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**Trial Court Workload-based
Allocation and Funding
Methodology:
Adjustment Request Process**

Judicial Council Meeting

August 23, 2013

Protocol for Unique Factors

- TCBAC informed the Judicial Council at its April 26, 2013 meeting that it would address “parking lot” issues associated with WAFM in Phase 2 of the WAFM process.
- One issue was to create a protocol to allow trial courts to identify factors they believe the WAFM does not yet address and to assist in the evolution and refinement of WAFM.
- This protocol was intended to also, in part, address and adjust for the impacts of the WAFM on smaller (cluster #1) courts.

TCBAC Funding Methodology Subcommittee

- A subgroup of the Funding Methodology Subcommittee met on several occasions during Spring and Summer 2013 to address the protocol issue.
- The subgroup's proposal was approved by the subcommittee for recommendation to the TCBAC on August 6, 2013.



Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee took action on its recommendations to the council at its August 14, 2013 meeting.
- All of the recommendations presented today were approved unanimously (30-0).



Recommendation 1

- Approve the Workload-based Allocation and Funding Methodology Adjustment Request Process
 - Initial requests submitted by courts deadline of October 15
 - Preliminary report issued by Co-Chairs of TCBAC to Funding Methodology Subcommittee by January 15
 - Subcommittee recommend to TCBAC by March 15, and TCBAC recommend to Judicial Council at April meeting
 - Adjustments approved included in July and/or August allocation.



Recommendation 2

- Direct the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts' Fiscal Services Office to develop an application form the trial courts will be required to complete in order to be considered for a Workload-based Allocation and Funding Methodology adjustment.
 - Application to solicit information specific information describing the factor, its impacts, and consequences of not funding
 - Applicant must provide additional information requested by the AOC, Funding Methodology Subcommittee, and/or TCBAC deemed necessary to fully evaluate the request



End of Presentation



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