



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

### Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Staffing shortages have created significant backlogs in Civil and Family Law
- Closing clerks' offices early and furlough days limits access for the public
- Increased error and inefficiencies with case flow processing due to reduced staffing

### Budget Impacts

#### General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Turn away approximately 20 clients per day at Self-Help Centers
- Greatest increase in backlogs is the Civil Law & Motion calendars; parties now wait up to 4 months for a hearing

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

- Reduced office hours of Solano Legal Access Center and Family Law Facilitator offices
- **Restraining orders handled only on Fridays**
- Closed for walk-ins on Wednesdays; clients seen that day by appointment only

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

- Eliminated court reporters from misdemeanor cases in FY 2011/12

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

- Reduced clerk's office hours by 2 hours per day in FY 2011/12
- Reduced hours by another hour effective 1/14/13

#### Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- No reductions made in courtrooms or courthouses

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

- Laid off three regular positions in FY 11/12
- Instituted furloughs in FY 09/10 and 12/13
- Current vacancy rate of 22%

#### Impacts: Court Security Services

- No reductions to court security services

#### Fewer Judicial Officers

- No reductions in judicial officers

### Annual Allocation\*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 29,688,029
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013	\$ 25,302,191
Percentage change	-14.8%

\*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

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

### Solano Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	3
Capital construction projects	1

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

Population served	413,786
Judicial officers	24
Judicial officers needed	28.6
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	265
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	206

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

Felony filings	3,900
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	7,827
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	54,062
Civil filings	12,006
Family and juvenile filings	7,314

### Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Paul L. Beeman
Court Executive Officer	Brian Taylor