



Judicial Council of California

Meeting Agenda

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Friday, July 9, 2021

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CLOSED SESSION (RULE 10.6(B))—PLANNING, PERSONNEL, AND DISCUSSION PROTECTED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Session: 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Transitional Break: 9:30 – 9:45 a.m.

OPEN SESSION (RULE 10.6(A)) — MEETING AGENDA

A link to the live videostream of the meeting will be available in the Meeting Information Center approximately 15 minutes prior to the start of the open session. In the event the preceding closed session adjourns late, the start time of the public session may be delayed.

Open Session Begins: 9:45 a.m.

Call to Order

10 minutes

Public Comment

This meeting will be conducted via videoconference. Public comments will be accepted in writing only.

Submit written comments for this meeting by 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 8.

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Approval of Minutes

21-125 Minutes of May 21, 2021, Judicial Council Meeting

Chief Justice's Report

20 minutes

Administrative Director's Report

21-126 Administrative Director's Report

15 minutes

Judicial Council Internal Committee Reports

21-122 Judicial Council Internal Committee Presentations

Summary: Legislation Committee, Hon. Marla O. Anderson, Chair
10 minutes

21-127 Judicial Council Internal Committee Written Reports

CONSENT AGENDA

5 minutes

A council member who wishes to request that any item be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda is asked to please notify Roma Cheadle at 415-865-7640 at least 48 hours before the meeting.

[21-043](#) **Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts | Continued Distribution of Children's Waiting Room Funds During Temporary Closure (Action Required)**

Summary: The Fiscal Planning Subcommittee of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve a request from the Solano Superior Court to continue receiving children's waiting room funds during the unforeseen temporary closure of its children's waiting room in response to the state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic. By continuing to receive funding, the court would have sufficient resources to provide a safe and healthy children's waiting room setting for children when they can safely reopen.

[21-113](#)**Child Support | Updating Workload Data for the AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner Funding Methodology, Adopting a Family Law Facilitator Program Funding Methodology, and Adopting 2021-22 AB 1058 Program Funding Allocations (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve a new funding methodology that is population-based for the Assembly Bill 1058 Family Law Facilitator program to be implemented for 2021-22, consistent with the model that is used to allocate self-help center funding, and continue reallocating funds for the AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner program using the workload-based funding methodology previously adopted and first implemented in 2019-20 with updated workload data. The committee also recommends approving base and federal drawdown allocations for the AB 1058 Child Support Commissioners and Family Law Facilitators for 2021-22. The Judicial Council previously established a joint subcommittee in April 2015 to reconsider and make recommendations regarding the allocation methodology developed in 1997 for the Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program, as required by AB 1058 (Stats. 1996, ch. 957).

[21-012](#)**Court Facilities | Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan for Fiscal Year 2022-23 (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Court Facilities Advisory Committee recommends approval of the *Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan for Fiscal Year 2022-23* and submission of the plan to the state Department of Finance. This five-year plan for trial court capital-outlay projects forms the basis for capital project funding requests for the upcoming and outlying fiscal years.

[21-128](#)**Criminal Law | Judicial Council Appointment to the California Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Executive and Planning Committee recommends appointing Judge R. Glenn Yabuno, Superior Court of San Bernardino County, to the California Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision. The seven-member council must include a superior court judge appointed by the Judicial Council. The California Council is required by the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision, which governs state administration of the transfer across state lines of the supervision of adult parolees and probationers. The individual selected for appointment will also serve simultaneously on the California Council for Interstate Juvenile Offender Supervision.

[21-080](#)**Juvenile Law | Fiscal Year 2021-22 Funding Allocation for Court-Appointed Special Advocate Local Assistance (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends approving Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program grant funding allocations for fiscal year (FY) 2021-22. The judicial branch budget for Judicial Council CASA grants for FY 2021-22 is \$2.713 million, which includes a \$500,000 augmentation to support efforts to increase the number of foster children served. The recommended allocations were calculated based on the CASA funding methodology approved by the Judicial Council at its July 20 and September 21, 2018, business meetings.

[21-112](#)**Report to the Legislature | Pretrial Pilot Program (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Budget Act of 2019 earmarked \$75 million to the Judicial Council to launch and evaluate two-year pretrial projects in local trial courts. As directed by the Legislature, the projects aim to increase the safe and efficient release of arrestees before trial; use the least restrictive monitoring practices possible while protecting public safety and ensuring court appearances; validate and expand the use of risk assessment tools; and assess any bias. Criminal Justice Services staff recommend that the Judicial Council receive *Pretrial Pilot Program: Report to the Legislature* and direct the Administrative Director to submit this report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Department of Finance. The Budget Act of 2019 mandates that this report be submitted each January and July through 2022. This is the fourth legislative report on the program and documents the activities of pilot courts and Judicial Council administration of the program carried out between January and July 2021. It also presents select data on pretrial risk assessments conducted on individuals in all pilot projects since the start of the program.

[21-110](#)**Small Claims | Forms to Implement Laws re Recovery of COVID-19 Rental Debt (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Tenant, Homeowner, and Small Landlord Relief and Stabilization Act (Stats. 2020, Ch. 37; Assembly Bill 3088), as amended by Senate Bill 91 (Stats. 2021, Ch. 2), allows parties to litigate claims for the nonpayment of residential rent due from March 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 (COVID-19 rental debt) in small claims court regardless of the amount demanded. The new laws also place new pleading requirements on plaintiffs seeking to recover COVID-19 rental debt and a requirement that they verify certain statements relating to rental assistance. To implement these new laws, the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee recommends the adoption of two new forms for plaintiffs to use to bring COVID-19 rental debt recovery actions in small claims court and approval of a new information sheet relating to such claims and potential defenses to them. The committee also recommends minor revisions to the current Small Claims claim form.

[21-079](#)**Trial Court Budget | Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Allocation of Court-Appointed Juvenile Dependency Counsel Funding (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends allocation of \$156.7 million for fiscal year 2021-2022 from the ongoing Trial Court Trust Fund to the trial courts for court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel.

[21-114](#)**Trial Court Budget | Self-Help Funding, Allocation Methodology for 2021-2022 and Ongoing (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council maintain the current funding methodology for self-help funding allocated to trial courts for fiscal year 2021-22 allocations and ongoing including (1) a three-year population update schedule using rolling three-year average census data; (2) provide annual population updates to trial courts using rolling three-year average data for informational purposes only; and (3) maintain the current self-help allocation baseline of \$34,000 per court. These recommendations will ensure that resources are allocated effectively and will provide adequate notice to courts so they can plan for funding changes.

[21-042](#)**Trial Courts | Trial Court Trust Fund Funds Held on Behalf of the Trial Courts (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Fiscal Planning Subcommittee of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve two amended Trial Court Trust Fund funds to be held on behalf of the trial courts requests totaling \$742,005 from one trial court. Under the Judicial Council-adopted process, a court may request reduced funding as a result of the court exceeding the 3 percent fund balance cap, to be retained in the Trial Court Trust Fund for the benefit of that court.

DISCUSSION AGENDA[21-120](#)**Trial Court Budget | Allocation Methodology of \$72.2 Million Trial Court Funding in 2021-22 Governor's Budget (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommends a Consumer Price Index allocation methodology for the \$72.2 million ongoing General Fund included in the 2021-22 Governor's Budget for trial courts to address inflationary cost increases effective July 1, 2021 and contingent on the proposed funding being included in the final enacted 2021 Budget Act. This contrasts with the alternative recommendation that this committee is presenting to the Judicial Council from the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee. That proposal recommends the \$72.2 million be allocated as new funding through the workload funding formula. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee anchors its approach in the equity goal of lifting the lowest funded trial courts closer to the statewide funding average. While recognizing this critical need, the Judicial Branch Budget Committee rejected it. The original 2021-22 budget change proposal brought to the Budget Committee last year was for a Consumer Price Index budget augmentation. The Judicial Council adopted the budget change proposal as a Consumer Price Index increase request and, as the Governor's May Revision budget summary language states, the funding is intended to cover inflationary cost increases.

Speakers:

Hon. David M. Rubin, Chair, Judicial Branch Budget Committee

10 minutes

[21-041](#)**Trial Court Budget | Allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund and Trial Court Allocations for 2021-22 (Action Required)****Summary:**

For 2021-22, the Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommends approval of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommendation that the Judicial Council allocate \$2.259 billion to the trial courts from the Trial Court Trust Fund, \$68.8 million from the state General Fund for employee benefits, \$50.0 million in State Court Facilities Construction Fund for support of operation of the trial courts, and \$167.8 million in restoration funding. In a separate report prepared for this meeting, the Judicial Branch Budget Committee will present an allocation methodology recommendation for the \$72.2 million ongoing funding increase for trial courts to address inflationary cost increases.

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee also recommends the Judicial Council approve the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommendation for the Workload Formula allocation of \$2.215 billion based on methodologies approved by the council. Assuming approval of the allocations, current revenue projections, and estimated savings from 2020-21 appropriations, the Trial Court Trust Fund will end 2021-22 with a fund balance of \$69.9 million, of which approximately \$44.8 million will be unrestricted.

Speakers:

Hon. David M. Rubin, Chair, Judicial Branch Budget Committee

Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

15 minutes

[21-037](#)**Trial Court Budget | State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Allocations for 2021-22 (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommends approval of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommendation that the Judicial Council approve allocations for 2021-22 from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund in the amount of \$55,002,000. This amount represents updated costs for current service levels.

Speakers:

Hon. David M. Rubin, Chair, Judicial Branch Budget Committee

Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

Fran Mueller, Deputy Director, Judicial Council Budget Services

Zlatko Theodorovic, Deputy Director, Judicial Council Budget Services

5 minutes

[21-040](#)**Judicial Branch Budget | 2022-23 Budget Change Proposals for Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, Superior Courts, Judicial Branch Facilities Program, Habeas Corpus Resource Center, and Judicial Council (Action Required)****Summary:**

To continue responsible reinvestment in the judicial branch allowing for greater access to justice for California's citizens, the Judicial Branch Budget Committee unanimously recommends submitting these 2022-23 budget change proposals to the State Department of Finance.

Speakers: Hon. David M. Rubin, Chair, Judicial Branch Budget Committee
Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Deputy Director, Budget Services

15 minutes

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

[21-116](#) **Judicial Branch Administration | Work Group for Prevention of Discrimination and Harassment**

Summary: On July 19, 2019, the Work Group for the Prevention of Discrimination and Harassment made five recommendations to the Judicial Council to improve how judicial branch entities prevent and address harassment, discrimination, retaliation, and inappropriate workplace conduct based on a protected classification. These recommendations included that the Rules Committee develop a California Rule of Court setting forth minimum requirements for court policies on these topics; that the Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee engage in rulemaking regarding required education for judicial officers in these areas, and revise its 2020-2022 Education Implementation Plan to enhance education offerings; that courts take actions designed to improve existing court procedures in these areas; and that Judicial Council staff be directed to support courts in these efforts. The Judicial Council approved these recommendations and directed the work group to report back in July 2021. The work group is pleased to share the success of the committees, courts, and staff in completing these recommendations.

[21-094](#) **Judicial Branch Technology | Court Technology Modernization Funding, Status of Fiscal Year 2020-21**

Summary: The Budget Act of 2020 (Stats. 2020, ch. 7) appropriated \$25 million for the modernization of trial court operations. The Judicial Council asked the Technology Committee to make recommendations on the funding and to provide regular updates on the approved allocation of \$12.5 million directly to trial courts for use in one or more identified program categories, \$10 million for branchwide initiatives, and \$2.5 million to be held in reserve for program adjustments. This is a status update for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

[21-038](#) **Report to the Legislature | Electronic Recording Equipment**

Summary: Government Code section 69958 requires the Judicial Council to report to the Legislature semiannually on the purchase and lease of any electronic recording equipment that will be used to record superior court proceedings. During the July 1 through December 31, 2020 reporting period, six courts spent a combined total of \$242,294 for equipment or related items.

[21-115](#)**Trial Court Budget | Report on Disposition Data****Summary:**

At its January 2021 meeting, the Judicial Council approved a Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommendation of a Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) proposal for reporting requirements regarding progress in reducing the COVID-19 backlog. The TCBAC also provided a definition of backlog as workload that was not disposed during the pandemic period compared to the same time period one year prior. This report and attachment provides a quarterly update on disposition data reported by courts.

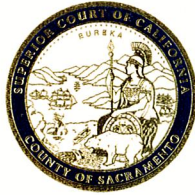
[21-121](#)**Trial Courts | Resource Assessment Study Filings Adjustment for FY 2021-22****Summary:**

The Resource Assessment Study (RAS) model uses a three-year average of filings to estimate court workload that is used in the trial court Workload Formula. The 2021-22 Workload Formula includes four months of pandemic- impacted data, which is not reflective of typical court workload as during this period many courts' operations were constrained by pandemic related closures. The Workload Assessment Advisory Committee (WAAC) has adopted a one-time modification to the filings data for 2021-21 Workload Formula calculations. This modification is consistent with existing policy and is being shared with the Judicial Council as an informational item only.

[21-039](#)**Trial Courts | Quarterly Investment Report for First Quarter of 2021****Summary:**

This Trial Courts Quarterly Investment Report for First Quarter of 2021 covers the period of January 1, 2021, through March 31, 2021, and provides the financial results for the funds invested by the Judicial Council on behalf of the trial courts as part of the judicial branch treasury program. The report is submitted under agenda item 10, Resolutions Regarding Investment Activities for the Trial Courts, approved by the Judicial Council on February 27, 2004.

Circulating Orders**Appointment Orders****Adjournment**



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June 2, 2021

The Honorable Marsha G. Slough, Chair
Judicial Council's Executive and Planning Committee
455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102-3688

Re: Reclassification of Subordinate Judicial Officers

Dear Justice Slough:

I am writing to inform the Judicial Council's Executive and Planning Committee that the Sacramento Superior Court has reclassified 4.5 Referee positions as Commissioners. The total number of authorized subordinate judicial officers (9.5) remains unchanged, with the allocation revised to reflect 7.5 Commissioners and 2.0 Referees. These changes have no impact on the court's budget.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Russell L. Hom". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Russell L. Hom
Presiding Judge

CC: Martin Hoshino, Administrative Director, Judicial Council of California
Leah Rose-Goodwin, Office of Court Research, Judicial Council of California