

JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Administrative Office of the Courts
San Francisco, California

July 15, 1999

3:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

July 16, 1999

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

AGENDA

July 15, 1999

3:00–3:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of April 29, 1999

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3:05–3:15 p.m.

Judicial Council Committee Presentations

Executive and Planning Committee

Hon. Richard D. Huffman, Chair

Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee

Hon. Marvin R. Baxter, Chair

Rules and Projects Committee

Hon. Steven E. Jahr, Vice-chair

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Consent Agenda (Tab 1)

Item 1

Transition to Trial Court Funding: Judicial Officer Assistance Program (Action Required)

Staff: Ms. Rochelle Terrell

In accordance with the Judicial Council's direction to evaluate a Judicial Officer Assistance Program and present recommendations for implementation and funding by July 1999, AOC staff recommends a program to provide counseling and referral services to judicial officers and their families.

[Tab 1]

Discussion Agenda (Tab Nos. 2-7)

ITEM 2
3:15-5:00 p.m.

Judicial Council Policy on Trial Court Coordination and Unification

Item 2A
3:15-3:30 p.m.

Trial Court Coordination Plans for Fiscal Years 1999-2001 for Countywide Systems in Kern, Kings, Monterey, and Modoc Counties (Action Required)

[Tab 2A]

The Trial Court Coordination Advisory Committee recommends approval of trial court coordination plans for fiscal years 1999-2001 for Kern, Kings, Monterey, and Modoc Counties and eligibility for pay parity for municipal court judges in these counties.

Presentation (5 minutes)

Speakers: Hon. Edward Webster, Chair
Ms. Fran Jurcso

Discussion/Council Action (10 minutes)

Item 2B
3:30-4:00 p.m.

Judicial Council Policy on Unification (Action Required)
[Tab 2B]

AOC staff recommends adoption of a policy statement on trial court unification.

Presentation (10 minutes)

Speaker: Mr. William C. Vickrey

Discussion/Council Action (20 minutes)

Item 2C
4:00–5:15 p.m.

**Policies and Procedures Relating to Trial Court
Coordination (Action Required)**
[Tab 2C]

AOC staff recommends approval of policies to guide non-unified trial courts without an approved coordination plan, policies regarding incentives, direction to the Trial Court Coordination Advisory Committee, and future approaches to address coordination tasks.

Overview (15 minutes)

Speaker: Ms. Dale Sipes

Court Perspective (5 minutes each)

Speakers: Hon. Victor E. Chavez, Presiding Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court
Hon. Veronica S. McBeth, Presiding Judge, Los Angeles Municipal Court
Hon. Philip Mautino, Chair, Los Angeles Municipal Presiding Judges Association

Review of Recommendations and Discussion/Council Action (45 minutes)

Speakers: Ms. Kathryn Harrison
Ms. Melissa Johnson

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Item 3
8:30–9:45 a.m.

**Policies Related to the Allocation of Fiscal Year 1999–2000
Trial Court Funds Contained in the Governor’s Proposed
Budget (Action Required)**
[Tab 3]

The Trial Court Budget Commission recommends approval of policies for allocating fiscal year 1999–2000 trial court funds in the Governor’s proposed budget.

Presentation (30 minutes)

Speakers: Hon. Ray L. Hart, Chair
Mr. Jonathan Wolin

Discussion/Council Action (45 minutes)

Item 4
9:45–10:05 a.m.

**Allocation of the Judicial Administration and Efficiency
Modernization Fund (Action Required)**
[Tab 4]

AOC staff recommends approval of criteria and procedures for the allocation of the Judicial Administration and Efficiency Modernization Fund (JAEMF), including key provisions of a Memorandum of Understanding that will govern distribution of JAEMF funds for “Y2K” problems.

Presentation (10 minutes)

Speakers: Mr. Martin Moshier
Ms. Kiri Torre
Mr. Victor Rowley

Discussion/Council Action (10 minutes)

10:05–10:20 a.m.

Break

Item 5
10:20–11:10 a.m.

**Court Interpreter Compensation Study and
Recommendations (Action Required)**
[Tab 5]

AOC staff presents a study of court interpreter compensation and recommends approval of recommendations related to a statewide contract, testing and certification, compensation rates, travel costs, a cancellation policy, staff interpreters, and an exclusive contract with an interpreter agency.

Presentation (20 minutes)

Speakers: Ms. Kathryn Harrison
Mr. Joseph Wong
Ms. Francine Collier
Ms. Barbara Estes, Ph.D.

Discussion/Council Action (30 minutes)

Item 6
11:10–11:25 a.m.

Transition to Trial Court Funding: Purchase of Master Insurance Policy for Defense of Judges and Commissioners in Commission on Judicial Performance Proceedings (Action Required)

[Tab 6]

AOC staff recommends approval to purchase insurance coverage for judges and commissioners in Commission on Judicial Performance proceedings.

Presentation (5 minutes)

Speakers: Mr. Starr Babcock

Discussion/Council Action (10 minutes)

Item 7
11:25–11:45 a.m.

Achieving Adoption and Permanence for Children in California: A Resolution for the Courts (Action Required)

[Tab 7]

In recognition of National Adoption Week, the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends adoption of a California Adoption Week resolution. The resolution encourages courts to make special efforts in the areas of adoption and permanency and directs AOC staff to develop a technical assistance package to help courts carry out their adoption week efforts.

Presentation (10 minutes)

Speakers: Ms. Diane Nunn

Ms. Audrey Evje

Discussion/Council Action (10 minutes)

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