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Executive and Planning Committee

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**EXECUTIVE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING**

March 19, 2025  
12:10 to 1:00 p.m.  
Videoconference

**Advisory Body Members Present:** Hon. Brad R. Hill (Chair), Hon. Judith K. Dulcich, Hon. Carin T. Fujisaki, Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Hon. Joan K. Irion, Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Hon. Lisa M. Rogan, Mr. Darrel E. Parker, Hon. Tamara L. Wood, Ms. Gretchen Nelson, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Hon. Maureen F. Hallahan (Vice-chair)

**Committee Staff Present:** Ms. Amber Barnett, Ms. Josely Yangco-Fronda, and Ms. Donna Ignacio

**Staff Present:** Ms. Deanna Adams, Ms. Rebekah Askew, Mr. James Barolo, Mr. Chris Belloli, Ms. Deirdre Benedict, Ms. Deborah Brown, Ms. Laura Brown, Ms. Francine Byrne, Ms. Salena Chow, Mr. Eric Divine, Mr. Michael Etchepare, Ms. Audrey Fancy, Ms. Sarah Fleischer-Ihn, Mr. Michael Giden, Ms. Jenny Grantz, Ms. Kristin Greenway, Ms. Tatjana Gruner, Ms. Frances Ho, Mr. Cory Jasperson, Ms. Jamel Jones, Ms. Amber Larson, Ms. Eunice Lee, Mr. Eric Long, Mr. Chris Magnusson, Ms. Anna Maves, Mr. Edward Metro, Ms. Kelly Meehleib, Ms. Fran Mueller, Ms. Madison Orcutt, Ms. Kara Portnow, Ms. Akilah Robinson, Ms. Leah Rose-Goodwin, Ms. Jamie Schechter, Ms. Gabrielle Selden, Ms. Christy Simons, Ms. Marymichael Smrdeli, Ms. Melanie Snider, Ms. Laura Speed, Mr. Corby Sturges, Mr. Greg Tanaka, Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Mr. Stephen Michael Tow, Mr. Jeremy Varon, Mr. Steven Warner, and Mr. Don Will

**OPEN MEETING**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Staff took roll call and made the opening announcements.

**Approval of Minutes**

The committee reviewed the following draft minutes:

- January 15, 2025, open meeting; and
- February 5, 2025, action by email.

**Action:** *The committee approved the minutes of the January 15, 2025, open meeting and February 5, 2024, action by email.*

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**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)**

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**Item 1**

**Agenda Setting for April 25, 2025, Judicial Council Meeting (Action Required)**

Review draft reports and set the agenda for the Judicial Council meeting in April.

***Action: The committee set the agenda for the April 25, 2025, Judicial Council meeting by approving available reports for placement on the business meeting agenda.***

**Item 2**

**Extension of Temporary Subordinate Judicial Officer Positions for Pretrial Release Program: Superior Courts of Fresno and Kern Counties (Action Required)**

Review a recommendation from Criminal Justice Services staff to confirm requests by the Superior Courts of Fresno and Kern Counties for the extension of temporary Subordinate Judicial Officers (SJO) or commissioner positions through June 30, 2026, to support the courts' Pretrial Release Program.

***Action: The committee, with an abstention from Judge Dulcich, approved the recommendation from Criminal Justice Services and confirmed the requests by the Superior Courts of Fresno and Kern Counties for the extension of the temporary SJOs or commissioner positions through June 30, 2026.***

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Approved by the committee on \_\_\_\_\_.



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## EXECUTIVE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF CLOSED MEETING

March 27, 2025  
12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

**Advisory Body Members Present:** Hon. Brad R. Hill (Chair), Hon. Maureen F. Hallahan (Vice-chair), Hon. Judith K. Dulcich, Hon. Carin T. Fujisaki, Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Hon. Joan K. Irion, Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Hon. Lisa M. Rogan, Hon. Tamara L. Wood, Ms. Gretchen Nelson, Mr. Darrel E. Parker, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki

**Staff Present:** Ms. Amber Barnett, Ms. Deborah Brown, Ms. Salena Chow, Ms. Donna Ignacio, Ms. Kathy Joson, Ms. Maria Kwan, Ms. Laura Speed, and Ms. Josely Yangco-Fronda

#### CLOSED SESSION

##### Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and staff took roll call.

##### Item 1

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 10.75(d)(1)

##### ***Nominations for Judicial Council Appointments***

Review nominations and develop recommendations for the Chief Justice regarding appointments to the Judicial Council.

***Action: The committee developed recommendations to be submitted to the Chief Justice for appointments to the Judicial Council.***

##### Item 2

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 10.75(d)(1)

##### ***Nominations for Advisory Body Appointments***

Review nominations and develop recommendations of the chair and vice-chair of the Court Executives Advisory Committee.

***Action: The committee developed recommendations to be submitted to the Chief Justice for appointments of the chair and vice-chair of the Court Executives Advisory Committee.***

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Approved by the committee on \_\_\_\_\_.



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## EXECUTIVE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF CLOSED MEETING

May 22, 2025  
1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**Advisory Body Members Present:** Hon. Maureen F. Hallahan (Vice-chair), Hon. Judith K. Dulcich, Hon. Carin T. Fujisaki, Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Hon. Tamara L. Wood, Ms. Gretchen Nelson, Mr. Darrel E. Parker, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Hon. Brad R. Hill (Chair), Hon. Joan K. Irion, Hon. Ann C. Moorman, and Hon. Lisa M. Rogan

**Staff Present:** Ms. Amber Barnett, Ms. Shelley Curran, Ms. Salena Chow, Ms. Maria Kwan, Mr. Robert Oyung, Ms. Laura Speed, and Ms. Josely Yangco-Fronda

#### CLOSED SESSION

##### Call to Order and Roll Call

The vice-chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

##### Item 1

##### Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 10.75(d)(1)

##### **2025 Advisory Body Nominations Discussions**

Review nominations for the following advisory bodies and develop recommendations to be submitted to the Chief Justice:

- Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
- Appellate Advisory Committee
- Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
- Executive Committee of the Court Executives Advisory Committee
- Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
- Information Technology Advisory Committee
- Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program Advisory Committee
- Traffic Advisory Committee
- Trial Court Facility Modifications Advisory Committee

**Action:** *The committee developed recommendations to be submitted to the Chief Justice for appointments to all advisory bodies listed above except for the Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness, which will be reviewed at a future closed meeting.*

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Approved by the committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

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## EXECUTIVE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF CLOSED MEETING

May 28, 2025

12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**Advisory Body Members Present:** Hon. Maureen F. Hallahan (Vice-chair), Hon. Judith K. Dulcich, Hon. Carin T. Fujisaki, Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Hon. Joan K. Irion, Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Hon. Lisa M. Rogan, Hon. Tamara L. Wood, Ms. Gretchen Nelson, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Hon. Brad R. Hill (Chair) and Mr. Darrel E. Parker

**Staff Present:** Ms. Amber Barnett, Ms. Shelley Curran, Ms. Salena Chow, Ms. Kathy Joson, Ms. Maria Kwan, Mr. Robert Oyung, Ms. Laura Speed, and Ms. Josely Yangco-Fronda

#### CLOSED SESSION

##### Call to Order and Roll Call

The vice-chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

##### Item 1

**Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 10.75(d)(1)**

##### ***2025 Advisory Body and Education Committee Nominations Discussions***

Review nominations for the following advisory bodies and education committees and develop recommendations to be submitted to the Chief Justice:

- Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions
- Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch
- Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee
- Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
- Court Facilities Advisory Committee
- Court Interpreters Advisory Panel
- Court Security Advisory Committee
- Criminal Law Advisory Committee
- Legal Services Trust Fund Commission
- Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee
- Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee
- Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
- Tribal Court–State Court Forum
- Criminal Law Curriculum Committee
- Juvenile Law Curriculum Committee

***Action: The committee developed recommendations to be submitted to the Chief Justice for appointments to the advisory bodies and education committees listed above.***

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Approved by the committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

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## EXECUTIVE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF CLOSED MEETING

June 5, 2025  
12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**Advisory Body Members Present:** Hon. Maureen F. Hallahan (Vice-chair), Hon. Judith K. Dulcich, Hon. Carin T. Fujisaki, Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Hon. Joan K. Irion, Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Hon. Lisa M. Rogan, Hon. Tamara L. Wood, Ms. Gretchen Nelson, Mr. Darrel E. Parker, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki

**Advisory Body Members Absent:** Hon. Brad R. Hill (Chair)

**Staff Present:** Ms. Amber Barnett, Ms. Shelley Curran, Ms. Kathy Joson, Ms. Maria Kwan, Mr. Robert Oyung, Ms. Laura Speed, and Ms. Josely Yangco-Fronda

#### CLOSED SESSION

##### Call to Order and Roll Call

The vice-chair called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

##### Item 1

**Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 10.75(d)(1)**

##### ***2025 Advisory Body and Education Committee Nominations Discussions***

Review nominations for the following advisory bodies and education committees and develop recommendations to be submitted to the Chief Justice:

- Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions
- Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
- Data Analytics Advisory Committee
- Appellate Practice Curriculum Committee
- B. E. Witkin Judicial College Steering Committee
- Civil Law Curriculum Committee
- Family Law Curriculum Committee
- Judicial Branch Leadership Development Curriculum Committee
- Judicial Branch Access, Ethics & Fairness Curriculum Committee
- Probate Law Curriculum Committee
- Trial Court Operations Curriculum Committee

***Action: The committee developed recommendations to be submitted to the Chief Justice for appointments to the advisory bodies and education committees listed above.***



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**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Approved by the committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Meeting Agenda

### Judicial Council

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July 18, 2025.

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Friday, July 18, 2025

San Francisco

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

Session: 9:00–10:05 a.m.

#### **OPEN SESSION (RULE 10.6(a))—MEETING AGENDA**

*A link to the live videostream will be available in the Meeting Information Center at the start of the open session. If the closed session adjourns late, the start time of the open session may be delayed.*

Open Session Begins: 10:05 a.m.

#### **Call to Order**

#### **Public Comment**

*The Judicial Council welcomes public comment on general matters of judicial administration. Written comments are encouraged in advance of the meeting for specific agenda items so council members can consider them prior to the council meeting.*

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*Submit advance requests to speak and written comments for this meeting by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 17, by email to:*

[judicialcouncil@jud.ca.gov](mailto:judicialcouncil@jud.ca.gov)

#### **Chief Justice's Report**

15 minutes

**Administrative Director's Report****25-003      Administrative Director's Report***15 minutes***CONSENT AGENDA***5 minutes*

*A council member may request an item be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda. Please notify Josely Yangco-Fronda at 415-865-7626 at least 48 hours before the meeting.*

**[25-008](#)      Minutes of April 25, 2025, Judicial Council Meeting****[25-117](#)      Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts | Funding for Court Reporters in Family Law and Civil Law Case Types (Action Required)**

**Summary:** Senate Bill 170 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240), which amended the Budget Act of 2021, included a \$30 million ongoing General Fund to the Judicial Council for establishing a methodology to allocate funding to all trial courts to increase the number of court reporters in family law and civil cases. The budget language in the Budget Act of 2022 and ongoing expanded the use of this funding; however, these changes do not impact how these funds are allocated to the courts. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving an allocation of the ongoing \$30 million to all trial courts, as specified, for fiscal year 2025-26.

**25-091: Judicial Council report pending and will be considered by the Executive and Planning Committee at a later date.**

**25-091      Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts | Pretrial Release Funding and Allocation Methodology (Action Required)**

**Summary:** The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving the fiscal year 2025-26 pretrial release funding of \$48.95 million General Fund for the trial courts. Funding through the pretrial release program provides for the implementation and operation of ongoing court programs and practices that promote the safe, efficient, fair, and timely pretrial release of individuals booked into jail.

**[25-123](#)      Child Support | AB 1058 Program Funding Methodologies and Fiscal Year 2025-26 Funding Allocations (Action Required)**

**Summary:** The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends allocating funds for the Assembly Bill 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program based on the current funding methodologies, with updated workload and population data. The workload-based funding methodology of the Child Support Commissioner program was implemented in fiscal year (FY) 2019-20, the population-based funding methodology of the Family Law Facilitator program was implemented in FY 2021-22, and the underlying data for both are updated every two years. The committee also recommends approving base and federal drawdown allocations for the AB 1058 program funding for FY 2025-26. The funds are

provided through a cooperative agreement between the California Department of Child Support Services and the Judicial Council and requires the council to annually approve these funding allocations.

[25-120](#)**Collaborative Justice | Fiscal Year 2025-26 Substance Abuse Focus Grant and Dependency Drug Court Augmentation Grant Funding (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council allocate the Substance Abuse Focus Grant Program's fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 funds to the trial courts using the population-based methodology approved in September 2023. The Budget Act of 2025 allocated \$1.16 million for the Substance Abuse Focus Grant Program to the superior courts to maintain, expand, or enhance collaborative courts. A total of \$75,000 in federal Court Improvement Program funds is also available in FY 2025-26 to fund dependency drug courts.

[25-122](#)**Court Facilities | Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan and Capital-Outlay Budget Change Proposals for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Court Facilities Advisory Committee recommends approval of the *Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan* and nine capital-outlay budget change proposals for fiscal year (FY) 2026-27 for submission to the state Department of Finance. The five-year plan forms the basis for capital project funding requests for the upcoming and outlying fiscal years, and the budget change proposals reflect funding requested for the phases of the projects in year 1 (FY 2026-27) of the plan.

[25-115](#)**Judicial Branch Technology | IT Modernization Funding, Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (Action Required)****Summary:**

The 2025-26 judicial branch budget includes IT Modernization local court grant funding of approximately \$12.5 million to trial and appellate courts. This funding is allocated to courts through an application process to support projects that align with the judicial branch's technological goals and allow individual courts to expand their use of technology to best meet their particular business needs.

[25-114](#)**Judicial Branch Technology | Jury Management System Grants FY 2025-26 (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Judicial Council Technology Committee recommends approving the proposed allocations of the \$500,000 Jury Management System Grant. The goal of the Jury Management System Grant is to improve juror experience and reduce court resource needs by enhancing access to information. For fiscal year 2025-26, 12 trial courts submitted grant applications for a total of 15 projects.

[25-107](#)**Jury Instructions | Civil Jury Instructions (release 47)  
(Action Required)****Summary:**

The Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions recommends approval of new and revised civil jury instructions and verdict forms prepared by the committee. Among other things, these changes bring the instructions up to date with developments in the law over the previous six months. Upon Judicial Council approval, the instructions will be published in the midyear supplement to the official 2025 edition of the *Judicial Council of California Civil Jury Instructions*.

[25-106](#)**Juvenile Law | Fiscal Year 2025-26 Funding Allocations for Court Appointed Special Advocate Local Assistance (Action Required)****Summary:**

The fiscal year 2025-26 judicial branch budget includes \$2.713 million for Judicial Council Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) grants. The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends the Judicial Council allocate \$2.713 million to fund 45 CASA programs serving 52 counties and approximately 10,470 children statewide.

[25-069](#)**Language Access Plan | Allocations for Signage and Technology Grant Program, Cycle 7, Fiscal Year 2025-26  
(Action Required)****Summary:**

The Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness and the Information Technology Advisory Committee recommend approving proposed grant awards for the Language Access Signage and Technology Grant Program of \$2.35 million to improve services and expand language access for court users. For Cycle 7 (fiscal year 2025-26), 17 courts applied for and will be awarded grants for signage and technology projects.

**25-108: Judicial Council report pending and will be considered by the Executive and Planning Committee at a later date.**

[25-108](#)**Rules and Forms | Adjustment to Deposit Account Exemption from Enforcement of Judgment (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Code of Civil Procedure requires the dollar amount of the exemption for a judgment debtor's deposit account to be adjusted annually in July to reflect increases in the minimum basic standard of care for a family of four. Judicial Council staff recommend revising the form that lists the dollar amounts of exemptions from enforcement of judgment to reflect the updated figure for deposit accounts.

[25-118](#)**Trial Court Budget | Fiscal Year 2025-26 Allocation of Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act Funding  
(Action Required)****Summary:**

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) recommends allocation of \$32.9 million to trial courts for fiscal year 2025-26 included in the Budget Act of 2025 for the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act. The allocation may change based on final appropriations included in the enacted Budget Act. The TCBAC presented this recommendation to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee (JBBC) on April 24, 2025, and the JBBC approved it for consideration

by the Judicial Council.

[25-014](#)**Trial Court Budget | Fiscal Year 2025-26 Allocation of Court-Appointed Juvenile Dependency Counsel Funding (Action Required)****Summary:**

Allocates the fiscal year 2025-26 appropriation of \$186.7 million for court-appointed dependency counsel. The Judicial Council approves the allocation of court-appointed dependency counsel funding on an annual basis.

[25-033](#)**Trial Court Budget | State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Allocations for Fiscal Year 2025-26 (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving 1) allocations for fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund in the amount of \$47.9 million and 2) the delegation of authority to the Administrative Director of the Judicial Council to authorize baseline technical adjustments to Judicial Council-approved allocations. With the proposed allocations, the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund is projected to end FY 2025-26 with a fund balance of \$31.3 million, of which approximately \$29.3 million will be unrestricted. The allocations will provide the necessary funding for specific programs and services for the trial courts and the delegation of authority will allow for greater efficiency in the implementation of required budgetary adjustments.

**DISCUSSION AGENDA**[25-035](#)**Trial Court Budget | Allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund and Trial Court Allocations for Fiscal Year 2025-26 (Action Required)****Summary:**

Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(A) requires the Judicial Council to make a preliminary allocation for the trial courts in July of each fiscal year and finalize allocations in January of each fiscal year (Link A). The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends the Judicial Council allocate \$3.076 billion to the trial courts, which includes \$2.958 billion from the Trial Court Trust Fund and \$117.8 million from the General Fund for fiscal year (FY) 2025-26. The allocation reflects the \$55 million ongoing reduction to trial court operations included in the Budget Act of 2024.

The proposed allocations, current revenue projections, and estimated savings from FY 2024-25 appropriations, will result in a fund balance of \$151.8 million (\$41.7 million is unrestricted) in the Trial Court Trust Fund for FY 2025-26.

**Speakers:**

Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee  
Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Vice-Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee  
Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Budget Services

*10 minutes*

[25-034](#)

**Judicial Branch Budget | Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Change  
Proposals for Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, Superior Courts,  
Judicial Branch Facilities Program, and Judicial Council  
(Action Required)**

**Summary:**

To balance responsible investment in core programs and services provided by the judicial branch in the context of the state's multi-year projected deficit, the Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommends submitting 15 budget change proposals to the Department of Finance for consideration in the fiscal year 2026-27 Governor's Budget.

**Speakers:**

Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Chair, Judicial Branch Budget Committee  
Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Budget Services

*15 minutes*

[25-032](#)

**Trial Court Budget | Allocation Methodologies for Potential Future  
Funding Reductions and Restorations (Action Required)**

**Summary:**

The Workload Formula policy does not include methodologies for addressing trial court funding reductions and restorations. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends updating the policy to incorporate allocation methodologies to address future budget situations including 1) budget reductions, 2) a funding restoration in the same fiscal year as the reduction occurred, and 3) a funding restoration that occurs in a future fiscal year following a reduction in a prior fiscal year. Establishing these policies and a long-term strategy will increase transparency regarding how funding is allocated to the trial courts and allow the Judicial Council to address budget changes more efficiently going forward.

**Speakers:**

Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee  
Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Vice-Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee  
Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Budget Services

*10 minutes*

**25-113**

**Judicial Branch Technology | IT Modernization Program Success  
Stories (No Report. No Action Required.)**

**Summary:**

The Chairs of the Technology Committee will present success stories from the appellate and trial courts about how access to justice has been improved through funding received from the IT Modernization program.

**Speakers:**

Hon. Kyle S. Brodie, Chair, Technology Committee  
Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Vice-Chair, Technology Committee  
Mr. John Yee, Information Technology

*15 minutes*

[25-105](#)**Report to the Legislature | 2025 Language Need and Interpreter Use Study (No Report. No Action Required.)****Summary:**

Under Government Code section 68563, every five years the Judicial Council is required to submit to the Governor and the Legislature a study of language need and interpreter use in the superior courts (trial courts). The *2025 Language Need and Interpreter Use Study*, prepared by the Judicial Council's Language Access Services, details interpreter usage in the superior courts for fiscal years 2020-21 through 2023-24 and projects future language need.

**Speakers:**

Hon. Maurice Sanchez, Vice-Chair, Court Interpreters Advisory Panel  
Ms. Eunice Lee, Center for Families, Children & the Courts  
Ms. Aggie Wong, Center for Families, Children & the Courts

15 minutes

[25-109](#)**Rules and Forms | Judicial Branch Administration: Rule and Standard for Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Court-Related Work (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Artificial Intelligence Task Force recommends adopting one rule of court and one standard of judicial administration to address the use of generative artificial intelligence for court-related work. The task force developed this proposal as part of its charge from the Chief Justice to oversee the development of policy recommendations on the use of artificial intelligence in the judicial branch. Adopting the proposed rule and standard will help promote responsible innovation in court operations while protecting confidential information, ensuring appropriate oversight, and maintaining public trust in the judicial branch.

**Speakers:**

Hon. Brad R. Hill, Chair, Artificial Intelligence Task Force  
Ms. Jessica Devencenzi, Policy & Research  
Ms. Jenny Grantz, Legal Services  
Ms. Saskia Kim, Policy & Research

15 minutes

**INFORMATION AGENDA (NO ACTION REQUIRED)**[25-125](#)**Child Support | Midyear Funding Reallocation for Fiscal Year 2024-25****Summary:**

The Judicial Council is required to annually allocate non-Trial Court Trust Fund funds to the AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program and has done so since 1997. Funds for this program are provided through a cooperative agreement between the California Department of Child Support Services and the Judicial Council. Any funds unspent during the fiscal year revert to the state General Fund and cannot be used in subsequent years. This report details the midyear reallocation of funding for the AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program for fiscal year 2024-25.



[25-121](#)**Judicial Council Update | Trial Court Facility Modifications Report for Quarter 3 of Fiscal Year 2024-25****Summary:**

This informational report to the Judicial Council outlines the allocations of facility modification funding made to improve trial court facilities in the third quarter (January through March) of fiscal year 2024-25. To determine allocations, the Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee reviews and approves facility modification requests from across the state in accordance with the council's *Trial Court Facility Modifications Policy*.

[25-111](#)**Report to the Legislature | Court Realignment Data (Calendar Year 2024)****Summary:**

Penal Code section 13155 requires Judicial Council staff, commencing January 1, 2013, to collect information from trial courts regarding the implementation of the 2011 Criminal Justice Realignment legislation and make the data available annually to the California Department of Finance (DOF), Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), and Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) by September 1. This is the 13th annual court realignment data report. It will be distributed to the DOF, BSCC, and JLBC. The report, *Court Realignment Data (Calendar Year 2024)*, is included as Attachment A to this report.

[25-116](#)**Report to the Legislature | Electronic Recording Equipment****Summary:**

Under Government Code section 69958, the Judicial Council is required 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. For the reporting period of July 1 through December 31, 2024, six courts reported a combined total of \$460,024 for the purchase of electronic recording equipment or related items. The Judicial Council's Policy and Research Office staff submitted this information to the Legislature, in *Report of Electronic Recording Equipment Purchased or Leased by Superior Courts (July 1 through December 31, 2024)*, in June 2025.

[25-110](#)**Report to the Legislature | Findings of Extraordinary Circumstances in 2024****Summary:**

Under Welfare and Institutions Code section 6608.6(e), the Judicial Council is required to report annually to the Legislature about court findings of extraordinary circumstances in sexually violent predator cases. Judicial Council staff identified one such case in 2024. The attached letter to the Legislature describes the findings and grounds supporting those findings. The council will submit its annual report to the Legislature on or before July 18, 2025.

[25-015](#)**Report to the Legislature | FY 2024-25 Funding for California Court Appointed Special Advocate Association****Summary:**

The State Budget Act of 2022 (Stats. 2022, ch.45) amended the Judicial Council's Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) grant funding to include one-time funding of \$60 million, to be paid in three increments over three years, to the California CASA Association (California CASA) for support of CASA programs across the state. On or before July 1, 2025, staff for the Judicial Council's Center for Families, Children & the Courts submitted to the Legislature *Report on California Court Appointed Special Advocate Association Funding Allocations and Program Development: Year Three*, in accordance with the requirements stated in the Budget Act of 2024.

[25-124](#)**Report to the Legislature | Shriver Civil Counsel Act Report****Summary:**

On June 30, 2025, Judicial Council staff submitted a report to the Legislature on Shriver Civil Counsel Act funding, services, and outcomes in accordance with Assembly Bill 590 (Stats. 2009, ch. 457). The report covers calendar years 2019 through 2023, with qualitative findings from 2024. During this time, 14 programs were allocated \$54.7 million.

[25-068](#)**Report to the Legislature | Trial Court Interpreters Program Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24****Summary:**

On TBD, the Judicial Council's Language Access Services submitted the annual report on trial court interpreter expenditures to the Legislature and the Department of Finance. This report is required by the Budget Act of 2023 (Sen. Bill 101; Stats. 2023, ch. 12).

[25-112](#)**Trial Courts | Quarterly Investment Report for Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2024-25****Summary:**

This quarterly investment report covers the period from January 1 through March 31, 2025, 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 the Resolutions Regarding Investment Activities for the Trial Courts, approved by the Judicial Council on February 27, 2004.

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## M E M O R A N D U M

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**Date**

June 2, 2025

**Action Requested**

Approve Addition to Annual Agenda

**To**

Executive and Planning Committee

**Deadline**

June 10, 2025

**From**

Victor A. Rodriguez, Cochair  
Kevin C. Brazile, Cochair  
Advisory Committee on Providing Access  
and Fairness

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**Subject**

Addition of Project to 2025 PAF Annual  
Agenda

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### Executive Summary

The Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness (PAF) has recognized the requirement in California Code of Civil Procedure section 205(e) to adopt a standard of judicial administration to ensure that juror identification and any juror questionnaire is inclusive, including allowing a juror the ability to express their gender identity or gender expression, if applicable. PAF is requesting approval from the Executive and Planning Committee to convene the existing Ad Hoc Legislation Working Group to address this requirement.

### Action Requested

The Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness asks the Executive and Planning Committee:

1. Approve adding to the 2025 PAF Annual Agenda the new implementation project titled, Develop Standard of Judicial Administration and Rules and Forms Revisions to Implement Assembly Bill 1899 (Stats. 2024, Ch. 812) (Juror Questionnaires).

The proposed annual agenda is attached at pages 4–13.

## **Basis for Request**

### **Background**

Assembly Bill 1899 added section 205(e) to the California Code of Civil Procedure, which provides:

The Judicial Council shall adopt a standard of judicial administration to ensure that juror identification and any juror questionnaire is inclusive, including allowing a juror the ability to express their gender identity or gender expression, if applicable. (Code Civ. Proc., §205(e), added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 812.)

PAF’s responsibility is to make recommendations for improving access to the judicial system, fairness in the state courts, diversity in the judicial branch, and court services for self-represented parties. To comply with Assembly Bill 1899, PAF will recommend revisions to rules and forms as appropriate, circulate the proposal for public comment, and address any public comments received. It is important that PAF guides this process in conjunction with Judicial Council staff to ensure the proposal is inclusive as required by Assembly Bill 1899.

### **Annual Agenda**

PAF proposes that the new implementation project titled, Develop Standard of Judicial Administration and Rules and Forms Revisions to Implement Assembly Bill 1899 (Stats. 2024, Ch. 812) (Juror Questionnaires) be added to its annual agenda. This project is categorized as a priority level 1 because it is required to conform to the law. The specifications for the items would be:

- **Project Summary:** Assembly Bill 1899 states, “(e) The Judicial Council shall adopt a standard of judicial administration to ensure that juror identification and any juror questionnaire is inclusive, including allowing a juror the ability to express their gender identity or gender expression, if applicable.” To comply with AB 1899, PAF will recommend revisions to rules and forms as appropriate, circulate the proposal for public comment, and address any public comments received.
- **Status/Timeline:** An Invitation to Comment is anticipated to circulate in the winter 2025 cycle with an anticipated effective date of July 1, 2026.
- **Fiscal Impact/Resources:** Center for Families, Children & the Courts staff and Legal Services staff.
- **Internal/External Stakeholders:** None.
- **AC Collaboration:** PAF Ad Hoc Legislation Working Group, Criminal Law Advisory Committee, and Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee.

**Attachments**

1. Revised PAF 2025 Annual Agenda, at pp. 4–13

**Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness**  
**Annual Agenda<sup>1</sup>—2025**

**Approved by the Executive and Planning Committee: Amended (Date)**

**I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

<b>Chair:</b>	Hon. Victor A. Rodriguez, Cochair, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Three Hon. Kevin C. Brazile, Cochair, Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
<b>Lead Staff:</b>	Ms. Cristina Resendiz-Johnson, Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts
<b>Committee's Charge/Membership:</b> <a href="#">Rule 10.55</a> of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness (PAF), which is to make recommendations for improving access to the judicial system, fairness in the state courts, diversity in the judicial branch, and court services for self-represented parties. The committee also makes recommendations to the Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) Advisory Committee, proposals for the education and training of judicial officers and court staff.  <a href="#">Rule 10.55(c)</a> sets forth the membership position of the committee. PAF has 30 members. The current committee <a href="#">roster</a> is available on the committee's web page.	
<b>Subgroups of the Advisory Committee<sup>2</sup>:</b>  1. Ad Hoc Legislation Working Group: Review and receive updates on legislation from Judicial Council Governmental Affairs in the areas of access and fairness affecting the judicial branch.  2. Ad Hoc Racial Justice Working Group: The working group will gather information on branch wide efforts in racial justice and bias, work with stakeholders in promoting those activities, and consider recommendations on racial justice within the branch for the committee.  3. Standing Language Access Subcommittee: Advise and present recommendations to PAF regarding the Language Access Plan (LAP) and its overarching goal of ensuring access to justice for all court users, especially court users with limited English proficiency; as appropriate,	

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup>For 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).

make recommendations to PAF in the areas of technology, education, and translation; as well as recommendations on legislative and rule of court proposals to enhance language access services throughout the judicial branch.

**Meetings Planned for 2025<sup>3</sup> (Advisory body and all subgroups listed above.)**

Regular bi-monthly videoconference meetings on third Thursdays, 12:15–1:15 p.m., beginning February 2025.

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

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<sup>3</sup> Refer to section IV. 2. 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 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 PROJECTS

#	New or One-Time Projects <sup>4</sup>	
1.	<b>Project Title:</b> Implementation of Superior Court Lactation Accommodation Procedure (Sen. Bill 949 Stats. 2024, Ch. 159) in All Court Proceedings ( <i>New/Implementation Project</i> )	<b>Priority<sup>5</sup> 1(a)</b>
		<b>Strategic Plan Goal<sup>6</sup> I, IV</b>
<p><b>Project Summary:</b> Develop a proposal to implement Senate Bill 949 for superior courts. The proposal will outline a process for courts to offer lactating court users who are participating in an ongoing proceeding, a confidential request for a reasonable amount of break time to express breast milk for their infant child. To comply with SB 949, PAF will draft a new form for court users, circulate the proposal for public comment, and address any public comments received.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> An Invitation to Comment on the new form would circulate in the spring 2025 cycle with an effective date of July 1, 2026.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:</b> Center for Families, Children &amp; the Courts (CFCC) staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>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.</i></p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> None.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> PAF Ad Hoc Legislation Working Group.</p>		

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.*

<sup>6</sup> Indicate which goal number of [The Strategic Plan for California's Judicial Branch](#) the project most closely aligns.



#	New or One-Time Projects	
2.	<b>Project Title:</b> Develop Standard of Judicial Administration and Rules and Forms Revisions to Implement Assembly Bill 1899 (Stats. 2024, Ch. 812) (Juror Questionnaires) (New/Implementation Project)	<b>Priority<sup>7</sup> 1(a)</b>
		<b>Strategic Plan Goal<sup>8</sup> I, IV</b>
	<p><b>Project Summary:</b> Assembly Bill 1899 states, “(e) The Judicial Council shall adopt a standard of judicial administration to ensure that juror identification and any juror questionnaire is inclusive, including allowing a juror the ability to express their gender identity or gender expression, if applicable.” To comply with AB 1899, PAF will recommend revisions to rules and forms as appropriate, circulate the proposal for public comment, and address any public comments received.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> An Invitation to Comment is anticipated to circulate in the winter 2025 cycle with an anticipated effective date of July 1, 2026.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:</b> Center for Families, Children &amp; the Courts (CFCC) staff and Legal Services staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 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.</p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> None.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> PAF Ad Hoc Legislation Working Group, Criminal Law Advisory Committee (CLAC), Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee (CSCAC).</p>	

<sup>7</sup> 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.*

<sup>8</sup> Indicate which goal number of The Strategic Plan for California’s Judicial Branch the project most closely aligns.

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities	
1.	<b>Project Title: Develop Training for Court Staff on Appropriate Use of Machine Translation Tools (Implementation Project)</b>	<b>Priority 1</b>
		<b>Strategic Plan Goal IV</b>
	<p><b>Project Summary:</b> The Language Access Subcommittee will partner with Judicial Council staff from CFCC and Information Technology (IT) to develop training for court staff, including self-help center staff, on the appropriate use of machine translation tools within the courthouse by court staff. Training will ensure that machine translation tools are used appropriately for different situations and maintain meaningful and accurate communication between litigants and the court. Training will also highlight situations where an in-person or telephonic interpreter may be needed to ensure that legal rights and remedies are maintained and to avoid misunderstandings in communication.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> June 2025.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:</b> The National Center for State Courts is assisting with this project under a contract funded by the Language Access Services program budget; CFCC and IT staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 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.</p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Training development will include input from court stakeholders (e.g., court clerks, self-help center staff, and court Language Access Representatives).</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> PAF Language Access Subcommittee and Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC).</p>	
2.	<b>Project Title: Language Access Signage and Technology Grants, Cycle 7 (Implementation Project)</b>	<b>Priority 1</b>
		<b>Strategic Plan Goal I</b>
	<p><b>Project Summary:</b> In coordination with the Judicial Council’s Executive Office, PAF Language Access Subcommittee, Technology Committee, Information Technology Advisory Committee, , and Center for Families, Children &amp; the Courts Language Access Services Program, the PAF Language Access Subcommittee will disburse ongoing monies (\$2.35 million each year) from the 2018 Budget Act as grants to trial courts for language access signage and technology initiatives on an annual basis. The grant program commenced in September 2019, following council approval. For the fiscal year 2025–26, the grant cycle (Cycle 7) will commence in Spring 2025. Council staff will continue to develop annual reports on the grant program.</p> <p>This grant project was approved on the committee’s 2020 annual agenda and will result in recommendations to the Judicial Council.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Ongoing.</p>	

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities	
	<p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> CFCC, Branch Accounting and Procurement, and IT staff, ongoing monies from the 2018 Budget Act.</p> <p>☒ <i>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.</i></p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Information Technology; trial courts and public, including Limited English Proficient (LEP) court users.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> PAF Language Access Subcommittee, and ITAC.</p>	
3.	<b>Project Title: Diversity in The Branch (Implementation Project)</b>	<b>Priority 1</b>
		<b>Strategic Plan Goal I</b>
	<p><b>Project Summary:</b> PAF will do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Continue to update the <a href="#"><i>Pathways to Judicial Diversity</i></a> toolkit based on feedback received from users. Conduct presentations and continue the rollout of the toolkit statewide in collaboration with justice partners, provided sufficient resources are available.</li> <li>b) Continue to serve as a subject matter resource with justice partners and stakeholders on initiatives for increasing diversity in the judicial branch.</li> <li>c) Continue to collaborate with CJER staff on improving and expanding educational resources in areas under PAF’s purview and expertise related to diversity, inclusion, and fairness.</li> <li>d) Work on implementation of the recommendations from the 2021 Judicial Diversity Summit that were approved by the Judicial Council on December 2, 2022. On March 3, 2023, the Executive and Planning Committee referred the following recommendations to PAF and its Judicial Council staff for consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Summit recommendation 1, <i>Increase Education and Resources on Judicial Appointments and Elections Process</i>;</li> <li>b. Summit recommendation 3, <i>Strengthen Efforts to Mentor Judicial Officers on the Bench as a Crucial Component of Their Continued Professional Development and Advancement</i>; and</li> <li>c. Summit recommendation 4, <i>Strengthen and Coordinate Judicial Outreach to Connect with Diverse Younger Generations</i>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>This task was included in the committee’s prior Annual Agenda.</p>	

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities	
	<p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:</b> CFCC, IT, Governmental Affairs, and CJER staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 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.</p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> California Judges Association, California Lawyers Association, and California ChangeLawyers.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> Executive and Planning Committee, Legislation Committee, CJER Advisory Committee, and Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee (TCPJAC).</p>	
4.	<p><b>Project Title:</b> Ad Hoc Racial Justice Working Group (<i>Implementation Project</i>)</p>	<b>Priority 1</b>
		<b>Strategic Plan Goal I</b>
	<p><b>Project Summary:</b> PAF will continue to review and provide updates regarding the branch’s efforts to address racial bias and fairness. The working group will gather information on branch wide efforts in racial justice and bias, work with stakeholders in promoting those activities, and consider recommendations on racial justice within the branch to the committee.</p> <p>PAF will also continue to update and promote the <a href="#">Racial Justice Toolkit</a> an online hub for educational and training resources to assist local courts with increasing access and fairness in the area of racial justice. The toolkit will be continuously updated based on user feedback and ongoing developments in the areas of racial justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion.</p> <p>This task was included on the committee’s prior Annual Agenda.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> CFCC, CJER, Criminal Justice Services (CJS), and IT staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The project includes allocations or distributions of funds to the courts, which have been reviewed and approved by Budget Service.</p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Trial courts.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> This item may include collaboration with various Judicial Council advisory bodies, including, but not limited to: Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, Court Executives Advisory Committee (CEAC), Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory</p>	

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities	
	Committee (CJCAC), Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC), Criminal Law Advisory Committee (CLAC), Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee (CSCAC), TCPJAC, ITAC, and Judicial Branch Ethics, and Fairness Curriculum Committee.	
5.	<b>Project Title:</b> Collaborate and Provide Subject Matter Expertise ( <i>Implementation Project</i> )	<b>Priority 2</b> <b>Strategic Plan Goal I</b>
	<p><b>Project Summary:</b> PAF will serve as lead/subject matter resource for issues under the committee’s charge to avoid duplication of efforts and contribute to the development of recommendations for council action.</p> <p>PAF will continue to provide education and technical assistance to the court self-help centers; make recommendations to the Judicial Council, as needed, regarding reports to the legislature on self-help services, requests for funding for self-help, and updates to the <a href="#">Guidelines for the Operation of Self-Help Centers in California Trial Courts</a> as provided by <a href="#">California Rules of Court, rule 10.960 (e)</a>.</p> <p>PAF will continue collaborations with the TAC, CLAC, and other relevant Judicial Council advisory bodies and staff on recommendations to improve access and fairness in traffic court. These collaborations started in 2017 when the Rules Committee chair directed PAF to collaborate with TAC and CLAC on recommendations to improve access and fairness in traffic court. This resulted in liaison relationships between the three committees as well as successful collaborations on several rules and forms, including the “Ability to Pay” rules and forms which went into effect in April 2018. PAF will continue to collaborate with and provide subject-matter expertise to CLAC and TAC as appropriate.</p> <p>PAF will also continue to provide technical assistance to JusticeCorps program on evaluation of members’ career paths and promote program’s efforts to increase diversity in the legal system and enhance civics education.</p> <p><i>Post-Pandemic Initiative</i> - Outreach on Remote Services including the SRL portal.</p> <p><i>Post-Pandemic Initiative</i> - Explore partnerships with community-based organizations to assist with remote proceedings. This task was included in the committee’s prior Annual Agenda.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> CFCC, Governmental Affairs, IT, and CJS staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 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.</p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> None.</p>	

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	<p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> This item may include collaboration with various Judicial Council advisory bodies, including, but not limited to: Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, TCPJAC, CEAC, CJCAC, TAC, CLAC, CSCAC, ITAC; and Judicial Branch Ethics, and Fairness Curriculum Committee.</p>	
6.	<b>Project Title: Improving Access and Fairness through Technology (Implementation Project)</b>	<b>Priority 2</b>
		<b>Strategic Plan Goal I</b>
	<p><b>Project Summary:</b> PAF will continue coordinating with Judicial Council IT staff on the development of the online California Courts Self-Help Guide (See <a href="#">The Critical Role of the State Judiciary in Increasing Access for Self-Represented Litigants: Self-Help Access 360</a>) and coordinate with IT staff on development of a new reporting portal to assist courts in complying with Civil Code section 54.8 regarding assisted listening devices. PAF will also discuss and explore with ITAC other intersections between access, fairness, and technology and explore how to encourage the use of technologies that benefit court users with disabilities.</p> <p>This project does not result in recommendations to the Judicial Council and was approved on the committee's 2016 annual agenda.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> CFCC and IT staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 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.</p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> None.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> ITAC.</p>	

### III. LIST OF 2024 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	<b>Ad Hoc Racial Justice Working Group:</b> The Racial Justice Toolkit was officially launched and presented to trial court staff statewide at various informational sessions, including the February 2024 joint TCPJAC/CEAC in person meeting. Status: Updates to and presentations of the toolkit will be ongoing.
2.	<b>Language Access Signage and Technology Grants, Cycle 6:</b> The Cycle 6 Grants launched for FY 2024–25 in March 2024. In November 2024, the council approved funding to 18 courts for language signage and technology-related projects. Status: Ongoing.
3.	<b>Public Outreach for the Online California Courts Self-Help Guide:</b> A language drop-down feature was developed on the redesigned <a href="#">California Courts Self-Help Guide</a> , which links to newly translated web pages and existing multilingual resources in the top eight most spoken languages in California. Outreach was conducted to ensure the multilingual resources and translated information, including materials for remote court hearings, are known to LEP communities throughout the state. Status: Completed.
4.	<b>Collaborate and Provide Subject Matter Expertise:</b> Staff continued to provide weekly statewide training to Self-Help Center staff on a wide variety of subject matter including family law updates, form changes, and remote proceedings' customer service. Status: Ongoing.