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2006 ELECTION RETURNS

Initiatives

Initiative	Subject/Description	Yes	No
Proposition 83 PASSED	Sex Offender Monitoring and Residency Restrictions: Requires lifetime GPS monitoring of felony registered sex offenders. Increases penalties for violent and habitual sex offenders. Expands the definition of a sexually violent predator. Prohibits registered sex offenders from residing within 2000 feet from any school or park, and changes the term of a current involuntary civil commitment from two years to an indeterminate amount of time.	70.5%	29.5%
Proposition 85 FAILED	Parental Notification Before Termination of a Minor's Pregnancy: Amends state constitution to prohibit abortion for an unemancipated minor until 48 hours after physician notifies minor's parent or legal guardian. Permits minor to obtain a court order waiving parental notification based on clear evidence of minor's maturity or best interests. Additionally, the proposition authorizes monetary damages against physicians for violation, and, in most cases, requires minor's consent to abortion.	45.8%	54.2%
Proposition 90 FAILED	Government Acquisition and Regulation of Private Property: Bars state and local governments from condemning or damaging private property to promote other private practices or uses. Limits the government's ability to adopt land/property usage regulations, except when necessary to preserve public health and safety.	47.5%	52.5%

Summary of Senate and Assembly Election Results: By Party and Number of Attorneys

Assembly

Pre-election		Post-election	
48	Democratic Seats	48	Democratic Seats
32	Republican Seats	32	Republican Seats
16	Attorneys	16	Attorneys

Senate

Pre-election		Post-election	
25	Democratic Seats	24*	Democratic Seats (results pending)
15	Republican Seats	16*	Republican Seats (results pending)
12	Attorneys	7	Attorneys

Constitutional Officers

Office	Candidates	Notes	Term Limit
Governor	D - Phil Angelides (39.2%) R - ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER (55.8%) AI - Edward C. Noonan (0.7%) G - Peter Miguel Camejo (2.3%) L - Art Olivier (1.3%) P&F - Janice Jordan (0.7%)	Incumbent. Schwarzenegger was first elected Governor in the 2003 special election. This will be his first full term.	2010
Lieutenant Governor	D - JOHN GARAMENDI (49.5%) R - Tom McClintock (44.9%) AI - Jim King (0.8%) G - Donna J. Warren (2.7%) L - Lynnette Shaw (1.6%) P&F - Stewart A. Alexander (0.5%)	Garamendi previously served as Insurance Commissioner from 1990-2006, Senate from 1976-1990 and Assembly from 1974-1976. Office previously held by Cruz Bustamante.	2014
Secretary of State	D - DEBRA BOWEN (48.5%) R - Bruce McPherson (44.7%) AI - Glenn McMillon Jr. (1.6%) G - Forrest Hill (2.2%) L - Gail K. Lightfoot (2.0%) P&F - Margie Akin (1.0%)	Bowen previously served in the Senate from 1998- 2006 and the Assembly from 1992-1998. Bowen is an attorney. Office previously held by Bruce McPherson.	2014
Controller	D - JOHN CHIANG (50.9%) R - Tony Strickland (40.1%) AI - Warren Mark Campbell (1.2%) G - Laura Wells (3.1%) L - Donna Tello (2.2%) P&F - Elizabeth Cervantes Barron (2.5%)	Chiang previously served on the Board of Equalization, 4th District. Chiang is an attorney. Office previously held by Steve Westly.	2014
Treasurer	D - BILL LOCKYER (54.8%) R - Claude Parrish (37.0%) AI - E. Justin Noonan (1.1%) G - Mehul M. Thakker (2.3%) L - Marian Smithson (4.0%) P&F - Gerald Sanders (0.8%)	Lockyer previously served as the Attorney General from 1998-2006, Senate from 1982-1994 and Assembly from 1973-1980. Lockyer is an attorney. Office previously held by Phil Angelides.	2014
Attorney General	D - JERRY BROWN (56.7%) R - Chuck Poochigian (37.9%) G - Michael S. Wyman (2.2%) L - Kenneth A. Weissman (2.1%) P&F - Jack Harrison (1.1%)	Brown previously served as Oakland Mayor from 1998-2006, Governor from 1974-1982 and Secretary of State from 1970-1974. Brown is an attorney. Office previously held by Bill Lockyer.	2014
Insurance Commissioner	D - Cruz M. Bustamante (38.9%) R - STEVE POIZNER (50.7%) AI - Jay Earl Burden (1.5%) G - Larry Cafiero (3.1%) L - Dale F. Ogden (3.6%) P&F - Tom Condit (2.2%)	Office previously held by John Garamendi.	2014

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Legislative Calendar

December 4
2007-2008 Session commences

January 1, 2007
Statutes take effect

January 3, 2007
Legislature reconvenes

JUDGESHIP BILL IS SIGNED INTO LAW

Governor considered hundreds of bills from Legislature

For the first time since 2000, California courts welcomed 50 new judgeships with the signing of SB 56 (Dunn), Stats. 2006, Ch. 390. Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Office of Governmental Affairs Director Kathleen Howard broke the news to presiding judges and court executives across the state on September 22 upon learning that the legislation had been signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

In a press release issued shortly afterward, Chief Justice Ronald M. George applauded the Legislature and the Governor for enacting SB 56. "This legislation is an important step in improving the administration of justice and increasing public trust and confidence in our courts," George said. "We look forward to our continued partnership with the legislative and executive branches to meet the need for judicial resources to serve Californians."

SB 56, sponsored by the Judicial Council, was one of roughly 5,000 bills introduced in the 2005-2006 session. Of the 1,172 bills passed by the Senate and the Assembly and sent to the Governor in 2006, Schwarzenegger signed 910 into law and vetoed 262.

Among the bills that went into effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor was SB 1128, which requires courts to retain, for 75 years, records of misdemeanor convictions - occurring on or after Sept. 20, 2006 - that require the defendant to register as a sex offender. Among other changes, the bill also increases the fine to be imposed for failing to register as a sex offender for offenses that occurred on or after September 20, 2006.

For the latest information on this and other bills of interest to the branch, see *Update on Judicial Council-sponsored Legislation* and *Legislative Bill Review* in this issue. ■

VETERAN LEGISLATOR KEYNOTES BBC MEETING

Chief Justice Ronald M. George gives opening remarks in Monterey

Senator Martha Escutia (D-Whittier) was the keynote speaker at the October 6 meeting of the Bench-Bar Coalition (BBC) held during the Annual Meeting of the State Bar in Monterey. The BBC meeting also featured opening remarks by Chief Justice Ronald M. George.

Prior to Sen. Escutia's introduction, Chief Justice George welcomed BBC members as "running partners" whose com-

mitment has helped move our justice system forward. "I especially want to acknowledge your unwavering support of judicial branch priorities during the 2005-2006 Legislative Session," said Chief Justice George. "Your efforts to explain and reinforce the significance of a strong judicial role in the balance of government and in service to the public have proved invaluable in achieving positive results." He went on to recap

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Front: BBC Co-Chair Miriam Krinsky, Chief Justice Ronald M. George, Senator Martha Escutia, and Administrative Director of the Courts William Vickrey. Back: BBC Co-Chair Anthony Capozzi, BBC Co-Chair-Elect Joel Millband, AOC Chief Deputy Director Ronald Overholt, and Fifth District Court of Appeal Associate Justice Brad Hill.

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Senate

District	Counties Represented	Candidates	Notes	Term Limit
2	Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Solano, Sonoma	D - PATRICIA "PAT" WIGGINS (62.2%) R - Lawrence R. Wiesner (34.8%)	Wiggins served in the Assembly from 1998-2004. Seat previously held by Wesley Chesbro.	2014
4	Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Nevada, Placer, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yuba	D - Paul Singh (33.4%) R - SAMUEL AANESTAD (60.8%) G - Robert Vizzard (2.7%) L - Tony Monroe (3.1%)	Incumbent.	2010
6	Sacramento	D - DARRELL STEINBERG (59.1%) R - Paul R. Green Jr. (35.7%) L - Alana N. Garberoglio (2.4%) P&F - C.T. Weber (2.8%)	Steinberg previously served in the Assembly from 1998-2004. Steinberg is an attorney. Seat previously held by Deborah Ortiz.	2014
8	San Francisco, San Mateo	D - LELAND Y. YEE (77.2%) R - Michael Skipakevich (22.8%)	Yee served in the Assembly from 2002-2006 and as the Speaker pro Tempore. Seat previously held by Jackie Speier.	2014
10	Alameda, Contra Costa	D - ELLEN CORBETT (72.9%) R - Lou Filipovich (27.1%)	Corbett previously served in the Assembly from 1998-2004. Corbett is an attorney. Seat previously held by Liz Figueroa.	2014
12	Madera, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, Stanislaus	D - Wiley Nickel (40.5%) R - JEFF DENHAM (59.5%)	Incumbent.	2010
14	Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tuolumne	D - Wesley W. Firsch (33.4%) R - DAVE COGDILL (66.6%)	Cogdill previously served in the Assembly from 2000-2006. Seat previously held by Charles Poochigian.	2014
16	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Tulare	D - DEAN FLOREZ (100%)	Incumbent.	2010
18	Inyo, Kern, San Bernardino, Tulare	D - Fred B. Davis (28.2%) R - ROY ASHBURN (69.6%) G - Matthew Rick (2.2%)	Incumbent.	2010
20	Los Angeles	D - ALEX PADILLA (70.0%) R - None L - Pamela J. Brown (25.0%)	Seat previously held by Richard Alarcón.	2014

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22	Los Angeles	D - GILBERT CEDILLO (76.6%) R - Mike Ten (19.8%) L - Murray Levy (3.6%)	Incumbent.	2010
24	Los Angeles	D - GLORIA ROMERO (74.3%) R - Robert Carver (25.7%)	Incumbent.	2010
26	Los Angeles	D - MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS (89.1%) R - None L - Bud Raymond (10.9%)	Ridley-Thomas previously served in the Assembly from 2002-2006. Seat previously held by Kevin Murray.	2014
28	Los Angeles	D - JENNY OROPEZA (61.9%) R - Cheryl Liddle (34.6%) L - Peter "Pedro" Be Baets (3.5%)	Oropeza previously served in the Assembly from 2000-2006. Seat previously held by Debra Bowen.	2014
30	Los Angeles	D - RONALD CALDERON (71.1%) R - Selma H. Minerd (28.9%)	Calderon previously served in the Assembly from 2002-2006. Seat previously held by Martha Escutia.	2014
32	Los Angeles, San Bernardino	D - GLORIA NEGRETE MCLEOD (100%) R - None	Negrete McLeod previously served in the Assembly from 2000-2006. Seat previously held by Nell Soto.	2014
34	Orange	D - Lou Correa (49.7%) (pending) R - Lynn Daucher (49.5%) (pending) R - Otto Bade (0.8%) (write in)	Seat previously held by Joseph Dunn.	2014
36	Orange	D - Mark Hanson (33.3%) R - DENNIS HOLLINGSWORTH (63.3%) L - Joe Shea (3.4%)	Incumbent.	2010
38	Orange, San Diego	D - None R - MARK WYLAND (74.5%) L - Brian A. Klea (25.5%)	Wyland previously served in the Assembly from 2000-2006. Seat previously held by Bill Morrow.	2014
40	Imperial, Riverside, San Diego	D - DENISE MORENO DUCHENY (61.7%) R - David K. Walden (35.4%) L - Jesse Thomas (2.9%)	Incumbent. Ducheny is an attorney.	2010

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Assembly

District	Counties Represented	Candidates	Notes	Term Limit
1	Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Sonoma, Trinity	D - PATTY BERG (63.8%) R - Ray Tyrone (31.8%) L - Thomas T. Reed (4.4%)	Incumbent.	2008
2	Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo	D - Mel Smith (29.7%) R - DOUG LA MALFA (68.0%) P&F - Philip Dynan (2.3%)	Incumbent.	2008
3	Butte, Lassen, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sierra, Yuba	D - Michael "Mickey" Harrington (38.8%) R - RICK KEENE (61.2%)	Incumbent. Keene is an attorney.	2008
4	Alpine, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento	D - Robert Haswell (35.3%) R - TED GAINES (58.4%) G - Gerald M. Fritts (2.9%) L - Michael P. Murphy (3.4%)	Seat previously held by Tim Leslie.	2012
5	Placer, Sacramento	D - Brandon Bell (35.4%) R - ROGER NIELLO (61.6%) P&F - Mike Lopez (3.0%)	Incumbent.	2010
6	Marin, Sonoma	D - JARED HUFFMAN (64.9%) R - Michael Hartnett (28.1%) G - Cat Woods (4.2%) L - Richard Olmstead (2.8%)	Huffman is an attorney. Seat previously held by Joe Nation.	2012
7	Napa, Solano, Sonoma	D - NOREEN EVANS (100.0%) R - None	Incumbent. Evans is an attorney.	2010
8	Solano, Yolo	D - LOIS WOLK (66.8%) R - John Gould (33.2%)	Incumbent.	2008
9	Sacramento	D - DAVE JONES (70.1%) R - William C. Chan (29.9%)	Incumbent. Jones is an attorney and chairs the Assembly Judiciary Committee.	2010

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10	Amador, El Dorado, Sacramento, San Joaquin	D - Jim Cook (34.2%) R - ALAN NAKANISHI (61.15) L - Janice Bonser (3.3%) P&F - Albert R. Troyer (1.4%)	Incumbent.	2008
11	Contra Costa	D - MARK DE SAULNIER (66.3%) R - Arne Simonsen (30.1%) L - Cory Nott (3.6%)	Seat previously held by Joe Canciamilla.	2012
12	San Francisco, San Mateo	D - FIONA MA (70.6%) R - Howard Epstein (16.5%) G - Barry Hermanson (12.9%)	Seat previously held by Leland Yee.	2012
13	San Francisco	D - MARK LENO (87.2%) R - Ramiro Maldonado Jr. (12.8%)	Incumbent.	2008
14	Alameda, Contra Costa	D - LONI HANCOCK (80.7%) R - Leigh N. Wolf (19.3%)	Incumbent.	2008
15	Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin	D - Terry Coleman (45.5%) R - GUY HOUSTON (54.5%)	Incumbent.	2008
16	Alameda	D - SANDRÉ R. SWANSON (90.1%) P&F - Edward Ytuarte (9.9%)	Seat previously held by Wilma Chan.	2012
17	Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus	D - CATHLEEN GALGIANI (59.7%) R - Gerard "Gerry" Machado (40.3%)	Seat previously held by Barbara Matthews.	2012

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18	Alameda	D – MARY HAYASHI (67.2%) R – Jill Buck (32.8%)	Seat previously held by Johan Klehs.	2012
19	San Mateo	D – GENE MULLIN (73.8%) R – Elsie Gufler (26.2%)	Incumbent.	2008
20	Alameda, Santa Clara	D – ALBERTO TORRICO (65.2%) R – Ken Nishimura (34.8%)	Incumbent. Torrico is an attorney.	2010
21	San Mateo, Santa Clara	D – IRA RUSKIN (67.4%) R – Virginia Chang Kiraly (32.6%)	Incumbent.	2010
22	Santa Clara	D – SALLY LIEBER (68.4%) R – Roger Riffenburgh (31.6%)	Incumbent.	2008
23	Santa Clara	D – JOE COTO (73.6%) R - Mark S. Patrosso (26.4%)	Incumbent.	2010
24	Santa Clara	D – JIM BEALL (64.8%) R – Lawrence R. Hileman (31.9%) L – Lionel H. Silva (3.3%)	Seat previously held by Rebecca Cohn.	2012
25	Calaveras, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Stanislaus, Tuolumne	D – James Lex Bufford (33.6%) R – TOM BERRYHILL (61.7%) L – Michael “Mike” Dell’Orto (4.7%)	Berryhill is the son of former State Senator Clare Berryhill. Seat previously held by Dave Cogdill.	2012
26	San Joaquin, Stanislaus	D – Kenneth J. Goeken (42.0%) R – GREG AGHAZARIAN (58.0%)	Incumbent. Aghazarian is an attorney.	2008
27	Monterey, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz	D – JOHN LAIRD (70.2%) R – Michael Morrison (29.8%)	Incumbent.	2008

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28	Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz	D – ANNA CABALLERO (57.7%) R – Ignacio Velasquez (42.3%)	Caballero is an attorney. Seat previously held by Simon Salinas.	2012
29	Fresno, Madera, Tulare	D – Benjamin Avila (30.4%) R – MICHAEL N. VILLINES (65.2%) L – Jonathon Zwickel (1.2%) P&F – John Crockford (3.2%)	Incumbent. Villines is the new Assembly Republican Leader.	2010
30	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Tulare	D – NICOLE M. PARRA (51.6%) R – Danny D. Gilmore (48.4%)	Incumbent.	2008
31	Fresno, Tulare	D – JUAN ARAMBULA (100.0%) R – None	Incumbent. Arambula is an attorney.	2010
32	Kern, San Bernardino	D – Maribel Vega (28.4%) R – JEAN FULLER (71.6%)	Seat previously held by Kevin McCarthy.	2012
33	San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara	D – Robert Evan Cuthbert (33.0%) R – SAM BLAKESLEE (67.0%)	Incumbent.	2010
34	Inyo, Kern, San Bernardino, Tulare	D – Desmond Farrelly (28.9%) R – BILL MAZE (67.7%) G – David Minton Silva (3.4%)	Incumbent.	2008
35	Santa Barbara, Ventura	D – PEDRO I. NAVA (62.6%) R – Christina Carreno Martin (37.4%)	Incumbent. Nava is an attorney.	2010

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36	Los Angeles, San Bernardino	D - Robert "Bo" Bynum (38.6%) R - SHARON RUNNER (61.4%)	Incumbent. Runner is the wife of Senator George Runner.	2008
37	Los Angeles, Ventura	D - Ferial Masry (43.6%) R - AUDRA STRICKLAND (56.4%)	Incumbent. Strickland is the wife of former Assemblymember Tony Strickland.	2010
38	Los Angeles, Ventura	D - Lyn Shaw (38.5%) R - CAMERON SMYTH (55.8%) L - Peggy L. Christensen (5.7%)	Seat previously held by Keith Richman.	2012
39	Los Angeles	D - RICHARD ALARCÓN (100.0%) R - None	Alarcón previously served on the Senate from 1998-2006. Seat previously held by Cindy Montanez.	2012
40	Los Angeles	D - LLOYD E. LEVINE (63.6%) R - Rick Montaine (36.4%)	Incumbent.	2008
41	Los Angeles, Ventura	D - JULIA BROWNLEY (62.6%) R - Tony Dolz (34.3%) L - Conrad Stefan Frankowski (3.1%)	Seat previously held by Fran Pavley.	2012
42	Los Angeles	D - MIKE FEUER (73.8%) R - Steven Mark Sion (21.5%) L - Colin Goldman (4.7%)	Feuer is an attorney. Seat previously held by Paul Koretz.	2012
43	Los Angeles	D - PAUL KREKORIAN (62.9%) R - Michael M. Agbab (30.0%) L - Steve Myers (7.1%)	Krekorian is an attorney. Seat previously held by Dario Frommer.	2012
44	Los Angeles	D - ANTHONY PORTANTINO (58.4%) R - Scott Carwile (33.2%) G - Ricardo Costa (4.1%) L - Barron Yanaga (4.3%)	Seat previously held by Carol Liu.	2012
45	Los Angeles	D - KEVIN DE LEÓN (83.4%) R - Samantha E. Allen-Newman (16.6%)	Seat previously held by Jackie Goldberg.	2012
46	Los Angeles	D - FABIAN NÚÑEZ (100.0%) R - None	Incumbent. Núñez is the Speaker of the Assembly.	2008

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47	Los Angeles	D - KAREN BASS (85.0%) R - Jeffers MacArthur Dodge (15.0%)	Incumbent. Bass is the Assembly Majority Leader.	2010
48	Los Angeles	D - MIKE DAVIS (89.2%) R - Brenda Carol Green (10.8%)	Seat previously held by Mark Ridley-Thomas.	2012
49	Los Angeles	D - MIKE ENG (63.0%) R - Esthela G. Siegrist (29.1%) L - Laura Brown (7.9%)	Eng is an attorney and the husband of Judy Chu, who previously held this seat.	2012
50	Los Angeles	D - HECTOR DE LA TORRE (77.9%) R - Gladys O. Miller (22.1%)	Incumbent.	2010
51	Los Angeles	D - CURREN D. PRICE (74.0%) R - Ross Moen (22.8%) L - Carl M. "Marty" Swinney (3.2%)	Seat previously held by Jerome Horton.	2012
52	Los Angeles	D - MERVYN M. DYMALLY (100%) R - None	Incumbent. Dymally served in the US Congress from 1981-1993, as Lieutenant Governor from 1974-1980, in the Senate from 1966-1974, and in the Assembly from 1962-1966 and 2002 - present.	2008
53	Los Angeles	D - TED W. LIEU (58.7%) R - Mary Jo Ford (36.8%) G - Peter Luke Thottam (2.3%) P&F - Karl Abrams (2.2%)	Incumbent. Lieu is an attorney.	2010
54	Los Angeles	D - BETTY KARNETTE (60.6%) R - Michael A. Jackson (39.4%)	Incumbent. Karnette previously served in the Senate from 1996-2004 and in the Assembly from 1992-1996.	2012
55	Los Angeles	D - LAURA RICHARDSON (68.3%) R - Margherita Palumbo Underhill (31.7%)	Seat previously held by Jenny Oropeza.	2012
56	Los Angeles, Orange	D - TONY MENDOZA (58.2%) R - Grace Hu (41.8%)	Seat previously held by Rudy Bermúdez.	2012

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57	Los Angeles	D – ED HERNANDEZ (63.4%) R – Holly Carver (36.6%)	Seat previously held by Ed Chavez.	2012
58	Los Angeles	D – CHARLES M. CALDERON (69.6%) R – Jim Kleinpell (30.4%)	Calderon previously served in the Senate from 1990-1998 and in the Assembly from 1982-1990. Calderon is an attorney. Seat previously held by Ronald Calderon.	2012
59	Los Angeles, San Bernardino	D – Elliot Robert Barkan (38.2%) R – ANTHONY ADAMS (55.5%) L – Jill Stone (6.3%)	Seat previously held by Dennis Mountjoy.	2012
60	Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino	D – Van Tamom (30.7%) R – ROBERT “BOB” HUFF (69.3%)	Incumbent.	2010
61	Los Angeles, San Bernardino	D – NELL SOTO (63.5%) R – Benjamin Lopez (36.5%)	Soto previously served in the Senate from 2000-2006, and in the Assembly from 1998-2000. Seat previously held by Gloria Negrete McLeod.	2012
62	San Bernardino	D – WILMER AMINA CARTER (68.7%) R – Marge Mendoza-Ware (31.3%)	Seat previously held by Joe Baca Jr.	2012
63	Riverside, San Bernardino	D – Mark David Westwood (40.7%) R – WILLIAM J. EMMERSON (59.3%)	Incumbent.	2010
64	Riverside	D – Paul M. Rasso (40.4%) R – JOHN J. BENOIT (59.6%)	Incumbent.	2008
65	Riverside, San Bernardino	D – Rita Ramirez-Dean (38.0%) R – PAUL COOK (59.1%) P&F – Jon Taleb (2.9%)	Seat previously held by Russ Bogh.	2012
66	Riverside, San Diego	D – Laurel A. Nicholson (39.4%) R – KEVIN D. JEFFRIES (60.6%)	Seat previously held by Ray Haynes.	2012
67	Orange	D – Ray Roberts (36.4%) R – JIM SILVA (63.6%)	Seat previously held by Tom Harman.	2012

68	Orange	D - Paul Lucas (40.2%) R - VAN TRAN (59.8%)	Incumbent. Tran is an attorney.	2010
69	Orange	D - JOSE SOLORIO (64.8%) R - Ryan G. Williams (35.2%)	Seat previously held by Thomas Umberg.	2012
70	Orange	D - Michael G. Glover (40.3%) R - CHARLES S. DEVORE (59.7%)	Incumbent.	2010
71	Orange, Riverside	D - Irene "Charlie" LaChance (29.4%) R - TODD SPITZER (70.6%)	Incumbent. Spitzer is an attorney.	2008
72	Orange	D - John MacMurray (37.7%) R - MIKE DUVAL (58.9%) L - Brian Lee Cross (3.4%)	Seat previously held by Lynn Daucher.	2012
73	Orange, San Diego	D - None R - MIMI WALTERS (72.7%) L - Andrew H. Favor (27.3%)	Incumbent.	2010
74	San Diego	D - Roxana Folescu (41.8%) R - MARTIN GARRICK (58.2%)	Seat previously held by Mark Wyland.	2012
75	San Diego	D - Scott Meyer (39.1%) R - GEORGE A. PLESCIA (58.1%) L - Edward M. Teyssier (2.8%)	Incumbent.	2008
76	San Diego	D - LORI R. SALDAÑA (64.5%) R - Ralph Denney (35.5%)	Incumbent.	2010
77	San Diego	D - Christopher R. Larkin (35.8%) R - JOEL ANDERSON (60.8%) L - Rich Belitz (3.4%)	Seat previously held by Jay La Suer.	2012
78	San Diego	D - Maxine Sherard (45.1%) R - SHIRLEY HORTON (51.7%) L - Geof Gibson (3.2%)	Incumbent.	2008
79	San Diego	D - MARY SALAS (61.0%) R - Jean Roesch (39.0%)	Seat previously held by Juan Vargas.	2012
80	Imperial, Riverside	D - Steve Clute (48.9%) R - BONNIE GARCIA (51.1%)	Incumbent.	2008

UPDATE ON JUDICIAL COUNCIL-SPONSORED LEGISLATION

Court Facilities Transfers

In an effort to break an impasse that has resulted in very few court facilities transferring from the counties to the state, the Legislature passed SB 10 (Dunn) on August 31. The Assembly passed SB 10 by a vote of 47-7 and the Senate passed the bill 37-0. The Governor signed SB 10 into law on Sept. 25, 2006.

SB 10 is the result of the hard work of representatives of the counties, the Department of Finance and the judicial branch meeting for more than a year to consider options to address the barriers to transferring court facilities with Level Five seismic ratings. The Judicial Council co-sponsored SB 10 with the California State Association of Counties.

SB 10 revises the Trial Court Facilities Act to allow buildings with a seismic Level V rating to transfer to the state so long as the counties remain liable for earthquake-related damage, replacement, injury, and loss to the same extent they would have been liable if the responsibility for court facilities had not transferred to the state. This liability will attach to the county until on or after the earliest of the following: 1) the seismic rating is improved, 2) the building no longer contains court facilities, 3) thirty-five years passes from the date of transfer of the facilities, or 4) the county has complied with the conditions for relief from liability contained in an agreement, as specified.

The benefits of SB 10 include:

Neither the state nor the court is or will be required to retrofit Level Five buildings.

SB 10 will allow orderly implementation of the Judicial Council's Trial Court Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan ("Capital Outlay Plan") to address deficient security, access, and life safety systems in existing trial court facilities.

Transfers occurring under SB 10 will not increase the state's earthquake risk, as counties retain liability. (Counties may choose to remove their liability by funding or executing retrofits at any time)

Facility transfers, recommended by the State Task Force on Court Facilities and required by the Trial Court Facilities Act must precede any state-funded courthouse improvement or new construction replacement projects intended for that facility. California's trial court facilities have critical life safety, operational and security deficiencies that can only be cost effectively addressed through a statewide capital outlay program. The Legislature recognized that these opportunities would be lost if the transfer impasse was not cleared. *For more information on SB 10, contact Eraina Ortega at eraina.ortega@jud.ca.gov.*

Judges' Retirement

SB 1187 (Ackerman), Judges' Retirement System II, as introduced on January 19, 2006, permits a judge in the Judges' Retirement System II who leaves judicial office after five or more years of service and is not eligible to retire to elect to receive

the amount in his or her retirement account as an annuity. This measure died in Assembly Appropriations. *For more information on SB 1187, contact June Clark at june.clark@jud.ca.gov.*

Protective Orders

AB 2129 (Spitzer) - Firearms Relinquishment: Protective Orders: Requires that any firearms in the possession of a person subject to a protective order issued by a criminal court, or for civil harassment, workplace violence, or elder and dependent adult abuse be relinquished within 24 hours of the order being served on the restrained person. This bill was signed by the Governor on September 26 as Chapter 474. *For more information on AB 2129, contact Tracy Kenny at tracy.kenny@jud.ca.gov.*

Miscellaneous Court Operations

AB 2303 (Assembly Judiciary Committee) - Civil omnibus: Court Operations: The Judicial Council sponsors the following provisions of this omnibus bill: Clarifies the procedures governing a change of name; makes service times for elder abuse protective orders consistent with other protective orders; authorizes courts to receive notice to appear citations for non-parking Vehicle Code violations electronically if the court has the ability to receive the information and reproduce it in a printed form; and extends existing statutory authority for courts to impose modest monetary sanctions upon jurors who fail to respond to a jury summons. Status: Signed by

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The following is an update on selected bills of interest to the courts from the second year of the 2005-2006 legislative session.

CIVIL

AB 2369 (La Suer), Stats. 2006, Ch. 277. Civil warrants.

Revises the law enacted last year (AB 1150 (La Suer), Stats. 2005, ch. 474) governing the issuance of civil bench warrants. Among other things, the bill makes the procedures for issuing a civil bench warrant for failure to appear in court pursuant to a subpoena or court order applicable to a failure to appear for a post-judgment asset examination.

Status: Signed by the Governor.

AB 2455 (Nakanishi), Stats. 2006, Ch. 150. Small claims court: claims against defendant guarantors.

Provides that the small claims court has jurisdiction in an action brought by a natural person against the Registrar of the Contractors State License Board as the defendant guarantor holding a contractor's cash deposit if the amount of the demand does not exceed \$7,500.

Status: Signed by the Governor.

JC Position: Support.

AB 2618 (Berg), Stats. 2006, Ch. 167. Small claims court: actions.

Conforms various statutes to the recently enacted increase in the jurisdictional limits of small claims court. Specifically, this bill adds cross-references to Code of Civil Procedure section 116.221 (which increased the jurisdiction from \$5,000 to \$7,500 for actions brought by natural persons) in various codes.

Status: Signed by the Governor.

JC Position: Support.

COURT FACILITIES

SB 1163 (Ackerman), as introduced January 10, 2006. California Critical Infrastructure Facilities Bond Acts of 2006 and 2010.

Enacts the California Critical Infrastructure Facilities Bond Acts of 2006 and 2010. The Act authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$1.227 billion, \$800 million of which is for courts, and the submission of the

bond act to the voters at an unspecified election. The Act would also authorize for the purposes of financing capital outlay related to the acquisition, design, construction, or renovation of trial court facilities, the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$1 billion and would provide for submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 7, 2010, general election.

Status: Died in Senate Judiciary.

JC Position: Support.

AB 1831 (Jones), as introduced January 10, 2006. California Critical Infrastructure Facilities Bond Acts of 2006 and 2010.

Enacts the California Critical Infrastructure Facilities Bond Acts of 2006 and 2010. The Act authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$1.227 billion, \$800 million of which is for courts, and the submission of the bond act to the voters at an unspecified election. The Act would also authorize for the purposes of financing capital outlay related to the acquisition, design, construction, or renovation of trial court facilities, the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$1 billion and would provide for submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 7, 2010 general election.

Status: Died in Assembly.

JC Position: Support.

AB 1995 (Koretz), Stats. 2006, Ch. 187. Trial Court Employees: Personnel Files.

Requires a trial court to make available for inspection any personnel file, not just official files, used to determine an employee's qualifications for employment, promotion, or discipline.

Status: Signed by the Governor.

JC Position: Oppose unless amended to clarify that only files that are used to take action on employment, promotion, or disciplinary matters will be available to the employees.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

AB 2159 (Cogdill), as amended April 6, 2006. Bail: residential burglaries.

Includes residential burglary in the list of offenses for which a court is required to hold a bail hearing before deviating from the bail schedule.

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Status: Failed passage in Senate Public Safety.

JC Position: No Position.

AB 2174 (Villines), Stats. 2006, Ch. 744. Criminal procedure: defendant's appearance.

Provides that in an appropriate case involving a person accused of a misdemeanor driving under the influence offense, the court may order the defendant to be present for arraignment, at the time of plea, or at sentencing.

Status: Signed by the Governor.

AB 2272 (Parra), Stats. 2006, Ch. 274. Writ of habeas corpus: notice to prosecuting agency.

Codifies California Rules of Court, rule 4.552(c), by specifying transfer, order, and notice procedures that shall be complied with when an application for a writ of habeas corpus challenges a denial of, or suitability for parole and the petition is filed in a superior court other than the court in which the judgment was rendered.

Status: Signed by the Governor.

AB 2380 (Dymally), as introduced. Involuntary psychotropic medication.

Requires that at the time of an involuntary commitment or recommitment to a medical facility, the court would determine whether involuntary psychotropic medication should be ordered.

Status: Died in Assembly Public Safety.

AB 2814 (Berg), as introduced. Criminal procedure: continuances.

Adds cases involving elder or dependent abuse to the list of types of cases that constitute good cause for a continuance in criminal proceedings under PC sec. 1050.

Status: Failed passage in Senate Public Safety.

JC Position: Oppose.

AB 2870 (De La Torre), Stats. 2006, Ch. 800. Correctional facilities: communicable diseases.

Allows a judge, courtroom personnel, or any other individual who is the victim of an assault by a defendant in a court facility to request that the defendant be tested for hepatitis B and C as well as HIV and AIDS.

Status: Signed by the Governor.

JC Position: Support.

AB 2910 (Baca), as introduced. Sentencing: state prison commitments.

Provides that, regardless of whether the person's term of imprisonment is deemed to have been served, any person sentenced to state prison shall be ordered by the sentencing judge to be transported to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for processing.

Status: Died in Assembly Public Safety.

AB 2952 (Niello), as amended May 17, 2006. Criminal procedure: appeals.

Allows prosecutors to appeal from an order of a magistrate dismissing all or part of the prosecution's case regardless of the statutory grounds for the magistrate's order.

Status: Failed passage in Senate Public Safety.

SB 171 (Alquist), as amended July 7, 2005. Interrogation: recording: jury instruction.

Requires that any custodial interrogation of an individual relating to a felony offense be electronically recorded, and codifies a jury instruction to be used in substantially similar form if a court finds that a defendant was subjected to an unlawful custodial interrogation.

Status: Vetoed by Governor.

JC Position: As amended May 27, 2005. Neutral. Amendments allow instruction to be "substantially similar" to that set forth in bill.

SB 1128 (Alquist), Stats. 2006, Ch. 337. Sex Offender Punishment, Control, and Containment Act.

URGENCY (takes effect immediately). Establishes a comprehensive scheme for the "punishment, control, and containment" of sex offenders. Among other things, SB 1128 requires courts to retain for 75 years records of misdemeanor actions resulting in a requirement that the defendant register as a sex offender, and increases the fine to be imposed upon conviction of failing to register as a sex offender. The record retention provision applies only to convictions occurring on or after the enactment date of the bill, which is September 20, 2006.

Status: Signed by the Governor.

JC Position: As amended April 18, 2006. No position. Amendments eliminate provisions prohibiting the court from exercising its discretion to strike charges or allegations of prior offenses in the interests of justice, and

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change record retention requirements to 75 years rather than for life of the defendant.

SB 1137 (Ducheny), Stats. 2006, Ch. 63. Drug treatment.

Modifies Proposition 36, the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act approved by voters in 2000, to, among other things, allow short-term jail sentences for certain nonviolent drug offenders who fail to complete court-ordered treatment programs. **NOTE:** *Alameda Superior Court issued a preliminary injunction on September 14 enjoining the implementation of Senate Bill 1137. Backers of the Proposition 36 obtained the injunction to halt implementation of SB 1137, contending the bill violates Prop. 36 by making a substantive change without seeking approval from the electorate. At the time this publication was printed, the injunction remains in effect.*

Status: Signed by the Governor.

SB 1346 (Ortiz), as amended May 26, 2006. Criminal procedure: disposition.

Provides that disposition reports made by the superior court to the Department of Justice that are electronically transmitted to the department by a court operating on the final version of the criminal component of the Administrative Office of the Courts' California Court Case Management System shall also contain the subject's right and left thumbprints. Provides that thumbprint-capture personnel shall be determined by the superior court in each county, in consultation with the law enforcement agency providing court services.

Status: Died on Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

ACA 37 (Parra), as introduced. Victims' rights.

Expands the existing constitutional rights of crime victims to include, among other things, the right to be present at all juvenile and criminal proceedings and post-sentencing hearings, and the right to have an attorney or the district attorney enforce their rights in court.

Status: Died in Assembly Public Safety.

EMPLOYMENT

AB 1797 (Bermúdez), as amended February 14, 2006. Trial courts: limited-term employees.

Prohibits the Superior Court of Los Angeles County from employing any limited-term law clerk for more than 180 days. Provides that any limited-term law clerk employed for more than 180 calendar days becomes a regular employee. This bill is identical to AB 176 (Bermúdez) that was passed by the Legislature in 2005, but vetoed by the Governor. States legislative intent to prohibit the courts from classifying long-term employees that are performing the regular work of the courts as limited-term employees.

Status: Vetoed by Governor.

JC Position: Oppose.

AB 2305 (Klehs), as introduced February 22, 2006. Courts: court reporting.

Shifts court reporter transcript fees from a word or folio rate to a page rate and creates a standard format for each page. Increases the transcript rate to \$3.57 per page and \$.63 per copied page. Adds an additional 18 percent per page for civil transcripts. Expands the 50 percent additional charge for daily copy service to criminal transcripts. Prohibits any court, party, or person who has purchased the transcript from loaning it to another party or person.

Status: Died in Assembly Judiciary.

JC Position: Oppose unless funded and amended to 1) exempt courts from rate differentials; 2) address access to justice issues; 3) address concerns about the standard page format proposed in the bill.

FAMILY LAW

AB 2480 (Evans), Stats. 2006, Ch. 385. Dependent children: counsel.

Requires the appointment of appellate counsel to represent a dependent child if the child is an appellant, or if the court of appeal determines that the child would benefit from the appointment of separate counsel. To assist the court in making that determination, AB 2480 requires the child's trial counsel or Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act guardian ad litem (CAPTA GAL) to make a recommendation to the court that counsel be appointed if the counsel or GAL finds that the child's best interests on appeal cannot be protected without the appointment of separate counsel, and sets

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forth the reasons. These requirements would be implemented through a rule of court to be adopted by July 1, 2007. In addition, the bill requires the Judicial Council to report on the actions it takes to address the representation of dependent children in appellate proceedings, including any recommendations made by the Judicial Council's Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care.

Status: Signed by the Governor.

JC position: Support if funded.

JUDICIAL OFFICERS

SB 506 (Poochigian), Stats. 2006, Ch. 466. Voter records: confidentiality.

Requires a local elections official to extend existing voter registration confidentiality programs for victims of domestic violence and stalking and reproductive health care services providers, employees, volunteers, and patients to include specified public safety officials, upon application, if the local elections official is authorized to do so by his or her county board of supervisors. The application of a public safety official would be a public record. Requires each candidate for judicial office to file a declaration of intention to become a candidate and to pay the appropriate filing fee for filing the declaration.

Status: Signed by the Governor.

JC Position: Support.

SCA 16 (Runner), as amended September 1, 2005. Judicial districts: superior court judges.

Provides that the superior court of any county with a population of more than 5,000,000 shall be divided into judicial districts established by three special masters appointed by the Supreme Court.

Status: Died in Senate Judiciary.

JC Position: Oppose.

JURY

AB 1993 (Nakanishi), as introduced. Jurors: exemptions.

Exempts a person who holds an active license as a registered nurse from jury service.

Status: Died in Assembly Judiciary.

JC position: Oppose.

SB 1281 (Romero), as amended April 18, 2006. Public contracts: jury service.

Prohibits a state agency from entering into a contract for the acquisition of goods or services with a contractor who does not have and adhere to a written policy providing his or her employees with at least five days of regular pay for actual jury service.

Status: Vetoed by Governor.

JC Position: Support.

PROBATE

AB 1363 (Jones), Stats. 2006, Ch. 493. Conservatorships.

Among other things, requires annual reviews of conservatorships, but allows the court to set reviews on 2 year cycles if the court determines that the conservator is acting in the best interest of the conservatee. Also requires additional court investigations, including an investigation in cases where a temporary conservatorship is being sought, as well as at 6 months after establishment of the conservatorship. In addition, requires the Judicial Council to: adopt rules of court relating to conservatorships and guardianships and to develop and make available, free of charge, educational programs for non-licensed conservators and guardians; establish qualifications and educational classes for probate court attorneys, investigators, examiners and court-appointed counsel, as well as educational classes for judges regularly assigned to hear probate matters; and the Judicial Council to report to the Legislature the findings of a study measuring court effectiveness in conservatorship cases.

Status: Signed by the Governor.

JC Position: Support if funded.

SB 1116 (Scott), Stats. 2006, Ch. 490. Conservatorships.

Among other things, creates a presumption that the least restrictive appropriate setting for the conservatee at the commencement of the conservatorship is his or her home. Requires conservators to make specified showings in connection with proposed moves of conservatees. Places new limits on the conservator's power to sell the conservatee's residence.

Status: Signed by the Governor.

JC Position: Support.

SB 1211 (Poochigian), as amended March 28, 2006. Estates and trusts: creditor's claims.

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Makes various changes to the provisions governing creditors' claims against decedents' estates and trusts, primarily to resolve inconsistencies between the two types of claims procedures. Among other things, the bill revises the procedure for giving notice to a creditor of a trust, lengthens the period of time that a creditor of a trust may file a claim, and revises provisions pursuant to which a creditor of a trust may file, and a court may allow, a late claim.

Status: Died in Senate Judiciary.

JC Position: Support.

SB 1550 (Figueroa), Stats. 2006, Ch. 491. Professional Fiduciaries Act.

Among other things, the bill creates the Board of Professional Fiduciaries in the Department of Consumer Affairs, and requires the board to license and regulate professional guardians, conservators, and other fiduciaries. The bill also prohibits a court from appointing a person as a professional fiduciary unless he or she is certified by the board. In addition, the bill deletes the local and statewide registry system, effective July 1, 2008, when the new licensure scheme takes effect.

Status: Signed by the Governor.

JC Position: Support.

SB 1716 (Bowen), Stats. 2006, Ch. 492. Conservatorships.

Prohibits, except as specified, ex parte communications between any party or attorney for the party and the court concerning a subject raised in pleadings filed pursuant to the Probate Code, and in proceedings to establish a conservatorship for persons who are gravely disabled as a result of a mental disorder or chronic alcoholism and would require the Judicial Council to adopt a rule of court to implement this provision by January 1, 2008.

Status: Signed by the Governor.

JC Position: Support, if funded.

TRAFFIC

AB 1832 (Bermúdez), as amended June 22, 2006. Probation: alcohol-related offenses: conditions.

Makes legislative findings and declarations concerning the usefulness of continuous remote alcohol monitoring

systems. Authorizes a court to require a person to be placed on a continuous remote alcohol monitoring program if the court determines alcohol was the primary reason for the offense committed by the person and the court orders the person to abstain from alcohol as a condition of probation.

Status: Vetoed by Governor.

JC Position: Support.

AB 2527 (Baca), as introduced. Alcoholic beverages: underage drinking: penalties.

Expands existing provisions prohibiting a person under 21 years of age from attempting to purchase any alcoholic beverage from an Alcoholic Beverage Control licensee to include possession and consumption. Increases maximum fine from \$100 for a first offense to \$250, and from \$250 for a second or subsequent violation to \$500. In addition to these fines, the bill requires the court to suspend or restrict the person's driver's license for not less than six months nor more than one year.

Status: Died in Assembly Transportation.

AB 2558 (Benoit), as amended March 27, 2006. Vehicles: license suspension and revocation: punishment.

Provides that a person who drives with a license suspended or revoked for a DUI four or more times within a ten-year period is punishable by imprisonment in either state prison, or in county jail for not less than 180 days but not more than one year, and a fine of not less than \$500, but not more than \$2,000. Requires the revocation of the person's driving privilege, and the designation of that person as a habitual traffic offender for three years, subsequent to the conviction. Prohibits the court from striking a finding that brings a person within these provisions.

Status: Died in Assembly Public Safety.

JC Position: Oppose unless amended.

OTHER

AB 2301 (Assembly Committee on Judiciary), Stats. 2006, Ch. 165. State Bar: legal services to the poor.

Provides the State Bar with the authority to collect voluntary financial support from its membership to

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support organizations that provide free legal services to those of limited means. Requires the Bar Board of Governors, in consultation with the Chief Justice, to appoint a task force to propose a method for collection and distribution of the funds.

Status: Signed by the Governor.

JC Position: Support.

AB 2302 (Assembly Committee on Judiciary), as amended August 4, 2006. **Evidence:** court interpreters.

Requires that an interpreter be present whenever needed in any civil matter, including family law and probate, or in

any court-ordered or court-provided alternative dispute resolution, including mediation and arbitration. Requires that unless a party has notified the court that he or she has made arrangements for a private interpreter, the court shall provide the interpreter. Specifies the priority for use of funding and interpreters provided for civil matters.

Status: Vetoed by Governor.

JC Position: Support if funded. ■

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Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Stats. 2006, Ch. 567. For more information on AB 2303, contact Tracy Kenny at tracy.kenny@jud.ca.gov.

Check the status of other bills in which the Judicial Council has taken a position at the following link: http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/documents/stat_06.pdf. ■

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SENATOR KEYNOTES BBC MEETING IN MONTEREY



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Senator Martha Escutia makes a point during remarks to the Bench-Bar Coalition in Monterey on October 6.

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the success of initiatives to create new judgeships, address court facility improvements, and increase judicial salaries.

Senator Escutia, a long-time advocate for the judicial branch, addressed the upcoming changes in membership of the California State Legislature due to term limits and the potential impact of those changes on the judicial branch. When the Legislature reconvenes on December 4, 2006, a full one-third of the current members will have relinquished seats due to term limits (see *The Capitol Connection*, Jun-Jul 2006 and August 2006).

Sen. Escutia contrasted her experiences as a new legislator with the environment that today's term-limited legislators face. "Although term limits are very popular with voters," she noted, "the Legislature is generally weakened by the loss of institutional memory that tenured legislators and staff take with them. Power ultimately flows away from the people and toward the Third House [lobbyists]." Today's new legislators also find themselves in powerful leadership positions and committee chairmanships without having had the opportunity to gain the necessary experience by serving as committee members or being mentored by senior members, according to Sen. Escutia. Nevertheless, the Legislature still functions as a family, and those outside of the Legislature must respect the trust that exists

among its members when establishing new relationships or strengthening ties with continuing members.

The Bench-Bar Coalition recognized Senator Escutia for her contributions to the judicial branch during her tenure in the Legislature. She began her legislative career in the Assembly in 1992, where she represented the 50th Assembly District and was appointed as the first woman to chair the Assembly Judiciary Committee in 1997. In 1999, she was elected to represent the 30th Senate District and was appointed chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee in 2000. The Trial Court Funding and Improvement Act of 1997 (AB 233, ch.850) and the Trial Court Facilities Act of 2002 (SB 1732, ch.1082) are cornerstone pieces of legislation authored by Escutia that transformed the judicial branch.

The meeting agenda also included the installation of co-chairs for the 2007-2008 Legislative Session. Joel S. Miliband of Irvine, former member of the State Bar Board of Governors, replaced Miriam A. Krinsky as co-chair. Miliband joins Anthony P. Capozzi of Fresno who will serve an additional year as a BBC co-chair.

Chief Justice George also joined BBC leadership in presenting awards to bench, bar, and legal services leaders in recognition of their support of the judicial branch: Hon. Terry Friedman, outgoing president of the California Judges' Association; James Heiting, outgoing president of the State Bar of California; Miriam Krinsky, outgoing co-chair of the BBC; Alice Salvo, past president of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association; Toby Rothschild, director of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles and vice-chair of the Access to Justice Commission; and Presiding Judge Sharon Waters, Superior Court, Riverside County.

BBC members also received a report on the status of judicial branch legislation for 2005-2006 and discussed priorities for 2007-2008, including plans for bench and bar outreach to incoming legislators and staff. The group's next quarterly membership conference call will be held following the November 7 elections. For more information on BBC activities and conference calls, contact Dia Poole dia.poole@jud.ca.gov or Christina Fonseca christina.fonseca@jud.ca.gov in the Office of Governmental Affairs at (916) 323-3121. ■



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OGA CO-HOSTS REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

2006 New Laws Workshop to be held in November

The Coalition of Trial Court Clerks' Association (CTCCA) and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) hosted the second annual New Laws Workshop in November 2006. The workshops were held on November 8 (AOC Office - San Francisco), November 9 (Tsakopoulos Library Galleria - Sacramento), and November 14 (AOC Regional Office - Burbank).

The workshops were held between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. as one-day sessions in each of the three trial court regions and were designed as a forum for reviewing key legislation enacted in 2006 affecting court procedures and operations.

Many of the new laws discussed must be implemented by Jan. 1, 2007 so the workshops gave court personnel a chance to discuss and understand the new laws before the implementation date. At the workshops, participants had the opportunity to share implementation strategies with their colleagues in other courts and to consult with subject matter experts.

The workshops were very popular again this year. Of the 46 counties that took part in the workshops, there were nearly 400 attendees.

If you would like to be on the mailing list for next year's workshop, please contact Christina Fonseca via email at christina.fonseca@jud.ca.gov or telephone at 916-323-3121. ■



ABOVE: The 2006 New Laws Workshop attendees read a handout given to them at the welcoming session. LEFT: Workshop presenters address new criminal and traffic laws during one of three breakout sessions. BELOW: Another breakout session gives attendees information regarding new family and juvenile laws.



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