</td>
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The TCPJAC and CEAC recommend (1) the amendment of rule 10.742, to eliminate that rule’s reporting requirements concerning the use of court-appointed temporary judges and (2) the amendment of subdivision (d) of rule 2.810 to delete the related reference to this reporting requirement.

**Judicial Council Direction:**
- **RUPRO:** Request by RUPRO Chair for rule proposals to achieve cost savings.
- **In the same spirit of Judicial Council Directive 23:** E&P recommends that the Judicial Council direct the Administrative Director of the Courts to identify legislative requirements that impose unnecessary reporting or other mandates on the courts and the AOC. Appropriate efforts should be made to revise or repeal such requirements.

**Origin of Project:** Proposal by CEO at the request of Justice Hull (Chair, RUPRO). Subsequently referred by RUPRO to the TCPJAC and CEAC.

**Resources:** Judicial Council and Trial Court Leadership, Legal Services (LS), and Office of Court Research (OCR)
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<td>Rule 10.742 governs the use of attorneys as court-appointed temporary judges. Subdivision (c) of the rule requires each trial court that uses attorneys as temporary judges to report quarterly to the Judicial Council the number of attorneys used as temporary judges each month, the number and types of cases on which they were used, and whether any of the appointments were made under the exception in Rule 2.810(d). This exception allows, in extraordinary circumstances, for appointment of an attorney as a temporary judge who has not met all of the requirements for such appointment. TCPJAC and CEAC recommend these changes because the information that Rule 10.742(c) requires courts to report on is in part duplicative of information collected and reported to the council in other reports, and thus the rule places an</td>
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Origin of Project: CEAC  
Resources: Judicial Council and Trial Court Leadership and Court Interpreter’s Program  
Key Objectives Supported:  
- Address the current level of branch-wide underfunding by working with the Judicial | 2017 | Conveyance of information to the Language Access Plan Implementation Task Force regarding implementation of the Language Access Plan in all trial courts, development of policies, best practices, recommendations, and |
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<td>Implementation Task Force in fulfilling its charge by providing any needed data, fiscal and other estimates, and input on its proposals and recommendations when requested by its chair. As the task force continues with its work, CEAC will also focus on <em>local</em> operational matters related to the future implementation of the Language Access Plan in all trial courts. These local operational matters include the following: 1. Identify local resources and strategies for the expansion of justice services to limited English proficient litigants; 2. Evaluate and recommend opportunities for trial courts to share and leverage innovations and enhancements related to the expansion of justice services to limited English proficient litigants; and</td>
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<td>Council to secure equitable, adequate, and sustainable funding for the trial courts that provides resources necessary to fully fund essential court operations  - Partner with the Judicial Council and other advisory bodies to identify and develop strategies that assist courts in developing operational and programmatic efficiencies thereby maximizing existing financial resources  - Develop, review, comment, and/or make recommendations on various Judicial Council task force reports, other studies, and other recommendations aimed at improving court administration</td>
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<td>Recommend best practices related to the local management of language access resources and services including how best to integrate them into other areas of local court operations in a manner that increases interpreter and other language access effectiveness.</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>Consider Whether the Base Per-Diem Rate for Contract Court Interpreters Should be Raised</td>
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<td>Judicial Council Direction: Request by the chairs of the Judicial Council’s internal committees.  &lt;br&gt; Origin of Project: Request by the chairs of the Judicial Council’s internal committees that CEAC formulate a recommendation on whether to pursue the Translators and Interpreters Guild’s request and the appropriate next steps for responding to the request.  &lt;br&gt; Resources: Judicial Council and Trial Court Leadership, Court Interpreter’s Program, Finance, Governmental Affairs, and Human Resources  &lt;br&gt; Key Objective Supported: N/A</td>
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|    |                     | 3        | compensation rate changes.  
- Provide recommendations to assist in ensuring the effective use of contract interpreter resources. |                        |                                           |
| 8  | Facilities Working Group [Charge to be determined.] |          |                                                                                 |                        |                                           |
| 10 | Develop Guidance Concerning Reciprocal Assignments and Case Transfers | 2        | Judicial Council Direction:  
Goal III: Modernization of Management and Administration  
Objective 2. Evaluate and improve management techniques, allocation of funds, internal operations, and services: support the sharing of effective management practices branchwide.  
Origin of Project: CEAC  
Resources: Judicial Council and Trial Court Leadership, Assigned Judges Program, and possibly Legal Services  
Key Objectives Supported: | 2017 | Policies, guidelines, or effective practices concerning reciprocal assignments and the transfer of cases. |
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| | transferred from one court to another. At a recent trial court training session, all participants conveyed the need for information that would clarify the processes and help the courts identify best practices to use in accordance with relevant law. CEAC may also consider development of guidance concerning change of venue processes for civil matters. | 3 | - Partner with the Judicial Council and other advisory bodies to identify and develop strategies that assist courts in developing operational and programmatic efficiencies thereby maximizing existing financial resources  
- Develop programs to assist trial courts with the review, reengineering, and enhancement of court processes and programs to provide increased access to justice services |  |  |
| 11. | Strengthen the Role of Court Executive Officers in Outreach to the Legislative and Executive Branches | 2 | Judicial Council Direction:  
**Goal II:** Independence and Accountability  
**Objective 2.** Partner with other branches and the public to secure constitutional and statutory amendments that will strengthen the Judicial Council’s authority to lead the judicial branch.  
**Objective 3.** Improve communication within the judicial branch, with other branches of government, with members of the bar, and with the public to achieve better understanding of statewide issues that impact the delivery of justice.  

**Origin of Project:** CEAC  

**Resources:** Judicial Council and Trial Court Leadership, Governmental Affairs, and Finance  

**Key Objective Supported:** | Ongoing | Develop legislative strategy.  
Strengthen relationships with leaders in the legislative and executive branches. |
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<td>12.</td>
<td>Update the Trial Court Records Manual (TCRM) and Review and Make Recommendations to Statutes and Rules of Court Governing Trial Court Records Management</td>
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<td>- Increase the legislative branch’s and executive branch’s understanding of trial court operations and the resource requirements necessary to adequately meet the justice service needs and expectations of California residents</td>
<td>TCRM Updates – Ongoing</td>
<td>Updated Trial Court Records Manual and amendments to rule 10.855 and GC §§ 68152 and 68153</td>
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CEAC will also seek to strengthen communication with the Executive Branch and with the Department of Finance in particular. It will do so in consultation with the Judicial Council’s Administrative Director, Governmental Affairs, and Finance.

**Judicial Council Direction:**

**Goal III:** Modernization of Management and Administration

**Objective 2.** Evaluate and improve management techniques, allocation of funds, internal operations, and services: support the sharing of effective management practices branchwide.

**Objective 5.** Develop and implement effective trial and appellate case management rules, procedures, techniques, and practices to promote the fair, timely, consistent, and efficient processing of all types of cases.

**Origin of Project:** Recommendation/suggestion from the Information Technology Advisory Committee and CEAC. Regarding the subcommittee—California Rule of Court 10.854; regarding review of rule 10.855—Proposal by CEO at the request of Justice Hull (Chair, RUPRO). Subsequently referred by RUPRO to CEAC and other advisory committees;
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<td>governing trial court records management. The subcommittee identified the following projects: Circulate rule and legislative proposals to amend rule 10.855 of the California Rules of Court, which governs the records sampling program and Government Code section 68153, which mandates the reporting requirement in the rule. This combined rule and legislative proposal has already been recommended for circulation for public comment by CEAC. The proposal will be circulated during the winter cycle. If the rules proposal is adopted by the council, it would go into effect on July 1, 2016. If the legislative proposal is sponsored by the Judicial Council and enacted by the Legislature, it would go into effect January 1, 2018. The TCRM would need to</td>
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<td>Resources: Judicial Council and Trial Court Leadership, Information Technology, and Legal Services. Subject matter presentation and expertise. Staffing of subcommittee. Key Objectives Supported: - Partner with the Judicial Council and other advisory bodies to identify and develop strategies that assist courts in developing operational and programmatic efficiencies thereby maximizing existing financial resources - Recommend, review and comment on policies, procedures, and technologies that address data and record information storage, retrieval, reporting and sharing; information ownership; and information access control issues - Develop, review, and/or provide input on proposals to establish, amend, or repeal the California Rules of Court, Standards of Judicial Administration, and forms to improve the efficiency or effectiveness of the trial courts</td>
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<td>be updated to reflect any changes to rule 10.855.</td>
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<td>- Develop standards and guidelines governing electronic signatures on documents filed by the parties and attorneys for inclusion in the <em>Trial Court Records Manual</em>. The Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) developed a legislative proposal to amend Code of Civil Procedure section 1010.6(b)(2) in 2016. To conform to this legislative proposal, ITAC will also develop a rule proposal in 2017 to amend Cal. Rules of Court, rule 2.257, to authorize electronic signatures on documents filed into the courts by the parties and attorneys. If the legislative proposal is enacted by the Legislature and rule proposal is adopted by the Judicial Council, the amendments will take effect January 1, 2018.</td>
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<td>• Review and develop standards and guidelines for electronic court records maintained as data in case management systems. Determine what statutory and rule changes may be required to authorize and implement the maintenance of court records in the form of data.</td>
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<td>• Review statutes and rules of court pertaining to the contents of registers of action and indexes to determine whether amendments to statutes or rules are necessary. The subcommittee would also like to develop additional guidelines on the contents of indexes and electronic registers of action remotely accessible by the public for inclusion in the TCRM to provide clarity and consistency among courts statewide. Currently, courts from different jurisdictions have varying practices on what to include in the electronic registers of</td>
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- Review standards and guidelines that govern maintaining electronic court records as data.
- Develop standards and guidelines governing electronic signatures on documents filed by the parties and attorneys. The Information Technology Advisory Committee will be primarily responsible for developing legislative and rule amendments to amend Code of Civil Procedure section 1010.6(b)(2) and Cal. Rules of Court, rule 2:257, to authorize electronic signatures on documents filed into the courts by the parties and attorneys. If the amendments to the statute and rule are adopted by the council, the subcommittee would like to develop the standards and guidelines for inclusion in the TCRM to implement the proposed action that are remotely accessible by the public.
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<td>Amendments to the statute and rules of court. Determine the need to propose amendments to Government Code section 68152 to clean up the records retention statutes. The technical amendments will include fixing statutory conflicts regarding the retention of original wills and codicils, retention of Prop 47 petitions, and retention of criminal realignment filings. In the future, the subcommittee would also like to circle back and review retention periods for Family and Juvenile cases. Develop best practices in maintaining original paper court records. Provide guidance on whether certain court records should be maintained in paper form. Several courts have approached Legal Services office with questions about specific types of court records that the original</td>
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| 43. | [To Be Updated] Provide Input to Update the JBSIS Filings Information Definitions | 2 | Judicial Council Direction:  
Goal III: Modernization of Management and Administration  
Recommended Policy A2: Ensure that data collected by the judicial branch are complete, accurate, and current and provide a sound basis for policy decisions, resource allocations, and reports to other branches of government, law and justice system partners, and the public. | 2016 | Updated JBSIS filings information definitions |

- Paper document need to be retained for policy reasons.
- Develop additional guidelines for exhibits management.
- Monitor the progress of proposed 2017 Judicial Council-sponsored legislation, which include amendments to Government Code section 68153, which eliminates the reporting requirement that superior courts must report destroyed court records to the Judicial Council and Government Code section 68152(a)(6), which include a retention period for court records in gun violence cases.
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<td>Judicial Branch Statistical Information System (JBSIS) filings information definitions. The working group is focusing on these higher priority definitions, rather than reviewing and updating all definitions in the JBSIS manual. The working group has developed some preliminary recommendations and responses to the courts’ feedback and questions concerning JBSIS reporting. It will continue with its work and expects to release the final JBSIS recommendations and updated definitions sometime in 2016. Staff from OCR has also been providing ongoing support to a separate JBSIS subcommittee of the California Tyler Users Group (CATUG). Court Executive Officers and staff members of CATUG recommended that a small group of courts work with Tyler and OCR to establish a</td>
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<td>Origin of Project: CEAC (November 2013 business meeting) Resources: Judicial Council and Trial Court Leadership and Office of Court Research (OCR) Key Objectives Supported: - Recommend, review and comment on policies, procedures, and technologies that address data and record information storage, retrieval, reporting and sharing; information ownership; and information access control issues - Develop, review, comment, and/or make recommendations on various Judicial Council task force reports, other studies, and other recommendations aimed at improving court administration</td>
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| 14. | [To Be Updated] Provide Input on Potential Audit Program for Filings Data | 1 | **Judicial Council Direction:**  
**Goal III:** Modernization of Management and Administration  
**Recommended Policy A2:** Ensure that data collected by the judicial branch are complete, accurate, and current and provide a sound basis for policy decisions, resource allocations, and reports to other branches of government, law and justice system partners, and the public.  

**Origin of Project:** CEAC  
**Resources:** Judicial Council and Trial Court Leadership and Office of Court Research (OCR) | 2016 | Provide input to OCR |
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<td>definitions. Given CEAC’s charge per rule 10.48(b)(3), CEAC would like to assist with the planning for this program and provide input on it when OCR begins work in this area. OCR will update the Workload Assessment Advisory Committee (WAAC) on this audit program to ensure that it will evaluate all the filings data used in the workload models. OCR has started to formulate a project plan with various options of how an audit program could be implemented. The first component of this plan is an expansion of the current data quality control process, which OCR has already planned to implement before the end of 2015. This work will focus on data from fiscal year 2014-15 that will be used in the next budget development process and published in the 2016 Court Statistics Report as well as data from the current fiscal year. Additional components</td>
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| | | | **Key Objectives Supported:**  
  - Recommend, review and comment on policies, procedures, and technologies that address data and record information storage, retrieval, reporting and sharing; information ownership; and information access control issues  
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|    | of a Data Audit project plan will be new functions within OCR so staff will be providing several options along with an estimate of the resource and workload needs for each option. Staff expects to develop a draft plan for this Data Audit Program in 2016, though implementation of the plan may depend on securing additional resources so that timeframe may extend into 2017. The Audit Program itself would be an ongoing process/function within OCR so it would not have a final completion date. | 1 | Judicial Council Direction: California Rule of Court 10.48(e)(2)  
 Origin of Project: N/A  
 Resources: Judicial Council and Trial Court Leadership  
 Key Objective Supported: • Advance the role of the professional administrator on key branch advisory groups and projects by | Ongoing | Provide nomination recommendations to the Executive and Planning Committee |
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<td>Executive and Planning Committee candidates for the following: • Members of CEAC’s Executive Committee; • Nonvoting court administrator members of the council; and • Members of other advisory committees who are court executives or judicial administrators.</td>
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<td>demonstrating the value of sound administrative principles and practices to the successful delivery of justice services throughout the state</td>
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<td><strong>Judicial Council Direction:</strong> California Rule of Court 10.48(b)  <strong>Origin of Project:</strong> Respective Judicial Council divisions and advisory bodies  <strong>Resources:</strong> Respective Judicial Council divisions and advisory bodies  <strong>Key Objectives Supported:</strong> All</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>Provide input, feedback, data, and/or recommendations to requesting Judicial Council division or advisory body</td>
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### III. STATUS OF 2016 PROJECTS:
[List each of the projects that were included in the 2016 Annual Agenda and provide the status for the project.]

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<td>TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee — The TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee remained active throughout 2015 providing review and, on behalf of the TCPJAC and CEAC, made recommendations on proposed and existing legislation that had a significant operational and/or administrative impact on the trial courts. In 2016, this subcommittee will also meet as needed to review proposals to create, amend, or repeal statutes to achieve cost savings or greater efficiencies for the trial courts and recommend proposals for the future consideration of the Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee (PCLC).</td>
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<td>TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee – Provided review and, on behalf of the TCPJAC and CEAC, submitted comments on rule, standards, and form proposals that may have a significant fiscal and/or operational impact on the trial courts.</td>
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<td>TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Trial Court Efficiencies Vetting Group – Continued ongoing maintenance and management of the Innovation Knowledge Center (IKC), focused outreach targeting case types/programs of interest to the branch and the legislature, and ongoing marketing and encouraging use of the <a href="#">IKC Knowledge Center</a>.</td>
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<td>TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Court Facilities Subcommittee — Provided review and input on behalf of TCPJAC and CEAC on several Judicial Council facility related policies: Water Conservation Policy, Judicial Council Policy on Art Acquisition for Court Facilities, and the Court Public Parking Management Policy. Subcommittee will sunset in 2016. TCPJAC/CEAC will continue to provide input into the development of court facilities proposals and recommendations that have a direct impact on court operations at the request of the Judicial Council, Court Facilities Advisory Committee, and/or the Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee.</td>
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<td>TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Technology Subcommittee – [TBD] Provided review and input on behalf of TCPJAC and CEAC on court technology proposals and recommendations that have a direct impact on court operations. Initiatives reviewed included disaster recovery and next generation hosting assessments, interim case management systems for Sustain Justice Edition (SJE) courts, and a draft security framework manual for trial court information systems controls.</td>
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<td>TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Working Group on Court Fees – Due to efforts being made at the national and state levels to address various issues surrounding court fees, the working group’s activities were placed on a hold. The working group did not convene or take any action in 2016. Held a meeting in April 2015 with judicial branch and commercial stakeholders to hear their concerns and recommendations regarding trial courts charging for certain services. The working group was poised to provide input to the Judicial Council’s Governmental Affairs office regarding any legislation that would negatively impact the trial courts in this regard, but none was proposed.</td>
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<td>TCPJAC/CEAC Joint CLETS Working Group – Collaborated with the Judicial Council’s Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to develop the Informational Handout for Family Law Trainings: Obtaining Information in Family Law Child Custody Matters. This document summarizes the various approaches authorized by rules and statute for court staff to conduct investigations for adoptions and guardianships and assist with recommendations in child custody/visitation cases. The handout was presented at the August 2016 TCPJAC/CEAC statewide business meeting. The document has since been distributed at a 2016 new mediator/evaluator training provided by the Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) and was also shared with the CJER education committee that works on family law matters. It is also planned to be distributed at future judicial and court staff institutes and conferences. This working group was dissolved in October 2016. The working group met three times in 2015 to discuss judicial access to criminal background information in child custody and visitation (parenting time) proceedings and probate guardianship cases. The working group examined the various statutes and policies that specify in which instances a court is authorized to obtain criminal background information; the avenues available to courts to obtain criminal background information; and any potential areas for improvement and possible solutions.</td>
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<td>Provide Input to Update the JBSIS Filings Information Definitions – [TBD] The working group met by conference call during 2015 and developed some preliminary recommendations and responses to the courts’ feedback and questions about JBSIS reporting. The working group intends to finalize JBSIS reporting recommendations and update the JBSIS definitions; however, its progress was delayed due to staff departures in the Office of Court Research.</td>
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<td>Provide Input on Potential Audit Program for Filings Data – [TBD] The Office of Court Research has started to formulate a project plan with various options of how an audit program could be implemented.</td>
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<td>Update the Trial Court Records Manual (TCRM) – CEAC and the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) recommend updating the Trial Court Records Manual to include new standards and guidelines governing the use of electronic signatures by trial</td>
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courts and judicial officers. These standards and guidelines implement Government Code section 68150(g), which authorizes electronic signatures by a court or judicial officer “in accordance with procedures, standards, and guidelines established by the Judicial Council.” The update also includes new sections in the *Trial Court Records Manual* that (1) outline the various provisions in the Code of Civil Procedure, Penal Code, and California Rules of Court that authorize electronic signatures submitted to the courts by attorneys, parties, and law enforcement officers; and (2) state the effect of digitized signatures created by scanning paper court records. Lastly, the update contains technical changes to align the manual with intervening legislative and form changes. CEAC made technical changes to the TCRM so that it would conform to statutory changes and amendments to rule 10.855.

Section 6.2 of this update was circulated to the trial courts for comment from September 8 to 25, 2015. Three courts submitted responses. The technical changes were not circulated for comment because they updated the manual to conform to existing law, changes in the law, and to make non-substantive revisions. The revised manual was submitted to the Judicial Council at its December 16, 2016 meeting for information only, and the council approved. The proposed revisions to the manual, which became effective on January 1, 2017.

Amend rule 10.855 (Superior court records sampling program). – The Judicial Council adopted the amendments to rule 10.855 at its June 2016 meeting and the amendments took effect July 1, 2016. These amendments will substantially reduce the number of court records that superior courts are required to keep, while still ensuring that courts preserve a statistically significant sample of court records for future research purposes.

and Amend Government Code sections 68152(a)(6) (Retention of Gun Violence Cases) and 68153 (Elimination of Reporting Requirement) – The CEAC Records Management Subcommittee recommended proposes amending rule 10.855 of the California Rules of Court and Government Code sections 68152(a)(6), to specify the retention period for court records in gun violence cases and 68153. The rule proposal would amend rule 10.855 by (1) eliminating the requirement that courts preserve forever systematic, subjective, and augmented sample court records; (2) revising the requirement that they preserve forever longitudinal sample court records; and (3) revising the comprehensive records requirement. The legislative proposal would seek amendment of Government Code section 68153 to eliminate the statutory requirement that superior courts must report destroyed court records to the Judicial Council. The council approved sponsoring these proposed legislative amendments at its December 16 meeting.
Overall, the rule proposal would substantially reduce the number of court records that superior courts are required to keep under rule 10.855, while still ensuring that courts preserve a statistically significant sample of court records for future research purposes. By eliminating the reporting requirement, the legislative proposal would decrease the amount of time necessary to destroy court records.

The proposals will be circulated for public comment during the winter cycle. It is anticipated that the rule proposal takes effect on July 1, 2016 and the TCRM would need to be updated to reflect any changes to rule 10.855. It is anticipated that the legislative proposal takes effect in January 1, 2018.

11 Amend rule 10.620 (Public Access to Administrative Decisions of Trial Courts) – TCPJAC and CEAC recommended the amendment of rule 10.620 to repeal the provisions that apply the rule’s requirements for public notice and input to the decisions of trial courts to close court facilities or reduce the hours of a court location, as these provisions are inconsistent with statutory requirements. Amendments to Government Code section 68106, which took effect on January 1, 2012, created new requirements for public notice and comment when trial courts decide to close court facilities or reduce hours. These requirements are inconsistent with the requirements of rule 10.620, and trial courts have faced confusion in determining how notice is to be provided. The proposed amendments are intended to resolve this confusion, leaving Government Code section 68106 as the sole authority governing decisions to close court facilities or reduce hours. In early 2015, the TCPJAC and CEAC reviewed and approved the proposed amendments to this rule as developed by the Joint Rules Subcommittee. The proposal was available for public comment from April to June 2015. At its October 2015 business meeting, the council approved the proposed amendments to this rule, which became effective on January 1, 2016.

12 Amendment of Rules 2.810 and 10.742 (Pertaining to the Requirement to Report on the Use of Court-Appointed Temporary Judges) – The TCPJAC and CEAC recommended (1) the amendment of rule 10.742, to eliminate that rule’s reporting requirements concerning the use of court-appointed temporary judges and (2) the amendment of subdivision (d) of rule 2.810 to delete the related reference to this reporting requirement. Rule 10.742 governs the use of attorneys as court-appointed temporary judges. Subdivision (c) of the rule requires each trial court that uses attorneys as temporary judges to report quarterly to the Judicial Council the number of attorneys used as temporary judges each month, the number and types of cases on which they were used, and whether any of the appointments were made under the exception in rule 2.810(d). The proposed rule change was referred to the TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee for review and vetting in 2014. In October and November 2014, the TCPJAC and CEAC reviewed and approved the proposed amendments to this rule as developed by the Joint Rules Subcommittee. This rule proposal was included in the Winter 2015 rule proposal.
cycle and it was circulated for public comment December 2014 to January 2015. Due to concerns and opposition expressed by commissioners, the Rules and Projects Committee referred the proposal back to TCPJAC and CEAC to further explore the commissioners’ concerns. The chairs of TCPJAC and CEAC expect to meet with commissioner representatives in 2016 to discuss their concerns. In July 2016, Judge Brian L. McCabe (former chair, TCPJAC) and Mr. Richard Feldstein (former chair, CEAC) met with commissioner representatives to further discuss the concerns of the commissioners and attempt to find a mutual resolution. The concerns that were raised by the commissioner representatives during this discussion mirrored those contained in the public comments. After discussing the commissioners’ concerns and the resource constraints of the trial courts, Judge McCabe and Mr. Feldstein concluded proceeding with the proposal as previously submitted to RUPRO was in the best interests of the trial courts. In October 2016, the Judicial Council considered this proposal and approved the proposed amendments to the rules. These amendments are effective January 1, 2017.
IV. Subgroups/Working Groups - Detail

Subgroups/Working Groups: [For each group listed in Section I, including any proposed “new” subgroups/working groups, provide the below information. For working groups that include members who are not on this advisory body, provide information about the additional members (e.g., from which other advisory bodies), and include the number of representatives from this advisory body as well as additional members on the working group.]

TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee
- **Purpose of subgroup or working group:** This standing subcommittee meets on behalf of the TCPJAC and CEAC to review, comment, and make recommendations on proposed legislation to establish new and/or amend existing laws including: 1) draft proposals for council-sponsored legislation; 2) draft proposals from other advisory committees for legislation; and 3) review and comment on bills sponsored by other parties that may impact court administration. As necessary, the subcommittee will refer matters to TCPJAC and/or CEAC that the members determine need broader consideration. The subcommittee convenes throughout the year by conference call. In 2016, this subcommittee will also meet as needed to review proposals to create, amend, or repeal statutes to achieve cost savings or greater efficiencies for the trial courts and recommend proposals for the future consideration of the Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee (PCLC).
- **Number of advisory body members on the subgroup or working group:** 10 CEOs
- **Number and description of additional members (not on this advisory body):** 10 PJs
- **Date formed:** 2001
- **Number of meetings or how often the subgroup or working group meets:** The subcommittee meets via conference call every three – four weeks about a week prior to each PCLC meeting, and as issues arise.
- **Ongoing or date work is expected to be completed:** Ongoing

TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee
- **Purpose of subgroup or working group:** This standing subcommittee meets on behalf of the TCPJAC and CEAC to review and provide input on proposals to establish, amend, and/or repeal the California Rules of Court, Standards of Judicial Administration, and Judicial Council forms. As necessary, the subcommittee will refer matters to the TCPJAC and/or CEAC that the members determine need broader consideration. The subcommittee convenes throughout the year by conference call to review proposals and evaluate the operational and/or administrative impact of proposals on the trial courts.
- **Number of advisory body members on the subgroup or working group:** 6 CEOs
- **Number and description of additional members (not on this advisory body):** 6 PJs
- **Date formed:** 2001
• **Number of meetings or how often the subgroup or working group meets:** The subcommittee meets by conference call approximately 7 times a year.

• **Ongoing or date work is expected to be completed:** Ongoing

**Ad Hoc TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Court Technology Subcommittee Working Group**

• **Purpose of subgroup or working group:** The ad hoc TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Court Technology Working Group serves as a resource to the Judicial Council Technology Committee (JCTC) and the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC). Through this ad hoc working group, TCPJAC and CEAC will provide comment and input on technology policy recommendations when necessary and at a stage where input can be thoughtfully considered.

• **Number of advisory body members on the subgroup or working group:** 4 CEOs

• **Number and description of additional members (not on this advisory body):** 4 PJs

• **Date formed:** 2015 (formerly a standing subcommittee)

• **Number of meetings or how often the subgroup or working group meets:** As needed.

• **Ongoing or date work is expected to be completed:** Ongoing

**TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Working Group on Court Fees**

• **Purpose of subgroup or working group:** The working group provides an opportunity for presiding judges and court executive officers to examine the many complex issues associated with courts’ practices relating to charging government entities, other courts, and the public for various services and records. The working group will also assess any new and related legislation.

• **Number of advisory body members on the subgroup or working group:** 4 CEOs

• **Number and description of additional members (not on this advisory body):** 4 PJs

• **Date formed:** November 7, 2014

• **Number of meetings or how often the subgroup or working group meets:** The working group will probably need to meet by conference call approximately 3 times in 2016 and possibly in-person again.

• **Ongoing or date work is expected to be completed:** 2018

**TCPJAC/CEAC Joint CLETS Working Group**

• **Purpose of subgroup or working group:** Through the TCPJAC/CEAC Joint CLETS Working Group, the TCPJAC and CEAC will work to develop proposed rule of court changes, proposed legislation for Judicial Council sponsorship, and will seek related regulatory changes to allow court probate investigators and child custody mediators access to criminal history information for guardianship, conservatorship, and family-law child custody cases.

• **Number of advisory body members on the subgroup or working group:** 3 CEOs

• **Number and description of additional members (not on this advisory body):** 3 PJs

• **Date formed:** 2015
• **Number of meetings or how often the subgroup or working group meets:** It is estimated that the working group will meet by conference call approximately 5 times a year. An in-person meeting may also be required.

• **Ongoing or date work is expected to be completed:** 2017

**TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Working Group to Assess Issues Related to Body Cameras Worn by Law Enforcement**

- **Purpose of subgroup or working group:**
- **Number of advisory body members on the subgroup or working group:**
- **Number and description of additional members (not on this advisory body):**
- **Date formed:**
- **Number of meetings or how often the subgroup or working group meets:**
- **Ongoing or date work is expected to be completed:**

**TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Trial Court Efficiencies Vetting Group**

- **Purpose of subgroup or working group:**
- **Number of advisory body members on the subgroup or working group:**
- **Number and description of additional members (not on this advisory body):**
- **Date formed:**
- **Number of meetings or how often the subgroup or working group meets:**
- **Ongoing or date work is expected to be completed:**

**Records Management Subcommittee**

- **Purpose of subgroup or working group:** This standing subcommittee will develop and publish subsequent updates to the Trial Court Records Manual with a focus on sections concerning electronic records and promoting best practices. It will also continue to review and make recommendations on various statutes and rules governing trial court records management.
- **Number of advisory body members on the subgroup or working group:** 3 CEOs
- **Number and description of additional members (not on this advisory body):** 2 Chief Information Officers, 1 Appellate Assistant Clerk/Administrator, 1 Deputy Executive Officer, and 1 Retired CEO.
- **Date formed:** The subcommittee was originally formed on June 19, 2006. The subcommittee changed its name on January 8, 2010.
- **Number of meetings or how often the subgroup or working group meets:** Approximately 3 to 5 times a year by conference call
- **Ongoing or date work is expected to be completed:** Ongoing

**Nominations Subcommittee**
• **Purpose of subgroup or working group:** Review and recommend court administrator candidates for membership on the Judicial Council, CEAC Executive Committee, and other advisory bodies.

• **Number of advisory body members on the subgroup or working group:** 6 (CEAC chair, CEAC vice-chair, and the last 4 CEAC chairs who are currently serving as court executive officers if possible). If four former chairs are not available to serve, the current chair may appoint additional members from the Executive Committee as necessary to establish a quorum. (CEAC Bylaws, Article VII, Section IV.)

• **Number and description of additional members (not on this advisory body):** N/A

• **Date formed:** Approximately 2004

• **Number of meetings or how often the subgroup or working group meets:** Approximately 6 times a year by conference call

• **Ongoing or date work is expected to be completed:** Ongoing

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**Facilities Working Group**

• **Purpose of subgroup or working group:**

• **Number of advisory body members on the subgroup or working group:**

• **Number and description of additional members (not on this advisory body):**

• **Date formed:**

• **Number of meetings or how often the subgroup or working group meets:**

• **Ongoing or date work is expected to be completed:**

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**JBSIS Working Group**

• **Purpose of subgroup or working group:**

• **Number of advisory body members on the subgroup or working group:**

• **Number and description of additional members (not on this advisory body):**

• **Date formed:**

• **Number of meetings or how often the subgroup or working group meets:**

• **Ongoing or date work is expected to be completed:**

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