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Judicial Branch Announces Launch of courts.ca.gov *Redesigned site offers users new benefits*

SAN FRANCISCO—The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) today announced the relaunch of the California Courts website, www.courts.ca.gov. The new website will improve navigation for the more than 800,000 users who visit the site monthly. The California Online Self-Help Center alone receives more than 250,000 visits each month from self-represented litigants, social service agencies, and attorneys throughout California. Last year, more than 7 million Judicial Council forms were downloaded from the site.

The launch represents the first significant redesign of the California Courts website in more than a decade. The new site represents an effort to provide the public and the legal community with greater access to judicial branch information and resources.

Among the enhancements are greater use of multimedia and video, the introduction of Web 2.0 technologies such as YouTube and Twitter, and new page designs to allow users to more quickly scan and locate information.

“The Web is the electronic face of the court system,” says Administrative Director of the Courts William C. Vickrey. “The public’s trust and confidence in the court system are shaped significantly by the quality and breadth of services we are able to deliver on the Web. The new website represents a new beginning for delivering quality online content to the public, attorneys, and justice partners throughout the state.”

In addition to the redesign of the California Courts website, many trial courts across the state are adopting new web templates provided by the AOC to help encourage more people to make use of online resources rather than making unnecessary trips to local trial courts. The new designs can be seen on the websites of the Superior Courts of [Lake](#), [Humboldt](#), [Sonoma](#), [Santa Clara](#), [San Mateo](#), [Merced](#), and [Riverside](#) Counties.

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The Judicial Council is the policymaking body of the California courts, the largest court system in the nation. Under the leadership of the Chief Justice and in accordance with the California Constitution, the council is responsible for ensuring the consistent, independent, impartial, and accessible administration of justice. The Administrative Office of the Courts carries out the official actions of the council and promotes leadership and excellence in court administration.