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RE: Annual Report of Fiscal Year 2004–2005 Court Reporter Fees Collected and Expenditures  
for Court Reporter Services in Superior Court Civil Proceedings

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

In conformance with the provisions of Government Code §68086(c), the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) respectfully submits the following report of court reporter fees revenues collected in accordance with GC §68086(a)(1) and GC §68086(a)(4) in fiscal year (FY) 2004–2005 of FY 2004–2005 expenditures related to court reporters in superior court civil proceedings. Note that the statute authorizing the court reporter fee has changed pursuant to AB 145 (Uniform Civil Fee Legislation), effective January 1, 2006.

In FY 2004–2005, \$27,739,421 was remitted to the Trial Court Trust Fund for fees collected in accordance with GC §68086(a)(1) and GC §68086(a)(4), as follows:

- \$12,786,819 was related to fees charged in civil proceedings lasting more than one hour for the services of an official court reporter on the first and each succeeding judicial day those services are provided pursuant to Section 269 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
- \$14,952,602 was related to the one-time fee of \$25 for the cost of the services of an official court reporter upon the filing of a first paper in a civil action or proceeding in the superior court where the amount demanded is over \$10,000.

In FY 2004–2005, the estimated cost of civil reporters in superior court civil proceedings was \$64,431,874.

The expenditure amount is an estimate since most courts do not track by case categories the amount of time court reporters spend in various civil proceedings. The estimate of \$64,431,874 was estimated by multiplying the sum of the total FY 2004–05 budgeted salaries and benefits of all filled court reporter employee positions as of July 1, 2004 (\$177,706,232) and total FY 2004–2005 expenditures on contract court reporters (\$9,052,824) by the estimated amount of time court reporters spend on civil cases (specifically civil, probate, mental health, guardianship, and family cases) vs. all cases (34.5 percent). The time percentage estimate is based on the most recent time study survey conducted by the National Center for State Courts (September 2003) and involved nine representative superior courts, representing about 47 percent of statewide authorized court reporter positions. The nine courts that participated in the study were the Superior Courts of Amador, Calaveras, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Shasta, and Stanislaus Counties.

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