

The seal of the Judicial Council of California is faintly visible in the background. It features a central figure holding a scale of justice, surrounded by various symbols of law and order. The text "JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA" is written around the perimeter, and "EUREKA" is inscribed at the top.

# Budget: New Fiscal Year 2014– 2015 Request for Trial Courts

Judicial Council Meeting

April 24, 2014

# Role of the Judicial Council

- The Judicial Council has the statutory authority to request additional funding for the trial courts
- The Judicial Council has the statutory authority to allocate funding appropriated in the annual budget act from the Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF).
- The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) has provided recommendations for budget change proposals (BCPs) and allocations from the TCTF.



# Previous Council Action

- At its August 23, 2013 business meeting, the Judicial Council approved the submission of BCPs to the DOF for FY 2014–2015, which would communicate funding needs for the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, and trial courts.
- At its February 26, 2013 business meeting, the Judicial Council allocated \$29.4 million ongoing to courts from the TCTF beginning in FY 2013–2014 to fund the annualized costs of benefit cost changes effective in FY 2012–2013. The council also directed AOC staff, if insufficient funds were available in the TCTF, to pursue General Fund monies from the DOF.



# Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

- Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee took action on its recommendations to the council at its March 25, 2014 meeting.
  - All the recommendations were developed by the Revenue and Expenditure Subcommittee
- All of the recommendations presented today were approved unanimously.



# Recommendation 1

- Direct the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to prepare and submit to the state Department of Finance (DOF) a fiscal year 2014–2015 Spring Finance Letter that requests a \$70 million General Fund ongoing augmentation to the Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF) to address a projected shortfall in civil fee- and criminal case-related revenue in the TCTF that supports trial courts' allocations for operations



# Recommendation 2

- Beginning in FY 2014–2015, no longer allocate \$29.4 million from the TCTF for benefit cost increases related to FY 2012–2013 that were funded only in FY 2012–2013 from the General Fund.



# End of Presentation



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