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Re: Report to the Legislature on Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased and  
Leased by the Superior Courts, Required by Government Code Section 69958

Dear Ms. Boyer-Vine, Mr. Schmidt, and Mr. Wilson:

Attached is the Judicial Council report on the purchase and lease of recording equipment by superior courts for the period July 1 through December 31, 2009, as required under Government Code section 69958 (Stats. 2004, ch. 227).

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If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Stephen Nash, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), Finance Division, at 415-865-7584 or Christine Patton, Regional Administrative Director, AOC Bay Area/Northern Coastal Region, at 415-865-4099.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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## **Report on Purchase and Lease of Electronic Recording Equipment by Superior Courts (July 1–December 31, 2009)**

Government Code section 69958 requires superior courts to provide information to the Judicial Council and for the council to report, on a semiannual basis, to the Legislature regarding all purchases and leases of electronic recording equipment that will be used to record superior court proceedings. For each purchase or lease of equipment, the report must specify the name of the court, the types of proceedings for which the equipment will be used, the cost of the equipment, and the types of equipment purchased.

Consistent with the statutory requirement, Administrative Office of the Courts staff recently surveyed all 58 superior courts to obtain the information required for the period July 1 through December 31, 2009. Six courts indicated that they had purchased or leased electronic recording equipment or related items for use in court proceedings during this period. Information about these transactions is discussed below.

The Superior Court of Kern County spent \$124 to purchase an external hard drive to upgrade its recording equipment. The equipment will be used to create an official record in traffic, misdemeanor, and limited civil cases.

The Superior Court of Lake County spent \$4,733 to purchase FTR Reporter 2.2 software and an Antex 74-channel USB mixer. This equipment was not a replacement or an upgrade. This equipment will be used to create the official record in limited civil unlawful detainer, small claims, and infraction proceedings.

The Superior Court of Monterey County spent \$3,594 to purchase FTR Reporter 5.3 Audio Only software and a Digigram VXPocket 440 sound card. The items were upgrades of existing hardware and software and will be used to create an official record of proceedings in small claims, infraction, misdemeanor, and limited civil cases and in misdemeanor drug court progress reviews.

The Superior Court of San Benito County spent \$3,982 to purchase a Dell Precision T5400 workstation. The equipment was an upgrade and will be used to create an official record in misdemeanor and traffic proceedings.

The Superior Court of San Bernardino County spent \$9,238 to purchase two FTR Reporters with an FTR USB external clock display. The equipment is a replacement and a spare for existing equipment and will be used to create an official record in traffic and small claims cases.

The Superior Court of Sonoma County spent \$28,582 to purchase five four-channel Liberty Court Recorders. The equipment was not an upgrade and will be used for creating the official record in misdemeanor proceedings.

The total amount spent by all superior courts on the purchase or lease of electronic recording equipment during this reporting period was \$50,253.