



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

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Most processes have growing backlogs: 1 to 4 days for case filings, motions, data entry, citation processing; up to 2 weeks for traffic citation input and processing; document imaging and records management have all but ceased.
- Without increased resources, the Court cannot implement changes to business system processes needed to increase efficiencies.

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Layoffs and staffing reductions have greatly decreased the court's ability to avoid delays in case processing, provision of services to the public, and responding to requests
- As a result, average wait times have increased approximately 30%

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

- Reduced Self-Help service hours by 25% this year and the curtailed schedule is expected to continue next year
- Result has been greatly increased wait times, 5 to 15 patrons turned away daily without service, elimination of voluntary mediation, and reduction of court-ordered mediation by 50%

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

- Reduced case types routinely reported and consolidated them on fewer calendars, resulting in greater reliance on clerk's minutes and potential issue for appeals
- Consolidated interpreter cases on calendar, causing hearing delays

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

- Public counter reduced from 9 hours to 7 hours Monday through Thursday, from 9 hours to 5 hours on Friday, and from 45 hours to 38 hours weekly
- Additional reductions by 1 hour per day are anticipated next fiscal year

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Number of collaborative courts has dropped from 7 to 5

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

- Court has lost over 18 positions through layoffs and attrition since 2008
- Furloughs implemented continuously since 2009, and currently all staff, including subordinate judicial officers and management, take 2 hours furlough per week
- Any additional staffing reductions will result in further reductions in court hours of operation and service levels

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- Sheriff-provided court security staff has been reduced by 2 positions, placing the public and court staff at greater risk and posing greater challenges in ensuring courtroom coverage by bailiffs

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- No reductions at this time

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 6,944,442
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 6,128,857
Percentage change	-11.7%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

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

### Nevada Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	3
Capital construction projects	1 (indefinitely delayed)

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

Population served	97,182
Judicial officers	7
Judicial officers needed	5.7
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	71.7
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	58

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

Felony filings	556
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	3,268
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	15,630
Civil filings	2,234
Family and juvenile filings	1,381

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Candice S. Heidelberger
Court Executive Officer	G. Sean Metroka