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## **New Inter-branch Group to Evaluate Progress on State Trial Court Funding**

*Workgroup selected by Chief Justice and Governor  
to hold first meeting*

SACRAMENTO— A working group established by the Chief Justice and the Governor to evaluate progress on state trial court funding will hold its first meeting Nov 6 in Sacramento.

As part of the state's May Budget Revision for fiscal year 2012–2013, the Governor proposed establishing a working group to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the state's progress in achieving the goals outlined in the Lockyer-Isenberg Trial Court Funding Act of 1997. That legislation provided that the state assume primary responsibility for funding trial court operations.

The new [Trial Court Funding Workgroup](#) consists of [10 members](#), 6 selected by the Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye and 4 selected by Governor Brown. The workgroup can seek input and data, as necessary, from other judicial branch stakeholders to assist in its analysis.

The [workgroup's first meeting](#) is scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Nov 6 at the Administrative Office of the Courts, 2860 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 400, in Sacramento.

The workgroup plans to submit a final report to the [Judicial Council](#) and the Governor by April 2013.

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