



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

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Diminishment of pro per assistance and family law mediation services.
- Decreased public access from an 18% reduction in time dedicated for filings and customer service.
- The Napa Superior Court has expanded the use of electronic case documents to increase efficiency.

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Slower processing of court documents in civil and family law clerk's offices
- Delays of 3-5 days in processing and filing documents, causing significant lost documents, confusion on applicable timelines, and delays in concluding courtroom hearings

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

- Family court mediation staff has been reduced by 33%
- Longer waits for child custody, visitation and support mediation services and delayed dissolution judgments
- Appointments take up to a week or more; no immediate services

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

- Laid off 3.5 full time court reporter positions
- Elimination of court provided reporting in all civil and family law, misdemeanor and traffic calendars; no written record for 50-75% of all civil, probate, adoption and family law cases and court events
- Court interpreters required to take furlough days in FY2009-10

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

- Longer waiting lines and delayed services due to staffing shortages

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- All courthouses close every Friday at 2:30 pm
- Also closed all day on both Christmas and New Years Eves

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

- Implemented layoffs in FY 2011/12 and 2012/13
- 78 positions and 15.5 FTEs vacant and/or abolished in last 5 years
- Possibility of elimination of 10 more positions
- Implemented mandatory furloughs 4 years ago, up to 18 days a year
- Eliminated plans for added compensation for court appointed counsel despite an increasing caseload

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Perimeter security staff has been reduced by 25%

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 10,777,851
Est. Allocation** FY 2012-2013	\$ 8,678,148
Percentage change	-19.5%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

\*\*For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

### Napa Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	3
Capital construction projects	0

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

Population served	138,255
Judicial officers	8
Judicial officers needed	8.9
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	86.8
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	71

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

Felony filings	1,193
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	3,906
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	16,967
Civil filings	3,092
Family and juvenile filings	2,008

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Diane M. Price
Court Executive Officer	Richard D. Feldstein