



## Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Humboldt

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Furloughs mean staff has less time to provide quality service to the public
- Self-Help Center limitations affect indigent litigants disproportionately and access to legal assistance is becoming more of a privilege rather than accessible to the public generally

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Public experiences a delay in response time for filings and general inquiries due to shorter hours of operation

#### Reduced Public Access: Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Laid off Self-Help civil attorney, reducing services to the public
- Considering completely closing the Self-Help Center dependent on the final budget
- Eliminated a part-time mediator

#### Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- No reductions in number of staff court reporters

#### Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Reduced public windows and telephone hours by 30%

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Reduced limited jurisdiction calendar in outlying areas—Hoopa and Garberville— to once a month

#### Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Eliminated numerous positions and have a 9% vacancy rate with the remaining positions
- Instituted voluntary furloughs in FY 09/10-12/13
- Anticipate furloughs in next fiscal year and may shift to mandatory

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- No reductions in security services

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- Maintains calendar with two fewer judges than recommended by the 2012 AOC Judicial Needs Assessment: one in civil and one in family law

### Annual Budget

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 7,629,053
Total Allocation FY 2012-2013	\$ 6,602,256
Percentage change (excludes all security from both fiscal years)	-13.5%

### Humboldt Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	1
Capital construction projects	0

### Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	134,587
Judicial officers	8
Judicial officers needed	10.2
Authorized positions (FTE)	93.75
Filled positions (FTE)	85.25

### Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	1,623
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	4,312
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	22,050
Civil filings (excludes 584 cases in probate, mental health, appeals and habeas corpus)	2,651
Family and juvenile filings	2,211
Jury trials	39

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Dale A. Reinholsten
Court Executive Officer	Kerri Keenan