

Court Executives Advisory Committee

Annual Agenda¹—2026

Approved by Executive and Planning Committee: [Date]

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Ms. Kate Bieker, Court Executive Officer, Superior Court of Ventura County
Lead Staff:	Ms. Rebekah Askew, Senior Analyst, Leadership Support Services
Advisory Body’s Charge/Membership: Rule 10.48(a) of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Court Executives Advisory Committee (CEAC) is to make recommendations to the Judicial Council on policy issues affecting the trial courts. Rule 10.48(b) sets forth additional duties of the committee. Rule 10.48(c) sets forth the membership position of the committee. CEAC consists of the court executive officers from the 58 California superior courts. Rule 10.48(d) establishes the Executive Committee of CEAC. The Executive Committee consists of 18 members. The current committee roster is available on the committee’s web page.	
Subgroups of the Advisory Body²: 1. Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee (TCPJAC)/CEAC Joint Caseflow Management Subcommittee 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 Nominations Subcommittee 6. CEAC Interpreter Payment Policy Subcommittee 7. CEAC Trial Court Workforce Development Subcommittee 8. CEAC Child Support Services Subcommittee 9. CEAC Judicial Branch Statistical Information System Subcommittee 10. CEAC Jury Administration and Management Subcommittee	

¹ The Annual Agenda outlines the work an advisory body will focus on in the coming year or cycle and identifies areas of collaboration with other advisory bodies and Judicial Council staff resources.

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

- 11. CEAC Records Management Subcommittee
- 12. CEAC Trial Court Financial Policies Subcommittee

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Advisory Body and Subgroup Meetings Planned for 2026³

List the date, time, remote meeting, or location of meeting if meeting in person (see footnote 3 for in-person meetings).

Joint TCPJAC/CEAC and CEAC Statewide Meetings:

- January 22–23, 2026 (In-Person: Offsite Location Anaheim; Travel costs covered for PJs & CEOs.)
- August 27–28, 2026 (In-Person: Location TBD; Travel costs covered for PJs & CEOs)

Joint TCPJAC/CEAC and CEAC Executive Committee Meetings:

- April 10, 2026 (In-Person: Sacramento JCC Offices; Travel costs incurred by attendees)
- October 23, 2026 (In-Person: Sacramento JCC Offices; Travel costs incurred by attendees)

NEW REQUEST: CEAC Statewide Strategic Planning Meeting:

- April 8-9, 2026 (In-Person: Sacramento JCC Offices; Travel costs covered for CEOs)

Specific subcommittee/working group meeting dates are to be determined at this time. Meeting occurrences are estimates for 2026 and may be subject to change.

TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Caseflow Management Subcommittee – 4 teleconferences

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 Interpreter Payment Policy Subcommittee – 6 teleconferences

CEAC Trial Court Workforce Development Subcommittee – 9 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

³ Refer to section IV. 2 (Meeting frequency) of the [Operating Standards for Judicial Council Advisory Bodies](#) 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 extending the suspension of advisory body in-person meetings for the 2025–2026 annual agenda cycle. If an in-person meeting is needed, the responsible Judicial Council office head must seek approval from their advisory body’s internal oversight committee chair. Please see the prioritization memo dated July 1, 2025, for additional details.

CEAC Trial Court Financial Policies Subcommittee – 4 teleconference

- ☒ Check here if in-person meeting is approved by the internal committee oversight chair.
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II. COMMITTEE PROJECTS

Please review the following instructions, key, and project guide before drafting your committee projects. All proposed projects for the year must be included on the Annual Agenda.

Priority Levels and Branch Goals Key:

Refer to the following key for populating your project priority levels and branch goals. 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. 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.

Priority Levels for Non-Rules/Forms	
1	Must be done
2	Should be done
Priority Levels for Rules/Forms Proposals	
1a (Legal Compliance)	Proposal urgently needed to conform to or accurately reflect the law.
1b (Council Directive)	Council has directed the committee to consider new or amended rules and forms.
1c (Urgent Remedial Action)	Change is urgently needed to remedy a problem that is causing significant cost or inconvenience to the courts or the public.
1d (Financial/ Legal Risk Mitigation)	Proposal is otherwise urgent and necessary, such as a proposal that would mitigate exposure to immediate or severe financial or legal risk.
2a (Useful Changes in Law)	Useful, but not necessary, to implement changes in law.
2b (Responsive to Concerns)	Responsive to identified concerns or problems.
2c (Helpful Advancing Branch Goals)	Helpful in otherwise advancing Judicial Council goals and objectives.

Judicial Branch Strategic Plan–Branch Goals	
I.	<u>Access, Fairness, Diversity, and Inclusion</u>
II.	<u>Independence and Accountability</u>
III.	<u>Modernization of Management and Administration</u>
IV.	<u>Quality of Justice and Service to the Public</u>
V.	<u>Education for Branchwide Professional Excellence</u>
VI.	<u>Branchwide Infrastructure for Service Excellence</u>
VII.	<u>Adequate, Stable, and Predictable Funding for a Fully Functioning Branch</u>

#	New or One-Time Projects								
1.	Project Title: Develop a Strategic Plan for CEAC to drive the Annual Agenda	Priority: 1							
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: Select the branch goal(s) of the Judicial Branch Strategic Plan that the project most closely aligns with.								
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	Project Summary: Because of general continuity in the membership of CEAC, CEAC has the opportunity to think strategically about a multi-year vision that allows CEAC to contribute to accomplishing the goals of the Judicial Branch Strategic Plan. However, in order to do this, it is critical that CEAC develop the strategic vision for CEAC's role in accomplishing those purposes. From that vision, the CEAC Annual Agenda can be created to allow the identified vision to be implemented. This work will commence with the beginning of the Annual Agenda planning cycle in April 2026 and builds on the work started in September 2025 by CEAC. Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Leadership Support Services (LSS) ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: None AC Collaboration: None								
2.	Project Title: Strengthen the sustainability of trial court services	Priority: 2							
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	Project Summary: In consultation and collaboration with Judicial Council leadership and staff, continue to monitor and track the needs of small courts and identify flexible and sustainable ways to effectively meet those needs. This will include developing and maintaining an array of available resources and identifying ways to help reduce the administrative burden of reporting and other administrative requirements on small courts. Evaluate and pursue opportunities for all trial courts to collaborate together to reduce duplication of effort, streamline and standardize public interactions with trial courts, and share services. The opportunities for collaboration may include administrative functions, administrative structure, customer service, technology, and other processes. Specifically, CEAC will develop a list of these opportunities to collaborate and begin to develop plans to enable this collaboration. Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: LSS, Branch Accounting & Procurement (BAP) ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. <i>Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.</i> Internal/External Stakeholders: JCC Executive Office AC Collaboration: TCPJAC													
3.	Project Title: Strengthen CEAC Governance to Enhance Effectiveness						Priority: 2							
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Project Summary: CEAC believes that it is essential to examine its governance rules, bylaws, and procedures to ensure that the Advisory Committee can function effectively to advance the Judicial Branch Strategic Plan and Goals. This will include reviewing and recommending, as appropriate, modifications to California Rules of Court, rule 10.48, the CEAC Bylaws, and other existing CEAC governance documents. Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: LSS, Legal Services Office (LSO)														

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4.	Project Title: Improve Customer Experience at the Trial Courts						Priority: 2														
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Project Summary: Ensuring that the trial courts provide the best customer experience, both in-person and remote, is essential to ensuring public trust and confidence in the branch. Through this agenda item, CEAC will develop metrics, methods, and other recommendations to improve the customer experience at the trial courts. Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: LSS ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. <i>Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.</i> Internal/External Stakeholders: None AC Collaboration: None																					
5.	Project Title: Create a plan for the development of a Court Executive Officer Academy						Priority: 1														
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	☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☐ ☐ Project Summary: The Trial Court Workforce Development Subcommittee will collaborate with Judicial Council Leadership Support Services to develop a plan for a CEO Academy that will provide a robust onboarding education for newly appointed trial court CEOs. The CEO Academy will be meant to ensure a basic level of competency for all CEOs, regardless of their previous background and is intended to reduce risk to branch governance. Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: LSS ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. <i>Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.</i> Internal/External Stakeholders: None AC Collaboration: Center for Judicial Education and Resources Advisory Committee (CJERAC); Judicial Branch Leadership Development Curriculum Committee

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1.	Project Title: Joint TCPJAC/CEAC Caseflow Management Subcommittee	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: The TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Caseflow Management Subcommittee will develop strategies to promote effective caseflow management in the courts. As defined by the National Center for State Courts, caseflow management is the constellation of court rules, business practices, culture and governance, and staffing and technology infrastructure that are assembled to achieve the objectives of timely, cost-effective, and procedurally fair justice. Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Center for Judicial Education and Resources (CJER), Research, Analytics, and Data (RAD), LSS ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: National Center for State Courts AC Collaboration: TCPJAC, Data Analytics Advisory Committee (DAAC), CJERAC								
2.	Project Title: TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: The TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee develops, reviews, comments, and makes recommendations on proposed legislation to establish new or amend existing laws. The subcommittee also solicits from trial court leadership and reviews proposals to create, amend, or repeal statutes to achieve cost savings or greater efficiencies for the trial courts and recommends proposals for future consideration by the Judicial Council Legislation Committee. Work with Governmental Affairs and Budget Services to ensure trial courts engage in advocacy with local delegations to further the Judicial Council's Legislative Priorities. Status/Timeline: Ongoing								

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	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Governmental Affairs, LSS, Budget Services ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Legislation Committee AC Collaboration: TCPJAC								
3.	Project Title: TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: The TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee (JRS) develops, reviews, and provides input on proposals to establish, amend, or repeal the California Rules of Court, Standards of Judicial Administration, Judicial Council forms, Code of Ethics for the Court Employees of California, and Judicial Council policies affecting the trial courts, to improve the efficiency and/or effectiveness of the trial courts. The subcommittee focuses on proposals that may lead to a significant fiscal and/or operational impact on the trial courts. The subcommittee also makes recommendations concerning the overall rule-making process. JRS will review the Code of Ethics for Court Employees of California during this annual agenda year to recommend updates to CEAC. Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: LSO, LSS ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: None AC Collaboration: TCPJAC, Rules Committee, other advisory bodies as needed								
4.	Project Title: ITAC/CEAC Joint Information Security Governance Subcommittee	Priority: 1							
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals:								

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	Project Summary: The Joint Information Security Governance Subcommittee will review and provide feedback on information security-related recommendations made by the Judicial Council's Information Security Officer and other entities. The subcommittee will also review and recommend policies and other information security-related proposals for action by ITAC and CEAC. Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Information Technology (IT), LSO, LSS ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: None AC Collaboration: ITAC, other advisory bodies as needed													
5.	Project Title: CEAC Nominations Subcommittee					Priority: 1								
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	Project Summary: Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 10.48(e)(2) and the CEAC Bylaws, the Executive Committee of CEAC must review and 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 Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: LSS ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.													

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	Internal/External Stakeholders: None AC Collaboration: Executive and Planning Committee, various advisory bodies receiving nominations													
6.	Project Title: CEAC Interpreter Payment Policy Subcommittee						Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: The CEAC Interpreter Payment Policy Subcommittee will assess and develop recommendations to refine the existing “Payment Policies for Independent Contract Interpreters” to address the statewide operational impacts of rising court interpreter payment expenditures. The subcommittee will explore the development of a standardized contract to strengthen accountability and maximize language access services across all courts. Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: LSO, LSS ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial Courts, Audit Services, Budget Services, Human Resources, LSO AC Collaboration: None														
7.	Project Title: CEAC Trial Court Workforce Development Subcommittee						Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Through the Trial Court Workforce Development Subcommittee, CEAC will review the trial court workforce. The subcommittee will make recommendations and identify best practices in attracting, employing, and retaining a trial court workforce that is highly qualified to promote the effective administration of justice. The subcommittee will also support the development of the 2026 Branchwide Leadership Academy.														

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	Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: LSS ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial Court Human Resources leaders AC Collaboration: None								
8.	Project Title: CEAC Child Support Services Subcommittee	Priority: 2							
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	Project Summary: Through the Child Support Services Subcommittee, CEAC will work in consultation with the Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts (CFCC) to provide information about significant fiscal and/or operational impacts on trial courts regarding proposed policy or operational changes by the program or the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS). The subcommittee will review feedback from trial courts related to fiscal and/or operational impacts on trial courts which might be addressed in the Judicial Council's agreement with DCSS. In addition, the subcommittee will develop comments and/or recommendations (for CEAC's approval) concerning recommendations proposed by the Data Analytics Advisory Committee regarding the development of Assembly Bill (AB) 1058 data for the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System (JBSIS). The subcommittee will also convene to address any other critical issues related to the Plan of Cooperation (POC) and AB1058 court contract that might arise in the interim. The Child Support Services Subcommittee will meet to review the AB1058 court contracts and provide feedback to the program on changes to the contract terms. The subcommittee will meet to discuss and provide feedback on the Judicial Council's contract with State DCSS and any revisions thereto. The subcommittee will also meet with State DCSS representatives and CFCC staff to discuss and resolve concerns prior to the POC's distribution to the trial courts and local child support agencies. As the POC's are for two-year terms, the subcommittee will meet biannually in the spring on an ongoing basis to review the POCs unless the POC renews by its terms. The Child Support Services Subcommittee will receive updates from and provide input to the Department of Child Support Services/Judicial Branch stakeholders inter-agency forum.								

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	Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC, LSS, RAD ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: DCSS AC Collaboration: DAAC, Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee								
9.	Project Title: CEAC Judicial Branch Statistical Information System Subcommittee	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: CEAC will continue to provide oversight responsibility over the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System (JBSIS) through the JBSIS Subcommittee. JBSIS is authorized through California Rules of Court, rule 10.400, and CEAC has oversight responsibility of JBSIS as defined in rule 10.48, which governs CEAC. The subcommittee identified the following projects: Developing the JBSIS 4.0 Technical Implementation Plan The Judicial Council approved JBSIS 4.0 at its July 15, 2022, meeting. The subcommittee will work with ITAC and the Judicial Council's Information Technology office to recommend an implementation plan for JBSIS 4.0 standards. The plan will include details about how to align JBSIS data submission with JBSIS 4.0 standards as well as how to plan for JBSIS data reporting in the new statewide data warehouse, update associated databases, and modernize related applications and interfaces. This project carries over from 2024 and 2025. Developing JBSIS 4.0 Data Integrity Plan The rollout of the JBSIS 4.0 definitions and data warehouse will reduce the total number of data elements reported by courts. The subcommittee will consider how to use this transition as an opportunity to increase data confidence. In particular, whether to recommend defined timelines for validation of primary court data metrics (e.g., dispositions, case inventory, time to disposition, and/or age of pending caseload). Publishing the JBSIS 3.1 Manual								

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	While the principles and implementation of JBSIS 4.0 are in development, the Subcommittee will propose to CEAC updates to JBSIS 3.0 standards. Updating JBSIS Data Reporting Requirements (ongoing) As needed, the subcommittee will review and propose changes to JBSIS data reporting requirements, and rules of court and standards of judicial administration when applicable, as issues arise or are brought to the attention of the subcommittee. This includes addressing data definition challenges identified by the Data Analytics/Data Integration pilot programs as the pilot database continues to expand and incorporate additional courts. Increasing Data Transparency The subcommittee will review or recommend policies and/or guidance regarding trial court JBSIS data transparency. Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: RAD, LSS ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: None AC Collaboration: DAAC, ITAC, Rules Committee												
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Project Summary: Through the Jury Administration and Management Subcommittee, CEAC will review jury operations. The subcommittee will make recommendations and identify best practices in jury operations, system reform, and improving the juror experience. In 2026, the subcommittee will review jury system reform and juror experience improvement concepts maintained by the Jury Improvement Program. The subcommittee will also evaluate the need for an updated survey of jury improvement initiatives and practices to inform the subcommittee's future work. <u>CY 2026-2027 Priorities:</u> Survey of Trial Court Jury Operations													

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
	• Model Juror Postcard Summons • Addressing Summons Nonresponse and Undeliverable Rates • Jury Metric Standards and Goals • Jury Service Civic Education Initiative Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: RAD, LSS ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: None AC Collaboration: None								
11.	Project Title: CEAC Records Management Subcommittee	Priority: 2							
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	Project Summary: Through the Records Management Subcommittee, CEAC will continue to develop and publish updates to the Trial Court Records Manual (TCRM), with a focus on ensuring that content reflects current law and promoting best practices. The subcommittee will monitor the progress of proposed 2026 Judicial Council-sponsored legislation, other legislation affecting court records management, and relevant amendments to the California Rules of Courts and Judicial Council of California forms. The Records Management Subcommittee will also develop and propose amendments to the California Rule of Court 10.855 to exclude the sampling of sealed, expunged, and confidential records as well as to designate the quantity of records required for permanent retention without requiring an additional sampling percentage. The Records Management Subcommittee will serve as subject matter resource on court operations for the Remote Access to Electronic Court Records Working Group to provide input on rules of court, proposed legislation, policies, or other matters being reviewed, evaluated, and recommended by the working group. Status/Timeline: Ongoing								

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	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC, Criminal Justice Services, Governmental Affairs, IT, LSO, LSS ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Remote Access to Electronic Court Records Working Group AC Collaboration: TCPJAC, Rules Committee, Legislation Committee								
12.	Project Title: CEAC Trial Court Financial Policies Subcommittee	Priority: 2							
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	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 <i>Trial Court Financial Policies and Procedures Manual</i> (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 <i>Trial Court Financial Policies and Procedures Manual</i> 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 assets, notice of disposal, and disposal of technology equipment, acceptable electronic payment methods, clarify bank account reconciliation responsibilities, and escheat guidelines, notice requirements, and claims updates. A Collections Working Group will convene as needed to review and make recommendations to the Trial Court Financial Policies Subcommittee to amend, as necessary, collections-related policies, procedures, and/or statutes that impact the collection, reporting, and/or								

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	distribution of court-ordered debt. This work is intended to improve compliance with statutory requirements for statewide collections programs, including data collection and reporting, and improve the quality and usefulness of data to inform statewide policies. Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: BAP, Budget Services, LSS ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Superior Courts of California, County Collections departments/entities AC Collaboration: Various advisory bodies as identified								
13.	Project Title: Strengthen the Role of Court Executive Officers in Outreach to the Legislative and Executive Branches Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: <table><tr><td>I Access ☐</td><td>II Independence ☒</td><td>III Modernization ☒</td><td>IV Quality ☐</td><td>V Education ☐</td><td>VI Infrastructure ☐</td><td>VII Funding ☐</td></tr></table>	I Access ☐	II Independence ☒	III Modernization ☒	IV Quality ☐	V Education ☐	VI Infrastructure ☐	VII Funding ☐	Priority: 1
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	Project Summary: In consultation with the Judicial Council’s Administrative Director, Governmental Affairs, and Budget Services, CEAC will support Judicial Council outreach with the legislature. This effort will entail the development of materials for court executive officers and perhaps educational sessions with legislative members to educate them on the judicial branch budget and the fiscal/operational needs of the trial courts. CEAC will also assist in strengthening communication with the executive branch and with the Department of Finance in particular. CEAC will work with CEOs to build collaboration with Government Affairs and among trial courts in the outreach, including working with each court to designate coordinators for local outreach efforts. Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Judicial Council Administrative Director, LSS, Budget Services, Governmental Affairs ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: None AC Collaboration: None								

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14.	Project Title: Serve as a Resource and Identify Emerging Trends and Issues in the Courts	Priority: 2							
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	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 ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: None AC Collaboration: Various advisory bodies as needed								

III. LIST OF 2025 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Provide highlights and achievements of completed projects included in the previous year's Annual Agenda. Provide brief, broad outcome(s) and completed date.

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	Educational Opportunities. TCPJAC and CEAC leadership collaborated with Judicial Council staff to hold four business meetings in 2025. 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.
2.	TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee. Remained active throughout 2025, holding 11 conference calls on behalf of the TCPJAC and CEAC, to provide review and make recommendations to the Legislation Committee on 28 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 2026 and meet as needed.
3.	TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee. Remained active throughout 2025, on behalf of the TCPJAC and CEAC, and reviewed 39 rule proposals throughout the course of the year. The subcommittee provided comment on 35 rule proposals that may have a significant fiscal or operational impact on the trial courts. In addition to reviewing proposals from other advisory bodies, JRS began the process of identifying potential new rule proposals and rule revisions that the subcommittee would like to undertake. This subcommittee will continue to be active in 2026 and meet as needed.
4.	TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Caseflow Management Subcommittee. CEAC and TCPJAC began collaborating with consultants from the National Center for State Courts to begin developing a framework to evaluate and improve caseflow management statewide.
5.	Nominations 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, during the 2025 nominations cycle. Additionally, the subcommittee published guidance on the knowledge, skills, and abilities it considers when assessing nominees.
6.	Annual Agenda Subcommittee. Commenced its first meeting to kick off the 2026 annual agenda process by identifying key areas for statewide improvement and collaboration. The subcommittee fulfilled its goal of increasing CEAC member participation in the annual agenda process and identified the chairs of CEAC subcommittees as playing an integral role in the process. CEAC will continue working on improvements to its annual agenda process and strategic planning.
7.	Child Support Services Subcommittee. In partnership with the Judicial Council, the subcommittee successfully negotiated an enhanced AB 1058 Plan of Cooperation template with the Department of Child Support Services.
8.	JBSIS Subcommittee. In 2025, 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 recommendation to CEAC to update the Civil Case Cover Sheet to better align with data collection needs. The subcommittee approved JCC staff recommendations for changes to JBSIS 3.1 for clarity. The subcommittee reviewed and made recommendations on several data reporting matters that will be incorporated in the JBSIS 4.0 standards, including disposition hearing aging, Proposition 57 data reporting, dispositions at arraignment, and unlawful detainer dispositions.
9.	Jury Administration Management Subcommittee. In 2025, the subcommittee oversaw the implementation of the AB 1981 Jury Pilot Program. The subcommittee reviewed the results of the Juror e-Payment Pilot Project in Stanislaus Superior Court and the Jury Data

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	Report for FY 2023–2024. The subcommittee completed an Invitation-to-Comment on an amendment to California Code of Civil Procedure section 232, leading to the passage of Judicial Council-sponsored legislation, Assembly Bill (AB) 223, which amended the statute to comply with existing plain language initiatives. The subcommittee also completed development of an updated informational flyer for addressing juror mental health and wellness, with an accompanying webpage containing additional resources, in accordance with Assembly Bill 2985.
10.	Interpreter Payment Policy Subcommittee. Successfully completed a Budget Change Proposal to remove limitations on the use of Trial Court Trust Funds for interpreter coordinator positions. The subcommittee also hosted a collaborative summit with subcommittee members and judicial council team members, and identified key areas of alignment in developing recommendations to address the statewide operational impacts of rising court interpreter payment expenditures.