



JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Open to the Public (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.6(a))
Joe Serna Jr. California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters
• Klamath Room
1001 I Street • Sacramento, California 95812-2815
February 25, 2011 • 8:30 a.m.–1:55 p.m.

AGENDA

- 8:30–8:40 a.m. Swearing-in of New Council Members**
The Chief Justice will administer the oath of office to new council members.
- 8:40–8:50 a.m. Public Comment**
[See Cal. Rules of Court, rules 10.6(d) and 10.6(e).]
- 8:50–8:55 a.m. [Approval of Minutes](#)**
Minutes of the December 14, 2010, business meeting
- 8:55–9:10 a.m. [Judicial Council Committee Presentations](#)**
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Executive and Planning Committee
Hon. Richard D. Huffman, Chair
Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee
Hon. Marvin R. Baxter, Chair
Rules and Projects Committee
Hon. Douglas P. Miller, Chair
- 9:10–9:25 a.m. Chief Justice’s Report**
Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye will report.
- 9:25–9:40 a.m. [Administrative Director’s Report](#)**
Mr. William C. Vickrey, Administrative Director of the Courts, will report.

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CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS A–D)

A council member who wishes to request that any item be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda is asked to please notify Nancy Spero at 415-865-7915 at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Item A [Access to Visitation Grant Program: Funding Allocation for Fiscal Years 2011–2012 and 2012–2013 \(Action Required\)](#)

Subject to the availability of federal funding, the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends the allocation and distribution of \$766,828 statewide for the Access to Visitation Grant Program for each of the fiscal years 2011–2012 and 2012–2013. The funding would be directed to 12 superior courts representing 20 counties and involving 19 subcontractor agencies (i.e., local community nonprofit service providers) to support and facilitate noncustodial parents' access to and visitation with their children through supervised visitation and exchange services, parent education, and group counseling services. Family Code section 3204(b)(2) requires the Judicial Council to determine the final number and amount of grants to be awarded to the superior courts.

Staff: Ms. Shelly LaBotte, Center for Families, Children & the Courts
Mr. Michael Wright, Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Item B [Collections: Revise Best Practices and Reporting Template \(Action Required\)](#)

The Administrative Office of the Courts Enhanced Collections Unit recommends that the council adopt the revisions to the Collections Best Practices and Collections Reporting Template. Court and county collections programs are encouraged to use the Best Practices in establishing and enhancing their collections programs. The Collections Reporting Template is used jointly by the courts and counties to report on the status and success of their collaborative collection programs. This proposal reflects current best practices in use by collaborative collections programs and clarifies instructions to court and county collections programs completing the template.

Staff: Ms. Sheila Calabro, Regional Administrative Director, Southern Region

Item C [Judicial Council-Sponsored Legislation: Judges' Retirement System II: Subordinate Judicial Officer Service Credit and Pre-retirement Death Benefits \(Action Required\)](#)

The Policy Liaison and Coordination Committee (PCLC) recommends that the Judicial Council cosponsor legislation with the California Judges Association (CJA) to amend the Judges Retirement System II (JRS II) statutes to: (1) allow JRS II members who previously served as subordinate judicial officers (SJOs) to purchase JRS II service credit for a fraction of their SJO years; and (2) allow a spouse of a JRS II member who is entitled to pre-retirement death benefits to opt for benefits that have a lower dollar value, and/or to waive his or her share of the benefits and allow them to pass to another designated beneficiary.

Staff: Ms. Tracy Kenny, Office of Governmental Affairs

Item D [Subordinate Judicial Officers: Allocation of Conversions for Fiscal Year 2011–2012 and Conversions of Family and Juvenile Law SJO Vacancies \(Action Required\)](#)

The Administrative Office of the Courts recommends that the Judicial Council approve a modification to the allocation schedule for Subordinate Judicial Officer conversions authorized under Government Code Section 69615(c)(1)(A). The modification will allow the Superior Court of Orange County to convert a second vacant SJO position to a judgeship in fiscal year 2011–2012 and facilitate the timely implementation of SJO conversion policy. The AOC further recommends guidelines for the conversion of additional SJO vacancies authorized under Government Code Section 69615(c)(1)(C) and the delegation of authority and responsibility for confirming conversions under this code section to the Executive & Planning Committee. These guidelines and the delegation of authority will clarify and expedite the process by which courts may convert additional SJO vacancies.

Staff: Mr. Dag MacLeod, Executive Office Programs Division

DISCUSSION AGENDA (ITEMS E, F, J, and I)

(Items G & H have been deferred to a future meeting.)

Item E **9:40–9:50 a.m.**

[Judicial Council Resolution: Commendation of Leadership and Achievements of Mr. John G. Davies \(Action Required\)](#)

The Administrative Office of the Courts recommends that the Judicial Council commend the leadership and achievements of Mr. John G. Davies and extend to him the appreciation of the judicial branch of government for his 48 years of dedicated service to the judiciary and the people of the State of California.

Presentation (5 minutes) • Discussion/Council Action (5 minutes)

Speaker: Hon. Richard D. Huffman, Chair, Executive and Planning Committee

Item F **9:50–10:10 a.m.**

[Court Facilities: Naming the New Courthouse in Long Beach \(Action Required\)](#)

The Executive and Planning Committee recommends naming the proposed new trial courthouse to be constructed in the City of Long Beach in honor of former Governor George Deukmejian.

Presentation (10 minutes) • Discussion/Council Action (10 minutes)

Speakers: Hon. Richard D. Huffman, Chair, Executive and Planning Committee

Hon. Arthur G. Scotland (Ret.), Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal
Third Appellate District

Mr. Lee Willoughby, Office of Court Construction and Management

Item J 10:10–11:25 a.m.

California Court Case Management System: CCMS Cost-Benefit Analysis Report from Grant Thornton LLP (No Action Required)

A presentation of the results of the cost-benefit analysis of the California Court Case Management System performed by Grant Thornton LLP.

Presentation (45 minutes) • Discussion (30 minutes)

Introduction: Mr. Stephen Nash, AOC Finance Division

Speaker: Mr. Graeme Finley, Director, Grant Thornton LLP

Lunch Break 11:25–11:55 a.m.

Item I 11:55 a.m.–1:55 p.m.

California Court Case Management System: Status Update and Demonstration (No Action Required)

This is a status and summary report that will be accompanied by a demonstration of California's Court Case Management System at the meeting. Interim versions of CCMS are in use at seven courts and process more than 25 percent of the state's civil cases. CCMS will support courts of all sizes and be maintained at a statewide level through the California Courts Technology Center. In December 2010, CCMS governance was augmented to provide broader participation from the judicial branch, bar, and justice system partners. The Judicial Council has directed the AOC to develop a single case management system to be deployed in all 58 superior courts and is the executive sponsor of CCMS. CCMS is managed by the CCMS Program Management Office.

Presentation (60 minutes) • Discussion (60 minutes)

Speakers: Hon. Terence L. Bruiniers, Chair, CCMS Executive Committee
Hon. Glen M. Reiser, CCMS Operational Advisory Committee
Hon. Robert J. Moss, Member, Judicial Council of California
Mr. Ronald G. Overholt, Chief Deputy Director
Mark A. Moore, Executive Director, California Court Case Management System
Mr. Anthony Rochon, CCMS Program Management Office

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (No Action Required)

Government Code Section 68106: Implementation and Notice by Trial Courts of Closing Courtrooms or Clerks' Offices or Reducing Clerks' Office Hours (Report #2)

In the 2010 Judiciary Budget Trailer Bill, Senate Bill 857, the Legislature provided fee increases and fund transfers for the courts and also added a new section 68106 to the Government Code. The latter directs (1) trial courts to notify the public and the Judicial Council before closing courtrooms or clerks' offices or reducing clerks' office hours on days that are not judicial

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holidays, and (2) the council to post on its website and relay to the Legislature all such court notices. This is the second report providing information about the implementation of these notice requirements. Since the first report, one more court, Mendocino, has given such notice, which it issued on January 21, 2011.

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[CO-10-01, Approval of the October 29, 2010, Judicial Council Meeting Minutes.](#)

[CO-11-01, Fee Waiver: Poverty Guidelines on Request to Waive Court Fees and Information Sheet on Waiver of Appellate Court Fees \(Forms FW-001 and AAP-015/FW-015-INFO\).](#)

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