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Re: Report of Court Reporter Fees Collected and Expenditures for Court Reporter Services in Superior Court Civil Proceedings for Fiscal Year 2010–2011, as required by Government Code section 68086(c)

Dear Senator Leno and Assembly Member Blumenfield:

The Judicial Council respectfully submits this report, as required by Government Code section 68086(c), concerning court reporter fees collected under Government Code sections 68086(a)(1) and 68086.1 and expenditures on court reporter services in superior court civil proceedings statewide in FY 2010–2011.

In FY 2010–2011, \$31,593,025 was remitted to the Trial Court Trust Fund as directed under Government Code sections 68086(a)(1) and 68086.1. The breakdown of the funds remitted is as follows:¹

- \$12,485,932 came from fees paid by parties to civil proceedings pursuant to Government Code section 68086 for the services of an official court reporter in proceedings lasting more than one hour on the first day and each succeeding judicial day.

¹ The revenue information in this report was corrected subsequent to the Judicial Council's approval of the report at its February 28, 2012, business meeting.

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- \$19,107,093 is attributable to the fee required to be deposited in the Trial Court Trust Fund by Government Code section 68086.1 from first paper filings and responses for civil proceedings in the superior court where the amount demanded is over \$10,000. This amount reflects total revenues collected for first paper filings from July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011.¹

In FY 2010–2011, the estimated amount spent for the services of court reporters in superior court civil proceedings was \$82,770,473.

The expenditure amount is an estimate because most courts do not track by case categories the amount of time court reporters spend in proceedings. The estimate of \$82,770,473 was made by taking the sum of total FY 2010–2011 budgeted salaries and benefits for all filled court reporter employee positions as of July 1, 2010 (\$233,928,261), plus total FY 2010–2011 expenditures on contract court reporters (\$5,986,153) and multiplying by the estimated proportion of time court reporters spend on civil cases (civil, probate, mental health, guardianship, and family) versus 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), which involved nine superior courts—those of Amador, Calaveras, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Shasta, and Stanislaus Counties—representing about 47 percent of statewide authorized court reporter positions.

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Zlatko Theodorovic, Director, Finance Division, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), at 916-263-1397.

Sincerely,



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¹ Of the amount collected, \$12,607,093 was available to be used for services of an official court reporter in civil proceedings, as \$6.5 million was redirected by the Judicial Council at its July 22, 2011, business meeting to offset trial court funding reductions as authorized by Government Code section 68086.1(c).

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