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## **Additional Layoffs at Administrative Office of the Courts**

### *Downsizing continues; more layoffs likely*

SAN FRANCISCO - Interim Administrative Director of the Courts Jody Patel today announced the layoff of seven employees who had been working on the California Court Case Management System (CCMS). Including today's layoffs, the AOC has reduced its total CCMS workforce by 33, which includes fulltime employees, contractors, and temporary workers.

The Judicial Council [voted to terminate CCMS](#) on March 27 and directed its CCMS Internal Committee to wind down the project and recommend ways to use the CCMS technology and the state's investment in the software system. The committee will present an update on its activities at a Judicial Council meeting on June 22.

"This is another sad day for us," said Patel. "The employees we let go today have been valuable and dedicated workers. And it's not the end of our downsizing. The proposed state budget calls for more reductions to the AOC."

Today's layoffs are part of a second phase of reductions in the AOC's workforce. The [first phase](#) occurred on June 7. With these actions--added to the ongoing layoffs of contractors and temporary employees, voluntary separations, as well as retirements--the AOC will have reduced its number of employees by about 235 (regular, temporary, and contractor) by the end of this fiscal year on June 30.

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