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## **Executive Summary**

The following information outlines some of the many activities staff is engaged in to further the Judicial Council's goals and priorities for the judicial branch. The report focuses on action since the council's January 22, 2015, meeting and is exclusive of issues on the February business meeting agenda.

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**Trial Courts 2015 Budget Snapshots:** Governmental Affairs staff worked with trial court leadership to complete 2015 Budget Snapshots on each of the 58 trial courts that will aid and reinforce the budget advocacy process in the coming months.

**Judicial Council Legislative Proposals:** The first of the Judicial Council's 10 legislative proposals was introduced as a bill: AB 249 (Obernolte) - Appeals of the Imposition or Calculation of Fines and Fees.

**California Risk Assessment Pilot Project:** Staff met with University of Cincinnati researchers and the four Chief Probation Officers in the project's pilot counties on testing consistency across probation officers as they rate individual offenders in order to increase the confidence that judges have as they consider risk and needs information.

**Proposition 47 Implementation:** Staff completed additional Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that address various substantive legal issues engendered by the changes in the law. The new FAQs are now available to the public on the California Courts website at: [http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/Applications\\_Prop47\\_FAQs.pdf](http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/Applications_Prop47_FAQs.pdf). Additional guidance was provided to presiding judges regarding criminal case disposition reporting to the Department of Justice and concerns raised by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and legal guidance was provided directly to courts on various issues related to the proposition, including the implications on intercounty transfer under Penal Code section 1203.9.

**Language Access:** The Office of Court Research and the Court Language Access Support Program released to the trial courts data from the first quarter of 2014–2015 (July 1–September 30) reflecting court interpreter usage in civil and criminal cases. The statewide data confirmed an increase in interpreter services provided by the courts in an expanded range of cases, especially in domestic violence, family law, unlawful detainer, and probate and mental health cases.

**Judicial Branch Statistical Information System:** The Office of Court Research completed the second phase of reporting enhancements to the system's web portal based on the recommendations of the Court Executives Advisory Committee. (The first phase was completed in August 2014 for Family Law reporting.) This second phase expanded the statistical reporting standards for Probate cases, which also included training and technical assistance for courts using the system. The final phase will expand the current reporting standards for Limited Civil cases and is scheduled to be completed by the end of February 2015. These enhancements will enable the integration of court-reported data from all courts for use in the next Resource Assessment Study and Workload Allocation Funding Methodology models.

**Court-Ordered Debt Collection:** Staff provided ongoing support to the Superior Court of Merced County as it prepares to accept responsibility from the county for the collection of delinquent court-ordered debt. Support was also provided to the Superior Court of Trinity County to assist the court in reviewing operational policies and procedures to better align resources to support services currently provided by a third party.

**Power of Democracy Steering Committee:** The committee discussed strategies for implementation of the California Task Force on K-12 Civic Learning Recommendations at both the state and local level. The first local effort, a California Civic Learning Partnership meeting was held in Butte County with more than 45 attendees. The purpose of the local partnerships is to bring together community leaders to develop students’ understanding of our democracy and the role of the judicial branch. Grant funding is provided by the California Bar Foundation.

**Judicial Resources and Technical Assistance Program:** Courtesy file reviews of foster care cases were conducted in the Superior Courts of Riverside and San Mateo Counties. Judicial Council staff attorneys advise and consult with juvenile court bench officers, court staff, and agency stakeholders on practices and procedures required by federal and California law to protect children from abuse and neglect and prevent the loss of federal foster care funding.

**Facilities**

**Capital Projects:** There are 30 active capital projects totaling \$3.3 billion, and two projects that remain in the warranty, or project close-out phase. A total of 11 projects, totaling over \$1.7 billion, are currently in construction.

**Real Estate and Facilities Management:** During this period, 15 real estate transactions were completed, including court-funded leases, revenue leases and licenses, event licenses, and lease terminations, as follows:

- Lease renewal: Hall of Records court-funded expense lease, Stanislaus County
- Lease termination: Court-funded expense lease for juror selection for multi-defendant trial, Santa Barbara County
- Revenue licenses:
  - New Modesto Courthouse (City of Modesto), Stanislaus County
  - San Bernardino Justice Center (Arrowhead Credit Union), San Bernardino County
  - Juvenile Court (County), San Diego County
  - Carol Miller Justice Center (ABM Parking Services), Sacramento County
- Revenue lease/license terminations: Carol Miller Justice Center (Central Parking System), Sacramento County
- Event licenses: Eight short-term event licenses were executed

**Facility Modifications**

Status	Number of Modifications	Total of Estimated Cost
Awaiting Shared Cost Approval	21	\$20,655,388.00
In Work	512	\$72,127,491.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>\$92,782,879.00</b>

## Technology

**Telecommunications Infrastructure and Security:** Seventeen superior courts are participating in an equipment replacement program to be completed by May 2015. Replacement programs for the Superior Courts of Santa Clara and Riverside Counties were completed during this reporting period. The replacement program is currently in progress in three additional courts.

**Computer-Aided Facilities Management:** Staff completed a five-month platform upgrade.

## Human Resources

**Trial Court Payroll Services:** The Accounts Payable unit issued approximately 4,750 1099-MISC tax forms to court vendors and the Payroll Financial Services unit issued 3,164 W-2 tax forms to the staff of the 10 courts on the Phoenix Human Resources Payroll System in accordance with the January 31 Internal Revenue Service deadline.

### **Labor and Employee Relations:**

- Staff has been assisting nine trial courts in 11 separate labor negotiations, including impact bargaining issues. In the past two months, one memorandum of understanding and one impact bargaining matter has been ratified and/or resolved. Support is being provided to eight trial courts in responding to nine different labor matters (e.g., assisting with a grievance, responding to the Public Employee Relations Board).
- Support is being provided to 11 trial and appellate courts on separate matters involving employee investigations, discipline matters, and leave issues.

**Classification and Compensation Study on Judicial Council Staff:** The Human Resources office held meetings with all Judicial Council managers and supervisors regarding the upcoming distribution of the new classification specifications and allocations, and provided training on the appeals process. Legal Services is finalizing its recommendations regarding adherence to the guidelines of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

## Advisory Committees/Task Forces/Working Groups

The following committees met in person or by phone since the council's January meeting:

1. Administrative Presiding Justices Advisory Committee
2. Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
3. Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
4. Court Interpreters Advisory Panel
5. Center for Judicial Education and Research Governing Committee
6. Court Technology Advisory Committee
7. Criminal Law Advisory Committee

8. Facilities Policies Working Group
9. Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee
10. Traffic Advisory Committee
11. Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee and Court Executives Advisory Committee Statewide Business Meeting
12. Tribal Court-State Court Forum

## **Meeting Details**

### **Administrative Presiding Justices Advisory Committee**

- Discussed emergency preparedness for the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal, electronic filing, uniform policy on electronic devices in the appellate courts, budget issues, and other policy and procedural issues.

### **Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness**

- *Gender Fairness/Women of Color in the Courts Working Group*: Considered effective strategies for disseminating focus groups information about the experiences of women and women of color in the branch as well as steps for incorporating the data into educational programming.
- *Economic Access Project Working Group Conference Call*: Considering effective strategies for disseminating information on economic factors that impact access and fairness for court-users.

### **Center for Judicial Education and Research Governing Committee**

- Participated in a process that highlighted the positive accomplishments of the past to ensure that these are included in future planning and annual agendas.
- Prioritized the CJER publications updating schedule, based upon a ranking of the importance and need for each publication.
- Discussed and approved recommendations for increasing opportunities for experienced judge education.
- Observed several demonstrations of new distance education and technology.
- Heard a presentation about integrating tribal law into existing curricula.

### **Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee**

- Developed responses to public comments regarding the new Judicial Council form *Notification of Military Status* (MIL-100) for consideration by the committee in deciding whether form revisions are appropriate.

### **Court Interpreters Advisory Panel**

- Discussed the draft annual agenda including maintaining performance standards; determining the grounds and procedures for revocation of certified/registered interpreter status; evaluation and improvement of existing Rules of Court and interpreter forms; and consultation with other committees on video remote technology.

### **Court Technology Advisory Committee**

- Approved the annual agenda for consideration by the Judicial Council Technology Committee.
- Approved proposals to amend rules 2.251 and 8.71 for the trial and appellate courts (respectively) to authorize electronic service on the courts that consent to such service; and rule 4.220 to allow courts to continue conducting remote video proceedings in traffic cases after January 1, 2016.
- Identified the overall focus, principles, needs, methods, and approaches for the data exchange workstream.
- Evaluating the feasibility and desirability of a self-represented litigants' portal.
- Approved a request to decommission the Superior Court of Merced County's Sustain Justice Edition case management system environment at the California Court Technology Center. Merced deployed Tyler's Odyssey case management system, which is hosted locally at the court.
- *Joint Appellate Technology Subcommittee*: Reviewed proposed revisions to appellate rules on public access to electronic appellate court records for circulation for public comment.

### **Criminal Law Advisory Committee**

- Discussed the *Williams* case and parole revocation proceedings; the proper use of risk/needs assessment information at sentencing; Judicial Council forms for dismissals, veterans, and supervision revocation procedures; court implementation of Proposition 47; criminal protective order legislation; the rules modernization project in conjunction with the Court Technology Advisory Committee; victim rights to restitution; and legislation related to placement options for developmentally disabled defendants who are incompetent to stand trial.
- In response to recent legislation, developed forms to facilitate court implementation of new statutory dismissal relief available to certain veteran defendants.
- Commenced planning for collaboration with the Court Technology Advisory Committee on a new project to modernize criminal rules of court to promote e-business in criminal court.
- Developed several new legislative proposals related to criminal procedure, including a proposal to enhance judicial discretion in the placement of developmentally disabled defendants that are incompetent to stand trial.

### **Facilities Policies Working Group**

- Discussed policy areas to be addressed:
  1. Paid Parking – Can/Should the state charge for parking; what factors are to be taken into account in managing changes to the parking portfolio; what is the process for changing between paid and unpaid parking?
  2. Closed and Closing Court Facilities: Permanent Status – Should the judicial branch dispose of closed facilities, or retain them for future use?

3. Short Term Leasing of Permanently Closed Facilities Pending Disposition – Should the judicial branch enter into short term leases pending a final decision by the Judicial Council as to the disposition of a permanently closed facility?
  4. Disposition Process for Permanently Closed Facilities – What processes will Judicial Council staff follow for the disposition of facilities where (1) county holds title; and (2) state holds title?
  5. Third Party Use of Court Facilities – Office occupancy, event licensing, telecommunications, and food services.
  6. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – Should the judicial branch provide charging stations at courthouse facilities?
- Discussed operational requests for approval to continue work on dispositions pending formal Judicial Council policies and for delegation to Administrative Director or designee for disposition of state equity in shared court facilities where county holds title.

#### **Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee**

- Discussed the development of new fee waiver forms specially designed for use in probate proceedings and plans to assist on the rules modernization project.

#### **Traffic Advisory Committee**

- Prepared a draft invitation to comment in collaboration with the Court Technology Advisory Committee on revision of rules and forms for statewide pilot project for remote video proceedings for traffic infraction cases.
- Prepared a response to an invitation to comment and recommendations for revisions of the rule of court and council forms for notice to appear citations, including filing of electronic citations.
- Discussed proposals for revision of rules and forms to improve efficiency and promote use of technology to modernize processing of traffic cases.

#### **Trial Court Facility Modifications Advisory Committee**

- Reviewed and approved facility modification projects with a total potential cost of \$6,012,681. Under the current spending plan, \$11 million is available to fund facilities needs between January and the end of the fiscal year, with final project approvals in May 2015.
- Reviewed and discussed requests for funding of Priority 3 (Needed) projects from the Superior Courts of Santa Barbara, Nevada, Solano and Tulare Counties. These substantial, worthy projects would enhance court operations or security, however, due to budget limitations, the committee declined to fund the projects at this time.
- Directed staff to prioritize the backlog of security screening projects and front counter renovations and report back in fall 2015.
- Approved a facility modification with a total potential cost of approximately \$2 million to complete the interior of the South Placer Jail Arraignment courtroom. This project will enable the state to close an obsolete jail court in Auburn and further reduce the considerable cost of transporting inmates. Placer County has agreed, in concept, to make a substantial contribution to the total project cost.

### **Trial Court Presiding Judges and Court Executives Advisory Committees**

- The 119 participants at this joint meeting included approximately 20 newly appointed presiding judges, together with other presiding and assistant presiding judges, and executive and assistant court executive officers.
- Participated in a dialogue and question and answer session with Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye.
- Received briefings on the Governor’s proposed fiscal year 2015–2016 judicial branch budget and Proposition 47 implementation best practices.
- Heard a presentation by the Legislative Analyst’s office on its report on restructuring the court-ordered debt collection process.
- Received an overview of the 2014 Judicial Branch of California State Operations and Expenditures Audit from the chair of the council’s Executive and Planning Committee.
- Heard a presentation on the final *California’s Language Access Plan for the Judicial Branch* and discussed impacts to court staff and courtrooms.
- Heard from the Court Technology Advisory Committee on information systems security policy framework as well as development of standardized approaches to case management system interfaces and data exchanges with other state justice partners.

#### *Meeting with the California Court Commissioners Association:*

- Discussed the committee’s proposed revisions to California Rules of Court, rule 10.703—Subordinate Judicial Officers: Complaints and Notice Requirements. Agreement was reached on the wording of the rule. The Judicial Council Rules and Projects Committee had deferred consideration of the proposed amendments at the Association’s request, pending a discussion between the groups.

### **Tribal Court-State Court Forum**

- Judge Kimberly A. Gaab, who is both a forum member and a member of the Center for Judiciary Education and Research (CJER) Governing Committee, presented the forum’s recommendations to integrate Federal Indian law into CJER educational programs and materials. The committee adopted the recommendations.

## **Judicial Branch Education and Training**

### **Summary**

#### **Judicial Education**

1. Appellate Justices Orientation Program
2. Electronic Evidence in Criminal Cases
3. Primary Assignment Orientation courses in Criminal, Basic Civil, Family, Probate, and Juvenile Dependency
4. Tribal IV-D Child Support Case Transfer Training

### **Judicial Officer, Court Employee, and Justice System Stakeholder Education**

5. A Fresh Look at Guardianship (for court investigators)
6. CORE 40: Basic Training for Supervisors (for court managers and supervisors)
7. Core Leadership and Training Skills (for trial court leads/seniors)
8. Court Community Communication (for court managers and supervisors)
9. Budget and Business Warehouse Training (for the Superior Courts of Alameda, Tulare, Stanislaus, Mendocino, and Trinity Counties)
10. Extended Foster Care (for court staff, probation officers, district attorneys, court-appointed counsel, and other attorneys working with the Superior Courts of Sacramento and Stanislaus Counties)
11. Family Law Conference (for self-help and legal aid attorneys)
12. Indian Child Welfare Act training (for judges, attorneys, and social workers in the Superior Courts of Stanislaus and Santa Cruz Counties)
13. Judicial Council Forms Tutorial (for trial court personnel)
14. Juvenile Dependency Law Update (multi-disciplinary training)

### **Broadcasts/Videos**

15. Interviewing Proposed Conservatees (for trial court probate investigators)
16. The Art of Emotional Intelligence (for managers and supervisors)
17. Using a Court Interpreter: The Basics (for court staff)

### **Publications**

Updated Publications:

18. Benchguide 201: Child and Spousal Support
19. Mandatory Jury Instructions Handbook
20. Tribal Court-State Court Forum E-Update

### **New Online Resource**

21. Interviewing Conservatorships (online video)
22. Family Law Enforcement Actions
23. Ten-Minute Mentor: Business Entity Issues

*Updates*

24. Introduction to Family Procedure

### **Program Details**

**California's Fostering Connections to Success Act:** Judicial Council staff provided onsite multidisciplinary education on extended foster care (often referred to as AB 12) at the request of the Superior Courts of Sacramento and Stanislaus Counties. The course, offered separately in the two locations, reviewed legal issues and demonstrated the role of Judicial Council forms and rules of court in the implementation of extended foster care. The target audience is multidisciplinary and can include probation officers, district attorneys, court-appointed counsel, other attorneys, and court staff. A total of 50 people attended the sessions.

**Electronic Evidence in Criminal Cases:** This half-day regional course in Riverside and Sacramento addressed electronic evidence issues related social media, emails, text messages, digital photography, etc., including authentication, hearsay, and application of privileges in both its discovery and admissibility.

**Family Law Conference:** The conference for Self-Help and Legal Aid Attorneys was cosponsored by the Judicial Council and Legal Aid Association of California and attended by 120 court and legal services staff, including court interpreters who are interpreting in domestic violence and family law cases. Workshops included ethics, family law updates, partnering with social services to assist with domestic violence cases, consensus building on Spanish legal terms, and understanding Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.

**Juvenile Dependency Law Update:** Staff assisted the Northern California Association of Counsel for Children and Advokids in training approximately 70 attendees consisting of attorneys (parent's, children's and county counsel), Court Appointed Special Advocates, and social workers from counties including San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, and Mendocino, addressing changes in legislation and significant cases decided in the past year and new rules of court and forms relevant to dependency.

**Tribal IV-D Child Support Case Transfer:** Staff developed and delivered a webinar training on the process for transferring title IV-D child support court cases from superior courts to tribal IV-D courts under California Rule of Court 5.372. The training targeted bench officers in courts that have been identified as having cases that will be in the first wave of proposed case transfers from state trial courts to the Yurok tribal court, the first tribe in California to be certified by the federal Office of Child Support Services to provide title IV-D child support services. Policy and legal subject matter experts from the state Department of Child Support Services, Yurok Child Support Services, and the Yurok tribal court were also available to answer attendees' questions. The webinar training was recorded for future use.

**Tribal Court State Court Forum E-Update:** The forum publishes a monthly electronic newsletter, *Forum E-Update*, which describes forum-initiated proposals, events, educational opportunities, publications, and grant opportunities. Forum E-Updates are posted at: [http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/2014\\_08E-Update.pdf](http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/2014_08E-Update.pdf).

## Staffing Report as of January 29, 2015

See definition of terms on the following page.

STAFFING	Leadership Services Division								Operations and Programs Division						Administrative Division						Judicial Council
	Executive Office	Governmental Affairs	Audit Services	Legal Services	Judicial Council Support	Communications	Special Projects	Trial Court Liaison	Center for Families, Child. & Courts	Court Operations Services	Criminal Justice Services	Center for Judiciary Education & Research	Appellate Court Services	Capital Programs	Finance	Human Resources	Information Technology	Admin Support	Real Estate & Facilities Mgmt	Trial Court Admin Services	
Authorized Position (FTE)	8.00	12.00	14.00	59.00	11.80	8.00	7.00	8.00	68.00	43.40	15.00	48.50	8.00	56.00	82.00	39.00	127.00	30.00	83.00	87.00	814.70
Filled Authorized Position (FTE)	6.95	11.00	13.00	42.70	11.60	7.00	7.00	8.00	56.35	38.40	13.30	41.30	5.00	48.00	76.00	37.00	107.88	28.80	74.80	83.88	717.96
Headcount - Employees	7	11	13	43	12	7	7	8	57	39	14	43	5	48	76	37	108	28	75	84	722.00
Vacancy (FTE)	1.05	1.00	1.00	16.30	0.20	1.00	0.00	0.00	11.65	5.00	1.70	7.20	3.00	8.00	6.00	2.00	19.13	1.20	8.20	3.13	96.76
Vacancy Rate (FTE)	13.1%	8.3%	7.1%	27.6%	1.7%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	17.1%	11.5%	11.3%	14.8%	37.5%	14.3%	7.3%	5.1%	15.1%	4.0%	9.9%	3.6%	11.9%
Temporary Employee (909)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.50
*Employment Agency Temporary Worker (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.00
Contractors (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	0.0	1.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	59.00
<b>TOTAL WORKFORCE</b> (based on FTE, 909s, Agency Temps & Contractors)	<b>7.95</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>13.00</b>	<b>43.70</b>	<b>11.60</b>	<b>7.00</b>	<b>7.00</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>56.35</b>	<b>39.40</b>	<b>14.80</b>	<b>42.30</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>55.00</b>	<b>80.00</b>	<b>38.00</b>	<b>157.88</b>	<b>28.80</b>	<b>74.80</b>	<b>83.88</b>	<b>785.46</b>

<b>Definitions:</b>	
<b>Authorized Position (FTE)</b>	Authorized positions include all regular ongoing positions approved in the Budget Act for that year. The number is based on the position's approved full time equivalency.
<b>Filled Authorized Position (FTE)</b>	Filled authorized positions are the number of authorized positions filled based on the employee's full time equivalency.
<b>Headcount</b>	The actual count of persons employed, regardless of FTE. This number could be more than the FTE count due to part-time employees being counted as "1". It does not include Temporary Employees (909) or Employment Agency Temporary Workers.
<b>Vacancy (FTE)</b>	The number of vacancies is the number of authorized positions minus the number of filled authorized positions.
<b>Vacancy Rate (FTE)</b>	Vacancy Rate is calculated by dividing the number of authorized positions by the number of vacant authorized positions. This number excludes temporary employees ("909" funded employees). See definition of temporary employees below.
<b>Temporary Employees (909)</b>	The 909 category is the State Controller code used to reference a temporary position or temporary employee. A 909 position may not be funded through the Budget Act. It is categorized as a temporary position in the absence of an authorized position. 909 positions may be occupied by regular full-time employees due to the unavailability of an authorized vacant position and may receive benefits if employed at least half-time for more than six months. Types of "909" Employees include: Retired Annuitants: A retiree hired by a former employer or other employer that participates in the same retirement system as the former employer. This includes a former participant in a state retirement system who previously retired and currently receives retirement benefits. Temporary Employees: Employed on a temporary basis - they do not receive full benefits (but do receive Calpers retirement service credit).
<b>Employment Agency Temp. Worker (FTE)</b>	These are workers from an employment agency who provide short-term support for workload.
<b>Contractor (FTE)</b>	Individuals augmenting the work of the organization and providing services for a limited period of time or on a specific project, where a particular skill set is required that is either (1) not within an existing classification and/or job description or (2) where recruitment issues require the use of a contractor.
<b>Full Time Equivalency (FTE)</b>	Full Time Equivalency is the number of total maximum compensable hours designated in a year divided by actual hours worked in a year. For example, the work year is defined as 2,080 hours; one employee occupying a paid full time job all year would consume one FTE. One employee working for 1,040 hours each would consume .5 FTE.
<b>Time Base</b>	Full time: Employee is scheduled to work 40 hours per week. Receives full benefits. Part time: Employee is scheduled to work less than 40 hours per week. Employees that work more than 20 hours per week receive full benefits. Intermittent: Employees have no established work schedule and work on an as-needed basis that varies from one pay period to the next. Eligibility for certain benefits may be limited for these employees.
<b>Regular Employee</b>	Commonly referred to as "permanent employees" – They receive full benefits.
<b>Limited Term</b>	Limited Term Position – A position funded through the Budget Act with a specific end date and counted as an authorized position. Employee in limited term positions may be regular or temporary.

## New Judgeships and Vacancies Report

### NUMBER OF JUDGESHIPS AUTHORIZED, FILLED AND VACANT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2015

TYPE OF COURT	NUMBER OF COURTS	NUMBER OF JUDGESHIPS					
		Authorized	Filled	Vacant	Vacant (AB 159 positions)	<i>Filled(Last Month**)</i>	<i>Vacant(Last Month**)</i>
Supreme Court	1	7	7	0	0	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>
Courts of Appeal	6	105	100	5	0	<i>99</i>	<i>6</i>
Superior Courts	58	1713	1607	56	50*	<i>1590</i>	<i>123</i>
<b>All Courts</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1825</b>	<b>1714</b>	<b>111</b>		<b><i>1695</i></b>	<b><i>130</i></b>

\*Authorized January 1, 2008, 50 new (AB 159) judgeships are added. However, funding for the 50 positions has not been provided.

\*\*As of December 31, 2014

**Below: New Vacancies that occurred in January 2015**

#### JUDICIAL VACANCIES: APPELLATE COURTS

Appellate District	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Justice to be Replaced	Last Day In Office
Second Appellate District, Division One	5	Elevated	Hon. Frances Rothschild	07/16/14
Second Appellate District, Division Three		Deceased	Hon. H. Walter Croskey	08/29/14
Second Appellate District, Division Five		Retirement	Hon. Orville A. Armstrong	07/31/13
Second Appellate District, Division Six		Retirement	Hon. Paul H. Coffee	01/31/12
Second Appellate District, Division Seven		Retirement	Hon. Frank Y. Jackson	06/30/13
<b>TOTAL VACANCIES</b>	<b>5</b>			

### JUDICIAL VACANCIES: SUPERIOR COURTS

County	Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Judge to be Replaced	Last Day In Office
Alameda	5	Retirement	Hon. John M. True III	01/22/15
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Kenneth Mark Burr	12/27/14
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Gary M. Picetti	11/30/14
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Hugh A. Walker	02/18/14
Alameda		Retirement	Hon. Joan S. Cartwright	01/31/14
Amador	1	Retirement	Hon. Susan C. Harlan	01/16/15
Butte	1	Deceased	Hon. Denny R. Forland	12/20/14
Contra Costa	1	Retirement	Hon. David B. Flinn	04/30/14
Fresno	1	Elevated	Hon. M. Bruce Smith	12/09/14
Los Angeles	18	Elevated	Hon. Lee Smalley Edmon	01/04/15
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Leslie A. Dunn	11/07/14
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. James A. Steele	09/30/14
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Steven D. Ogden	09/24/14
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Cesar C. Sarmiento	09/16/14
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Antonio Barreto, Jr.	09/05/14
Los Angeles		Elevated	Hon. Brian M. Hoffstadt	08/27/14
Los Angeles		Converted	New Position	07/01/14
Los Angeles		Converted	New Position	07/01/14
Los Angeles		Converted	New Position	07/01/14
Los Angeles		Converted	New Position	07/01/14
Los Angeles		Converted	New Position	07/01/14
Los Angeles		Converted	New Position	07/01/14
Los Angeles		Converted	New Position	07/01/14
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Wendy L. Kohn	06/06/14
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Candace J. Beason	04/15/14
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. Joseph S. Biderman	03/18/14
Los Angeles		Retirement	Hon. John Vernon Meigs	03/07/14

Marin	1	Retirement	Hon. Lynn Duryee	02/28/14
Orange	5	Retirement	Hon. Francisco P. Briseño	09/02/14
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Ronald P. Kreber	05/05/14
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Luis A. Rodriguez	04/30/14
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Marjorie Laird Carter	03/31/14
Orange		Retirement	Hon. Wendy Lindley	02/19/14
Riverside	2	Retirement	Hon. Elisabeth Sichel	05/29/14
Riverside		Retirement	Hon. Sherrill A. Ellsworth	03/01/14
Sacramento	1	Retirement	Hon. Roland L. Candee	05/15/13
San Bernardino	4	Retirement	Hon. Kenneth Barr	11/03/14
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Jules E. Fleuret	11/01/14
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Larry W. Allen	11/30/13
San Bernardino		Retirement	Hon. Shahla S. Sabet	11/29/13
San Diego	5	Retirement	Hon. Thomas P. Nugent	01/11/15
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Christine K. Goldsmith	10/10/14
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. William J. McGrath, Jr.	08/15/14
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Susan D. Huguenor	03/12/14
San Diego		Retirement	Hon. Allan J. Preckel	03/08/14
San Francisco	3	Retirement	Hon. John E. Munter	12/31/14
San Francisco		Elevated	Hon. Marla J. Miller	12/09/14
San Francisco		Retirement	Hon. Julie M. Tang	09/07/14
San Luis Obispo	1	Retirement	Hon. Earle Jeffrey Burke	12/31/14
San Mateo	1	Dis Retirement	Hon. Stephen M. Hall	10/01/14
Santa Barbara	1	Retirement	Hon. Frank J. Ochoa	01/03/15
Santa Clara	2	Dis Retirement	Hon. Kurt E. Kumli	06/26/14
Santa Clara		Retirement	Hon. James P. Kleinberg	04/15/14
Tulare	2	Retirement	Hon. Paul Anthony Vortmann	08/01/14
Tulare		Retirement	Hon. Joseph A. Kalashian	03/13/14
Tuolumne	1	Retirement	Hon. Eleanor Provost	01/09/15
<b>VACANCIES</b>	56			

**Authorized January 1, 2008, 50 new (AB 159) judgeships.  
Funding for the 50 positions has not been provided.**

Fresno	2	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
Humboldt	1	(AB 159)*	New Position	1/1/2008
Imperial	1	(AB 159)*	New Position	1/1/2008
Kern	3	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
Kings	1	(AB 159)*	New Position	1/1/2008
Los Angeles	2	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
Merced	2	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
Orange	2	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
Placer	2	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
Riverside	9	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
Sacramento	3	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
San Bernardino	9	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
San Joaquin	3	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
Shasta	1	(AB 159)*	New Position	1/1/2008
Solano	1	(AB 159)*	New Position	1/1/2008
Sonoma	1	(AB 159)*	New Position	1/1/2008
Stanislaus	3	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
Sutter	1	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
Tulare	1	(AB 159)*	New Position	1/1/2008
Ventura	2	(AB 159)*	New Positions	1/1/2008
<b>TOTAL VACANCIES:</b>	<b>106</b>			

**Number of Judgeships Authorized, Filled and Vacant as of the End of Each Month: From January 2013 through January 2015 (two years)\***

Month	Superior Courts				Courts of Appeal			
	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate	Authorized	Filled	Vacancy	Vacancy Rate
Jan-13	1,694	1,590	107	6.3%	105	102	3	2.9%
Feb-13	1,695	1,581	114	6.7%	105	102	3	2.9%
Mar-13	1,695	1,574	125	7.4%	105	101	4	3.8%
Apr-13	1,695	1,567	128	7.6%	105	101	4	3.8%
May-13	1,695	1,576	119	7.0%	105	101	4	3.8%
Jun-13	1,695	1,571	124	7.3%	105	100	5	4.8%
Jul-13	1,695	1,579	116	6.8%	105	98	7	6.7%
Aug-13	1,703	1,582	121	7.1%	105	98	7	6.7%
Sep-13	1,703	1,579	124	7.3%	105	98	7	6.7%
Oct-13	1,704	1,575	129	7.6%	105	97	8	7.6%
Nov-13	1,705	1,570	135	7.9%	105	97	8	7.6%
Dec-13	1,705	1,601	104	6.1%	105	97	8	7.6%
Jan-14	1,705	1,601	104	6.1%	105	97	8	7.6%
Feb-14	1,706	1,591	115	6.7%	105	95	10	9.5%
Mar-14	1,706	1,580	126	7.4%	105	95	10	9.5%
Apr-14	1,706	1,572	134	7.9%	105	95	10	9.5%
May-14	1,706	1,568	138	8.1%	105	95	10	9.5%
Jun-14	1,706	1,579	127	7.4%	105	94	11	10.5%
Jul-14	1,713	1,586	127	7.4%	105	96	9	8.6%
Aug-14	1,713	1,582	131	7.6%	105	96	9	8.6%
Sep-14	1,713	1,577	136	7.9%	105	96	9	8.6%
Oct-14	1,713	1,572	141	8.2%	105	96	9	8.6%
Nov-14	1,713	1,578	135	7.9%	105	96	9	8.6%
Dec-14	1,713	1,590	123	7.2%	105	99	6	5.7%
Jan-15	1,713	1,607	106	6.2%	105	100	5	4.8%

\* As of January 31, 2015

**Authorized Judgeships and Vacancies in the Superior Courts**

