

- Position authority for 7.0 positions and a General Fund augmentation of \$1.571 million beginning in 2020-21 and ongoing to fund a Court Technology Manager position for the Supreme Court and each Court of Appeal (together, the Appellate Courts). The Appellate Courts have embraced technology over the last 5 - 7 years, moving to electronic filing, providing remote access to the public, and offering many services online. At the same time, the Judicial Council Information Technology (IT) staff has been reduced and utilized in ways to promote other missions of the judicial branch. The Appellate Courts now find that they are in need of a Technology Manager position to serve as strategic and visionary managers for many of the complex information technology projects occurring in the courts. Similar to each trial court Chief Information Officer (CIO), the Appellate Courts need a position to advance court technology and modernize the services the courts provide to the public.
- New Appellate Court Justice for the Courts of Appeal. Proposed ongoing General Fund augmentation of \$1.3 million is requested to support a new Appellate Justice and 4.0 FTEs (3.0 Sr. Attorneys and 1.0 Judicial Assistant) in the Courts of Appeal. Funding will support the substantial and growing workload demands in Division 2 – Riverside Court of the Fourth Appellate District Court of Appeal. Division Two has an annual average of 1,105 appeals becoming fully briefed. Applying the weighted formula that results in 113 cases per justice far exceeding all of the other divisions and far in excess of the optimal number of weighted cases per justice, which is 89. This request supports funding for the two new justices and their necessary chambers staff, including 3 research attorneys and 1 judicial assistant.
- Supreme Court and Appellate Courts Court Appointed Counsel Programs. Proposed General Fund augmentation of \$1.63 million to support an increase in the contracts with the five Court of Appeal Court-Appointed Counsel Projects (\$1.3 million) and the Supreme Court Court-Appointed Counsel Project, San Francisco (CAP-SF) (\$0.350 million). These six projects (non-profit organizations) provide assistance and oversight to the panel of private attorneys appointed in criminal court of appeal cases, capital appeals and habeas corpus and clemency proceedings for indigent defendants. California's Court-Appointed Counsel Program fulfills the constitutional mandate of providing adequate representation for indigent appellants in the Courts of Appeal on non-capital cases. The objectives of California's appellate court-appointed counsel system are to: (1) ensure the right of indigent clients to receive the effective assistance of appointed appellate counsel as guaranteed to them by the U.S. Constitution, and (2) provide the Courts of Appeal with useful briefings and arguments that allows the Courts to perform its function efficiently and effectively. CAP-SF is also responsible for assisting unrepresented death row inmates by collecting and preserving records and evidence for later post-conviction use, and by providing advocacy needed before counsel is appointed. The funding would support significant increases in the cost of rent and staff benefits, new staff, salary increases, training, and increased costs for record collection and preservation.
- Appellate Court Facility Maintenance Program. Proposed ongoing General Fund augmentation of \$1.4 million to perform an in-depth building assessment of the three state-owned, court-managed appellate court facilities and to establish and support an Appellate Court Facility Maintenance

Program. The facility assessment will document the current condition of the two state-owned, court-managed buildings and create project and cost estimates for identified deficiencies. The Appellate Court Facility Maintenance Program will support facility maintenance requests for the two court-managed facilities, which is based on Building Owners and Managers Association standards and will include preventative and routine maintenance. The request will also provide funding to the remaining seven appellate court facilities for minor facility modifications and demand maintenance not covered by the building owner. The appellate courts occupy a total of just over 500,000 square feet of space in nine facilities.

- Appellate Court Security. Proposed ongoing General Fund augmentation of \$1.2 million (\$1.2 million and a one-time augmentation of \$21,000) to support security services provided by the California Highway Patrol Judicial Protection Section at the Courts of Appeal. CHP-JPS's primary mission is to provide security and protection for the California Supreme Court, the California Courts of Appeal, its personnel and facilities throughout the State.
- Appellate Court Library System for the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal. Proposed ongoing General Fund augmentation of \$595,000 to support the increased costs for contractual library electronic services and materials for the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court libraries. No new funds for the Appellate Court Library system in the past 10 years. The funding augmentation will support two areas of the library system: 1) To continue funding our current collections, 2) to complete a re-balance of our print and e-collections, ensuring these resources provide research support in all major legal research areas.