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Hon. Noreen Evans  
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Vice-chair, Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
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Re: Annual Report of Fiscal Year 2008–2009 Court Reporter Fees Collected and Expenditures  
for Court Reporter Services in Superior Court Civil Proceedings

Dear Senator Ducheny and Assembly Member Evans:

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) respectfully submits this report, as required by Government Code section 68086(c), concerning court reporter fees collected under Government Code sections 68086(a)(1) and 68086.1 and expenditures for court reporter services in superior court civil proceedings in (FY) 2008–2009.

In FY 2008–2009, \$27,978,867 was remitted to the Trial Court Trust Fund as directed under Government Code sections 68086(a)(1) and 68086.1. The breakdown of the funds remitted is as follows:

- \$11,443,310 was attributable to fees paid by parties to civil proceedings for the services of an official court reporter in proceedings lasting more than one hour on the first and each succeeding judicial day.

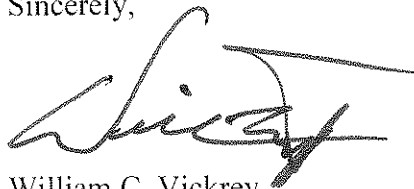
- \$16,535,557 reflects the \$25 fee for first paper filing and response in a superior court civil action or proceeding where the amount demanded is over \$10,000. The fees collected are required to be deposited in the Trial Court Trust Fund by Government Code section 68086.1. The amount reflects revenues collected for first paper filings from July 2008 to June 2009. (Note that effective July 28, 2009, Government Code section 68086.1 was amended to require an additional \$5 to be allocated for this purpose, for a total of \$30.)

In FY 2008–2009, the estimated amount spent for the services of court reporters in superior court civil proceedings was \$80,967,542.

The expenditure amount is an estimate because most courts do not track by case categories the amount of time court reporters spend in various civil proceedings. The estimate of \$80,967,542 was made by multiplying the sum of the total FY 2008–2009 budgeted salaries and benefits of all filled court reporter employee positions as of July 1, 2008 (\$227,943,984) and total FY 2008–2009 expenditures on contract court reporters (\$6,744,542) by 34.5 percent, which is the estimated portion of time that court reporters spend on civil cases (civil, probate, mental health, guardianship, and family). The time percentage estimate is based on the most recent time study conducted by the National Center for State Courts (September 2003), which involved nine superior courts, representing about 47 percent of statewide authorized court reporter positions. The nine participating courts were the Superior Courts of Amador, Calaveras, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Shasta, and Stanislaus Counties.

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Stephen Nash, Director, Finance Division, at 415-865-7584 or [stephen.nash@jud.ca.gov](mailto:stephen.nash@jud.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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