Court Executives Advisory Committee Annual Agenda¹—2025

Approved by the Executive and Planning Committee: December 5, 2024

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Mr. Darrel E. Parker, Court Executive Officer, Superior Court of Santa Barbara County
Lead Staff:	Ms. Mary Carter, Senior Analyst, Trial Court Leadership

Committee's Charge/Membership:

Under <u>rule 10.48(a)</u> of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Court Executives Advisory Committee (CEAC), which is to make recommendations to the council on policy issues affecting the trial courts. <u>Rule 10.48(b)</u> sets forth additional duties of the committee.

<u>Rule 10.48(c)</u> sets forth the membership position of the committee. CEAC consists of the court executive officers from the 58 California superior courts. <u>Rule 10.48(d)</u> establishes the Executive Committee of CEAC. The Executive Committee consists of 18 members. The current committee <u>roster</u> is available on the committee's web page.

Subgroups of the Advisory Committee²:

- 1. Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee (TCPJAC)/CEAC Joint Caseflow Management Subcommittee (New)
- 2. TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee
- 3. TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee
- 4. Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC)/CEAC Joint Information Security Governance Subcommittee
- 5. CEAC Annual Agenda Subcommittee (New)
- 6. CEAC Nominations Subcommittee
- 7. CEAC Child Support Services Subcommittee
- 8. CEAC Interpreter Payment Policy Subcommittee (New)
- 9. CEAC Judicial Branch Statistical Information System Subcommittee
- 10. CEAC Jury Administration and Management Subcommittee
- 11. CEAC Records Management Subcommittee

¹ The annual agenda outlines the work a committee will focus on in the coming year or cycle and identifies areas of collaboration with other advisory bodies and the Judicial Council staff resources.

²For the definition of "subcommittee" see Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.30(c); "working group" see rule 10.70, "workstream," see rule 10.53(c); and "education curriculum committee," see rule 10.50(c)(6).

- 12. CEAC Trial Court Financial Policies Subcommittee
- 13. CEAC Trial Court Workforce Development Subcommittee (New)

Meetings Planned for 2025³ (Advisory body and all subcommittees and working groups)

Joint TCPJAC/CEAC and CEAC Statewide Meetings:

- January 23, 2025 (In-Person: San Francisco)
- August 21–22, 2025 (TBD)

Joint TCPJAC/CEAC and CEAC Executive Committee Meetings:

- May 21, 2025 (In-Person: Sacramento)
- November 5, 2025 (TBD)

Specific subcommittee/working group meeting dates are to be determined at this time. Meeting occurrences are estimates for 2025 and may be subject to change.

TCPJAC/CEAC Joint legislation Subcommittee – 15 teleconferences

TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee – 5 teleconferences

ITAC/CEAC Joint Information Security Governance Subcommittee – 4 teleconferences

CEAC Nominations Subcommittee – 6 teleconferences

CEAC Child Support Services Subcommittee – 5 teleconferences

CEAC Judicial Branch Statistical Information System Subcommittee – 4 teleconferences

CEAC Jury Administration and Management Subcommittee – 4 teleconferences

CEAC Records Management Subcommittee – 3 teleconferences

CEAC Trial Court Financial Policies Subcommittee – 1 teleconference

☑ Check here if in-person meeting is approved by the internal committee oversight chair.

³ Refer to section IV. 2. of the <u>Operating Standards for Judicial Council Advisory Bodies</u> for governance on in-person meetings. Note: Because of the current budget and staffing constraints, advisory body chairs and staff must first consider meeting remotely. The chair of the Executive

and Planning Committee is suspending advisory body in-person meetings for the 2024–2025 annual agenda cycle. If an in-person meeting is needed, the responsible Judicial Council office head must seek final approval from the advisory body's internal oversight committee chair. Please see the prioritization memo dated July 1, 2024, for additional details.

II. COMMITTEE PROJECTS⁴

#	New or One-Time Projects	
1.	Project Title: Joint TCPJAC/CEAC Caseflow Management Subcommittee (New)	Priority ⁵ 1
		Strategic Plan Goal ⁶ I, II, III
	Project Summary: Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee (TCPJAC) and CEAC will convene a develop strategies to promote effective caseflow management in the courts. As defined by the National Cen management is the constellation of court rules, business practices, culture and governance, and staffing and are assembled to achieve the objectives of timely, cost effective, and procedurally fair justice.	ter for State Courts, caseflow
	Status/Timeline: Ongoing.	
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Trial Court Leadership staff.	
	☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Ser relevant materials.	vices to ensure their review of
	Internal/External Stakeholders: None.	
	<i>AC Collaboration:</i> TCPJAC, Data Analytics Advisory Committee (DAAC), and Center for Judicial Educat Committee (CJERAC).	ion and Research Advisory

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⁴ All proposed projects for the year must be included on the Annual Agenda. If a project implements policy or is a program, identify it as implementation or a program in the project description and attach the Judicial Council authorization/assignment or prior approved Annual Agenda to this Annual Agenda.

⁵ For non-rules and forms projects, select priority level 1 (must be done) or 2 (should be done). For rules and forms proposals, select one of the following priority levels: 1(a) Urgently needed to conform to or accurately reflect the law; 1(b) Council has directed the committee to consider new or amended rules and forms; 1(c) Change is urgently needed to remedy a problem that is causing significant cost or inconvenience to the courts or the public; or 1(d) Proposal is otherwise urgent and necessary, such as a proposal that would mitigate exposure to immediate or severe financial or legal risk. For each priority level 1 proposal, the advisory body must provide a specific reason why it should be done this year and how it fits within the identified category. 2(a) Useful, but not necessary, to implement changes in law; 2(b) Responsive to identified concerns or problems; or 2(c) Helpful in otherwise advancing Judicial Council goals and objectives. If an advisory committee is interested in pursuing any Priority Level 2 proposals, please include justification as to why the proposal should be approved at this time.

⁶ Indicate which goal number of The Strategic Plan for California's Judicial Branch the project most closely aligns.

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2.	Project Title: CEAC Annual Agenda Subcommittee (New)	Priority ⁵ 1	
		Strategic Plan Goal ⁶ I, II, IV	
	Project Summary: The CEAC Annual Agenda Subcommittee will work to improve the process of creating order to develop an effective and purposeful agenda for the advisory committee. The subcommittee will foc participation of committee members in the agenda development process and ensuring that the projects prom support the strategic goals of the Judicial Council and trial courts.	eus on increasing the	
	Status/Timeline: Ongoing.		
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Trial Court Leadership staff.		
	This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Serrelevant materials.	vices to ensure their review of	
	Internal/External Stakeholders: None.		
	AC Collaboration: None		
3.	Project Title: CEAC Interpreter Payment Policy Subcommittee (New)	Priority ⁵ 1	
		Strategic Plan Goal ⁶ I, II, IV, VII	
Project Summary: The CEAC Interpreter Payment Policy Subcommittee will assess and develop recommendation "Payment Policies for Independent Contract Interpreters" to address the statewide operational impacts of rising expenditures.			
	Status/Timeline: Ongoing.		
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Trial Court Leadership staff.		
	This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Serrelevant materials.	vices to ensure their review of	
	Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial Courts, Audit Services, Budget Services, Human Resources, Center Courts, Language Access Services, and Legal Services.	for Families, Children and the	
	AC Collaboration: None		

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4.	Project Title: Trial Court Workforce Development Subcommittee (New)	Priority ⁵ 1
		Strategic Plan Goal ⁶ I, II, III, IV
	Project Summary: Through the Trial Court Workforce Development Subcommittee, CEAC will review the subcommittee will make recommendations and identify best practices in attracting, employing, and retainin that is highly qualified to promote the effective administration of justice.	
	Status/Timeline: Ongoing.	
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Trial Court Leadership staff.	
	This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Ser relevant materials.	vices to ensure their review of
	Internal/External Stakeholders: None.	
	AC Collaboration: None	

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities	
1.	Project Title: TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee	Priority 1
		Strategic Plan Goal II, III
	Project Summary: The TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee (JLS) is charged with developing making recommendations on proposed legislation to establish new or amend existing laws. The subcommit create, amend, or repeal statutes to achieve cost savings or greater efficiencies for the trial courts and reconconsideration by the Legislation Committee.	ttee also reviews proposals to
	Status/Timeline: Ongoing.	
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Governmental Affairs and Trial Court Leadership staff. ☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Ser relevant materials.	rvices to ensure their review of
	Internal/External Stakeholders: None.	
	AC Collaboration: TCPJAC and Legislation Committee.	
2.	Project Title: TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee	Priority 1
		Strategic Plan Goal II, III, IV
	Project Summary: The TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee (JRS) is charged with developing, review proposals to establish, amend, or repeal the California Rules of Court, Standards of Judicial Administration improve the efficiency or effectiveness of the trial courts. The subcommittee focuses on those proposals that or operational impact on the trial courts and makes recommendations to the Rules Committee concerning the Additionally, HRS is charged with reviewing nonruled-related invitations to comment that may have an improve the efficiency or effectiveness of the trial courts.	a, and Judicial Council forms to at may lead to a significant fiscal the overall rule-making process.
	Status/Timeline: Ongoing.	
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Legal Services and Trial Court Leadership staff. ☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services and Trial Court Leadership staff.	rvices to ensure their review of

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	Internal/External Stakeholders: None.	
	AC Collaboration: TCPJAC, Rules Committee, and various advisory bodies.	
3.	Project Title: ITAC/CEAC Joint Information Security Governance Subcommittee	Priority 1
		Strategic Plan Goal II, VI
	Project Summary: The Joint Information Security Governance Subcommittee will review and provide fee recommendations made by the Judicial Council's Information Security Officer and other entities. The subcrecommend policies and other security-related proposals for action by ITAC and CEAC.	
	Status/Timeline: Ongoing.	
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Information Technology, Legal Services, and Trial Court Leadership staff This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Serelevant materials.	
Internal/External Stakeholders: Courts of Appeal and superior courts.		
	AC Collaboration: ITAC and other advisory bodies as needed.	
4.	Project Title: CEAC Nominations Subcommittee	Priority 1
		Strategic Plan Goal I
	 Project Summary: Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 10.48(e)(2), the Executive Committee of CI recommend to the council's Executive and Planning Committee candidates for the following: Members of CEAC's Executive Committee; Nonvoting court administrator members of the council; and Members of other advisory committees who are court executives or judicial administrators. Status/Timeline: Ongoing.	EAC must review and

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	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Trial Court Leadership staff.	
	This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Ser relevant materials.	rvices to ensure their review of
	Internal/External Stakeholders: None.	
	AC Collaboration: Executive and Planning Committee and various advisory bodies receiving nominations	
5.	Project Title: CEAC Child Support Services Subcommittee	Priority 2
		Strategic Plan Goal VII
	for Families, Children & the Courts (CFCC) to provide information about significant fiscal and/or operation regarding proposed policy or operational changes by the program or the Department of Child Support Serv will review feedback from trial courts related to fiscal and/or operational impacts on trial courts which mig Council's agreement with DCSS. In addition, the subcommittee will develop comments and/or recommend concerning recommendations proposed by the Data Analytics Advisory Committee regarding the developn 1058 data for the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System (JBSIS). The subcommittee will also convisues related to the Plan of Cooperation (POC) and AB 1058 court contract that might arise in the interim. Child Support Services Subcommittee will meet to review the AB1058 court contracts for Fiscal Year (FY) to the program on changes to the contract terms. The subcommittee will also meet with State DCSS represed discuss and resolve concerns prior to the POC's distribution to the trial courts and local child support agency year terms, the subcommittee will meet biannually in the spring on an ongoing basis to review the POCs unterms.	cices (DCSS). The subcommittee that be addressed in the Judicial lations (for CEAC's approval) ment of Assembly Bill (AB) wene to address any other critical of the subcommittee of the su
	Status/Timeline: Ongoing.	
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC, Trial Court Leadership, and Research and Evaluation staff.	
	This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Ser relevant materials.	rvices to ensure their review of
	Internal/External Stakeholders: DCSS	

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	AC Collaboration: DAAC, Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, and Trial Court Budget Advisory	ory Committee.
6.	Project Title: CEAC Judicial Branch Statistical Information System Subcommittee	Priority 2
		Strategic Plan Goal III
	Project Summary: CEAC will continue to provide oversight responsibility over Judicial Branch Statistical through the JBSIS Subcommittee. JBSIS is authorized through California Rules of Court, rule 10.400, and responsibility of JBSIS as defined in rule 10.48, which governs CEAC.	
	The subcommittee identified the following projects:	
	Developing the JBSIS 4.0 Implementation Plan The Judicial Council approved the JBSIS 4.0 data at its July 15, 2022, meeting. The subcommittee will wo Judicial Council's Information Technology to recommend an implementation plan for the JBSIS 4.0 standards about how to align JBSIS data submission with JBSIS 4.0 standards as well as how to plan for JBSI statewide data warehouse, update associated databases, and modernize related applications and interfaces. 2024.	ards. The plan will include IS data reporting in the new
	Updating JBSIS Data Reporting Requirements (ongoing) As needed, the subcommittee will review and propose changes to JBSIS data reporting requirements, and a judicial administration when applicable, as issues arise or are brought the attention of the subcommittee.	rules of court and standards of
	Updating the Civil Case Cover Sheet (CM-010) to Reflect JBSIS 4.0 (one-time) To reflect the approved JBSIS 4.0 elements in the Civil Case Cover Sheet, the JBSIS Subcommittee will rethe Civil Case Cover Sheet.	eview and propose a change to
	Status/Timeline: Ongoing.	
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Information Technology, Trial Court Leadership, and Office of Court Res This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Se relevant materials.	

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	Internal/External Stakeholders: Superior courts and case management system vendors.	
	AC Collaboration: DAAC, ITAC, and Rules Committee.	
7.	Project Title: CEAC Jury Administration and Management Subcommittee	Priority 2
		Strategic Plan Goal IV
	Project Summary: Through the Jury Administration and Management Subcommittee, CEAC will review j subcommittee will make recommendations and identify best practices in jury operations, system reform, an experience.	• •
	Status/Timeline: Ongoing.	
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Office of Court Research and Trial Court Leadership staff.	
This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.		rvices to ensure their review of
	Internal/External Stakeholders: None.	
	AC Collaboration: None.	
8.	Project Title: CEAC Records Management Subcommittee	Priority 2
		Strategic Plan Goal III
	Project Summary: Through the Records Management Subcommittee, CEAC will continue to develop and Court Records Manual (TCRM), with a focus on ensuring that content reflects current law and promoting will monitor the progress of proposed 2025 Judicial Council-sponsored legislations, other legislation affect and relevant amendments to the California Rules of Courts and Judicial Council of California forms.	best practices. The subcommittee
	The Records Management Committee will continue discussions with records managers from the trial and a records management best practices and the creation of a records management reference guide that pulls ou	* *

Ongoing Projects and Activities

the TCRM in a more usable format. The committee is in discussion with the Digitizing Court Records User Group to collaborate on how to reach more records managers and invigorate the sharing of best practices.

Status/Timeline: Ongoing.

Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC, Criminal Justice Services, Governmental Affairs, Information Technology, Legal Services, and Trial Court Leadership staff.

This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.

Internal/External Stakeholders: None.

AC Collaboration: Possible consultation with Criminal Law Advisory Committee, Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, ITAC, Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee, and TCPJAC.

9. | Project Title: CEAC Trial Court Financial Policies Subcommittee

Priority 2

Strategic II, III

Project Summary: Through the Trial Court Financial Policies Subcommittee, CEAC will work with Judicial Council's Branch Accounting and Procurement (BAP) to review and identify needed revisions to the *Trial Court Financial Policies and Procedures Manual* (TCFPPM).

Pursuant to the California Rules of Court, rule 10.804, the Judicial Council of California is required to adopt financial policies and procedures for the superior courts. The TCFPPM was established in 2001 which set out a system of fundamental internal controls that enable the superior courts to monitor their use of public funds, provide consistent and comparable financial statements, and demonstrate accountability. The manual is revised bi-annually, and any suggested updates are submitted to the Judicial Council for approval. BAP works with representatives from various courts to compile and draft recommendations for the next version of the manual. Prior to presentation to the Judicial Council, the rule 10.804(1)(b) requires that the amendments to the manual be made available to the superior courts, the Department of Finance, and the State Controller's Office for comment.

The subcommittee will be reviewing proposed edits to the *Trial Court Financial Policies and Procedures Manual* including but not limited to, minimum encumbrance threshold, trial court construction procurement approval authority levels, allowable personal vehicle mileage to a common carrier, petty cash and cash handling language updates, clarify fixed assets sub-sections: disposal of inventory items and fixed

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	assets, notice of disposal, and disposal of technology equipment, acceptable electronic payment methods, or reconciliation responsibilities, and escheat guidelines, notice requirements, and claims updates.	clarify bank account
	Status/Timeline: Ongoing.	
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: BAP, Budget Services, and Trial Court Leadership staff.	
	This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.	
	Internal/External Stakeholders: Superior courts.	
	AC Collaboration: None.	
10.	, <i>,</i> , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Priority 2
	Executive Branches	Strategic Plan Goal II
	Project Summary: In consultation with the Judicial Council's Administrative Director, Governmental Affairs, and Budget Services, CE will support Judicial Council outreach with the legislature. This effort will entail the development of materials for court executive office and perhaps educational sessions with legislative members to educate them on the judicial branch budget and the fiscal/operational need of the trial courts. CEAC will also assist in strengthening communication with the executive branch and with the Department of Finance particular.	
	Status/Timeline: Ongoing.	
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Judicial Council's Administrative Director, Trial Court Leadership, Budge Affairs staff.	et Services, and Governmental
	☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.	
	Internal/External Stakeholders: None.	
	AC Collaboration: None.	

Ongoing Projects and Activities Project Title: Serve as a Resource and Identify Emerging Trends and Issues in the Courts Project Summary: Serve as a subject matter resource for Judicial Council divisions and other council advisory groups to avoid duplication of efforts and contribute to the development of recommendations for council action. Identify, monitor, and discuss emerging trends and issues at the trial court level to increase communication with the Judicial Council, make recommendations concerning court administration to the council, and identify matters to bring to the Executive Office of the Judicial Council to enhance branch communication. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Various Judicial Council divisions as needed. This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials. Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: Various advisory bodies as needed.

III. LIST OF 2024 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Project Highlights and Achievements Educational Opportunities. TCPJAC and CEAC leadership collaborated with Judicial Council staff to hold four business meetings in 2024. These meetings covered topics including budget priorities, legislative updates, information technology updates, and court operations. Participants included presiding judges, assistant presiding judges, court executive officers, and assistant court executive officers. Caseflow Management Education. CEAC, in collaboration with TCPJAC, began the process of educating members on implementing methods to achieve effective caseflow management. This topic has been a point of discussion at multiple meetings including the August 2024 TCPJAC/CEAC Statewide Meeting and will be added to the TCPJAC and CEAC 2025 annual agendas as an official project. Caseflow management was highlighted by the Chief Justice in her 2024 State of the Judiciary speech and has subsequently become a priority for CEAC. TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee. Remained active throughout 2024, holding 11 conference calls on behalf of the TCPJAC and CEAC, to provide review and make recommendations to the Legislation Committee on 26 different bills identified by Governmental Affairs as having significant operational or administrative impact on the trial courts. The subcommittee will continue to be active in 2025 and meet as needed. TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee. Remained active throughout 2024, on behalf of the TCPJAC and CEAC, and reviewed 39 rule proposals throughout the course of the year. The subcommittee provided comment on 22 rule proposals that may have a significant fiscal or operational impact on the trial courts. This subcommittee will continue to be active in 2025 and meet as needed. Nominations Subcommittee. During the 2024 nominations cycle, the subcommittee identified, assessed, and recommended court executive officer/judicial administrator candidates for membership on the Judicial Council, CEAC Executive Committee, and other council advisory bodies. JBSIS Subcommittee. In 2024, the subcommittee made progress on several of its ongoing projects. Some projects are carried over due to staffing issues and to better align with JCIT timelines for the new statewide data warehouse. The subcommittee approved a revision to Standard 2.2(m) (renumbered as of January 1, 2024, from rule 2.2(n)), particularly as it relates to diversion proceedings with the intent to improve clarity of data reporting. Following CEAC approval, a public comment period, and approval by the Rules Committee, the Judicial Council approved the subcommittee's recommendation at its September 20, 2024, meeting. The change will take effect January 1, 2025. The subcommittee reviewed and made recommendations on several data reporting matters that will be incorporated in the JBSIS 4.0 standards. Additionally, in support of the subcommittee's commitment to JBSIS data quality, the subcommittee hosted a one-hour lunchtime session on the topic of data quality and pending caseload. Nearly 70 court staff attended. Jury Administration Management Subcommittee. In 2024, the subcommittee implemented the AB 1981 Jury Pilot Program. The subcommittee distributed an implicit bias education video for jurors titled, "Jury Service and Fairness," and an updated juror orientation video titled, "Justice for All: Jury Service." The subcommittee completed the Juror e-Payment Pilot Project in Stanislaus Superior Court, an Invitation-to-Comment on an amendment to California Code of Civil Procedure section 232, and the Jury Data Report for FY 2023-2024.

	Project Highlights and Achievements
8.	Records Management Subcommittee. The subcommittee acquired additional members and published updates to the TCRM that
	includes legislatively mandated updates and best practices for court records.
9.	Trial Court Financial Policies Subcommittee. The subcommittee completed the TCFPPM 13th edition, which was approved at the
	May 17, 2024, Judicial Council meeting for publication on July 1, 2024.