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2011–2012 Data and Caseload Trends

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Executive Summary

The 2013 Court Statistics Report (CSR) provides detailed caseload information for the most recent 2011–2012 fiscal year, and also combines 10-year statewide summaries of superior court filings and dispositions with similar workload indicators for the California Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal. The CSR is published each year in compliance with Article VI, section 6 of the state Constitution which requires the Judicial Council to survey the conditions and business of the California courts. As the official source of information on court operations, the CSR is used by the Legislature, the Governor, and the public to understand court workload, resources, and operations.

Previous Council Action

The CSR is published annually by the Judicial Council of California and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) on the California Courts website at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/12941.htm#id7495>. This is the first year that the Judicial Council has been given a presentation of the report.

Superior court filings data published in the CSR is used in the Judicial Workload Assessment methodology adopted by the Judicial Council in 2001 and 2012, and used by the branch to assess the need for new judgeships and identify subordinate judicial officer positions for conversion to

judgeships. The Resource Assessment Study (RAS) model, recommended by the SB 56 Working Group and adopted by the Judicial Council in 2005 and 2013, uses filings data published in the CSR to evaluate the workload need for nonjudicial staff in the trial courts. The filings-based workload projections in the RAS model serve as the basis for the new Workload Allocation and Funding Model recommended by the Trial Court Budget Working Group and adopted by the Judicial Council in April 2013.

Methodology and Process

The data published in the CSR is compiled from the Appellate Court Case Management System (ACCMS) and the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System (JBSIS). The ACCMS is the case management system used by the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal, and data for the CSR is extracted directly from ACCMS.

The JBSIS is a statistical reporting system that defines the summary information that the trial courts report monthly to the AOC from their case management systems. JBSIS directly supports several goals of the Judicial Council's strategic plan, providing information for judicial branch policy and budgetary decisions, management reports for court administrators, and the Judicial Council's legislative mandate to report on the business of the courts. Specific authorization for JBSIS is found in rule 10.400 of the California Rules of Court: "Consistent with article VI, section 6 of the California Constitution and Government Code section 68505, the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System (JBSIS) is established by the Judicial Council to provide accurate, consistent, and timely information for the judicial branch, the Legislature, and other state agencies that require information from the courts to fulfill their mandates."