

JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Administrative Office of the Courts
San Francisco, California
August 24, 2001
8:30 a.m.–1:35 p.m.

AGENDA

8:30–9:00 a.m. **Public Comment related to Trial Court Budget Issues**
[Subject to requests]

9:00–9:05 a.m. **Approval of Minutes of July 13, 2001**
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9:05–9:15 a.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, Chair
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9:15 –9:20 a.m. **Judicial Council Court Visit Report**
(see blue court visit memo behind agenda)
Mr. Frederick Ohlrich

Consent Agenda (Tab No. 1)

(If you wish to request that any item be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda, please notify Deirdre Benedict at (415) 865–7641 at least 48 hours before the meeting.)

Item 1 Equal Access Fund – Distribution of IOLTA Formula Grants
(Action Required)

Staff: Ms. Bonnie Hough

AOC staff recommends allocating \$8.55 million to the State Bar Legal Services Trust Fund for distribution to legal services providers according to formula established by Business and Professions Code section 6216.

Discussion Agenda (Tab Nos. 2 –7)

Item 2
9:20–10:35 a.m.

**Report and Recommendations on Fiscal Year 2002–2003
Statewide Trial Court Budget Request (Action Required)**

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 6.45, the Trial Court Budget Commission is to provide recommendations and advice to the Judicial Council, under the direction of the council, on issues concerning budgeting and financial management of the trial courts. The council must review and approve the fiscal year 2002–03 trial court budget requests prior to their submission to the Governor and the Legislature on September 13, 2001.

- (A) Staff Recommendation for Jury Per Diem Funding
- (B) Staff Recommendation on Funding for Statewide Expansion of the Family Law Interpreters Pilot Program
- (C) Staff Recommendation on Funding for the Complex Civil Litigation Pilot Program

Presentation (45 minutes)

Speakers: Hon. Ray Hart
Ms. Christine Hansen
Ms. Diane Nunn
Ms. Kathleen Howard
Ms. Alice Vilardi
Ms. Lesley Duncan

Discussion/Council Action (30 minutes)

Item 3
10:35–11:15 a.m.

**Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, and
Judicial Council Budget Change Proposals (Action Required)**

AOC staff recommends that the council review and approve the fiscal year 2002-2003 budget change proposals for the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, and Judicial Council prior to their submission to the Governor and the Legislature.

Presentation (20 minutes)

Speakers: Ms. Christine Hansen
Ms. Marcia Taylor

Discussion/Council Action (20 minutes)

11:15–11:30 a.m.

Break

Item 4

11:30–11:40 a.m.

Family and Juvenile Mentor Court Initiative: Approval of Funding Request (Action Required)

AOC staff recommend the council review and approve the fiscal year 2002-2003 budget change proposals to improve complex court proceedings involving California's families and children. The mentor court initiative implements the directives in the Judicial Council operational plan for fiscal years 2001-2002 through 2002-2003 to 1) develop a multi-year plan to improve the coordination of proceedings involving California's children and families; 2) develop a statewide strategy for establishing unified or coordinated family court systems; and, 3) develop a statewide strategy to reduce differences among courts in the quality and availability of trial court services provided to children, youth, families, and adults requiring court intervention. The establishment of six mentor courts is included as a desired outcome in the council's operational plan.

Presentation (5 minutes)

Speaker: Ms. Diane Nunn
Ms. Christine Hansen

Discussion/Council Action (5 minutes)

Item 5

11:40–12:15 p.m.

Court-Appointed Counsel Expenditures (Action Required)

At its April 27, 2001, meeting, the Judicial Council directed staff to develop new fiscal policies related to trial court expenditures for court-appointed counsel in juvenile dependency proceedings. The purpose of the new policies is to ensure that monies appropriated by the state and subsequently allocated to the trial courts are used to address costs associated with court-appointed counsel in juvenile dependency proceedings.

Presentation (15 minutes)

Speaker: Ms. Diane Nunn
Ms. Christine Hansen

Discussion/Council Action (20 minutes)

Item 6
12:15–12:35 p.m.

**Staff Recommendation Regarding Allocation of Jury Funds
(Action Required)**

Ongoing funding was received in FY 2000–2001 to increase juror per diems from \$5 to \$15 for second and subsequent days of juror service. The report will present recommendations on policy issues and methodology for allocating these funds for fiscal year 2001–2002 and beyond.

Presentation (10 minutes)

Speakers: Ms. Christine Hansen
Ms. Lesley Duncan

Discussion/Council Action (10 minutes)

Item 7
12:35–1:35 p.m.

**A New Process for Assessing Judicial Needs in California
(Action Required)**

AOC staff recommend approval of a set of judicial workload standards and a process for implementing these standards as part of a new judicial needs assessment process and that the council direct AOC staff to conduct an assessment of statewide judicial needs and present their results at the October Judicial Council meeting.

Presentation (30 minutes)

Speakers: Mr. Daniel J. Hall, NCSC
Mr. Fred Miller
Mr. Chris Belloli
Hon. Robert A. Dukes
Ms. Sharol Strickland

Discussion/Council Action (30 minutes)

Circulating Orders Approved Since Last Business Meeting

No Circulating Orders were approved since the last business meeting

Judicial Council Appointment Orders Since Last Business Meeting

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