

Tribal Court–State Court Forum
Annual Agenda¹—2026

Approved by Executive and Planning Committee: [Date]

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Cochairs:	Hon. Abby Abinanti, Chief Judge, Yurok Tribal Court Hon. Shama Hakim Mesiwala, Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District
Lead Staff:	Ms. Vida Castaneda, Senior Analyst, Center for Families, Children & the Courts
Advisory Body’s Charge/Membership: Rule 10.60 of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Tribal Court–State Court Forum (Forum), which is to make recommendations to the Judicial Council for improving the administration of justice in all proceedings in which the authority to exercise jurisdiction by the state judicial branch and the tribal justice systems overlap. Additional duties set forth in rule 10.60 (b) are: 1. Identify issues of mutual importance to tribal and state justice systems, including those concerning the working relationship between tribal and state courts in California; 2. Make recommendations relating to the recognition and enforcement of court orders that cross jurisdictional lines, the determination of jurisdiction for cases that might appear in either court system, and the sharing of services between jurisdictions; 3. Identify, develop, and share with tribal and state courts local rules of court, protocols, standing orders, and other agreements that promote tribal court-state court coordination and cooperation, the use of concurrent jurisdiction, and the transfer of cases between jurisdictions; 4. Recommend appropriate activities needed to support local tribal court-state court collaborations; and 5. Make proposals to the Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee on educational publications and programming for judges and judicial support staff. Rule 10.60(c) sets forth the membership position of the forum. The Forum currently has 30 members with one vacancy for a state trial court judicial officer from a county in which a tribal court is located and one vacancy for a tribal court judge or justice.	

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.

The current committee [roster](#) is available on the committee’s webpage.

Subgroups of the Advisory Body²:

1. Ad Hoc Working Group on Options to Provide for Recognition and Enforcement of Tribal Court Orders Excluding Individuals from Tribal Lands
2. Ad Hoc Working Group on Public Law 280: This working group monitors the work of the federal Government Accountability Office study on the “[Inequitable Justice System Facing Tribal Nations in Different States](#)” specifically related to [Public Law 280](#), which was requested by Senators Alex Padilla (D-CA), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), and Jeff Merkley (D-OR), and Congressman Jared Huffman (D-CA-02) to review the impacts of Public Law 280 on the justice systems in the states that have jurisdiction over tribal lands, including California. The Ad Hoc Working Group will make recommendations for Judicial Council input as required.

Advisory Body and Subgroup Meetings Planned for 2026³

Videoconferences:

- February 19
- April 9
- June 11
- August 13
- October 8
- December 10.

Ad hoc videoconferences will be scheduled as needed.

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

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).

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.

II. COMMITTEE PROJECTS

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: Address Issues Raised at the “Improving Access to Justice Through Recognition & Enforcement of Tribal Court Orders” Event (<i>New</i>)						Priority: 1							
Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals														
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Project Summary: The Forum hosted an event on September 19, 2025, “Improving Access to Justice Through Recognition & Enforcement of Tribal Court Orders,” to identify and address barriers to the recognition and enforcement of tribal court orders of various kinds. The Forum will evaluate the issues raised during the event, consider possible solutions that may include development of educational resources and trainings, rules and forms, or legislation, and develop specific recommendations. Status/Timeline: Develop proposed action steps this year. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: The analysis and development of action steps would use staff resources of the Tribal/State Programs Unit. ☐ 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: Tribal courts. AC Collaboration: TBD.														

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
1.	Project Title: Explore Options to Improve Recognition and Enforcement of Tribal Court Conservatorship/Adult Protective Proceedings Orders	Priority: 2							
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Project Summary: Tribal courts issue conservatorship or adult protective proceedings orders to protect vulnerable tribal members. These orders are entitled to recognition and enforcement within the California justice system under the Interstate Jurisdiction, Transfer, and Recognition: California Conservatorship Jurisdiction Act found in Probate Code sections 1980–2033. However, tribal court judges report issues with having their orders timely recognized and enforced. Status/Timeline: Consider options for addressing this issue, including guidance and education on existing processes under the Interstate Jurisdiction, Transfer, and Recognition: California Conservatorship Jurisdiction Act. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: To be accomplished with existing Center for Families, Children & the Courts (CFCC) staff resources. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Tribal courts. AC Collaboration: Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee.									
2.	Project Title: Legal Representation for Tribes in Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Cases (<i>Implementation Project</i>)	Priority: 2							
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Project Summary: The Judicial Council of California receives ongoing funding to assist the courts in implementing the Tribal Dependency Representation Program established in 2022 by section 16 of Senate Bill 124 which added section 10553.14 to the Welfare and Institutions Code. This program funds federally recognized California Indian Tribes to pay for attorneys in cases governed by ICWA in California									

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	juvenile courts. Consistent with its charge under rule 10.60 (a) and (b), the Forum will serve as a resource for any education or policy recommendations to address court issues that may arise out of implementation of this program. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. An attorney training curriculum was developed in 2023–24 and was piloted at two trainings in 2024. Two more trainings were delivered in 2025. Development of a series of e-learning modules is underway. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: To be accomplished mainly with existing CFCC staff resources with funding used to supplement existing resources using temps and contractors. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Tribal ICWA attorneys and California Department of Social Services Office of Tribal Affairs. AC Collaboration: Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee.								
3.	Project Title: Monitor and Make Recommendations as Appropriate Regarding Federal Government Accountability Office Study on the “Inequitable Justice System Facing Tribal Nations in Different States” Related to Public Law 280	Priority: 2							
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Project Summary: The federal Government Accountability Office (GAO) will be conducting a study on the impacts of Public Law 83-280 (18 U.S.C. § 1162, 28 U.S.C. § 1360) (commonly referred to as “P.L. 280”) on justice systems in impacted states, including California to address the increased jurisdictional responsibilities resulting from that law. The full text of the GAO’s response letter is available here. The full text of the initial letter from Senators Padilla (D-California), Murkowski (R-Alaska), Merkley (D-Oregon), and Congressman Huffman (D-California) is available here. One result of P.L. 280 has been to shift the cost of justice services from the federal government to the state and deprive tribes of access to justice-related funding. Both California tribes and state institutions could benefit from equitable federal funding. The Forum will monitor the study and provide recommendations as appropriate. This project was approved on the Forum’s 2023 annual agenda.									

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	Status/Timeline: In February 2025, staff of the GAO indicated that work had begun on the first stage of the study on impacts in Alaska. A draft report was slated for August 2025, but has not yet been published. The second stage focused on tribal public safety and justice in select lower 48 states is expected to begin with draft product expected in April 2026. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: To be accomplished with existing CFCC staff resources and Governmental Affairs and/or Criminal Justice Services staff, as appropriate. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: GAO. AC Collaboration: Criminal Law Advisory Committee, as appropriate.								
4.	Project Title: Indian Child Welfare Act Compliance and Implementation Improvements (<i>Implementation Project</i>)	Priority: 2							
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	Project Summary: Improvements to California’s implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act is a primary focus of the work of the Forum. This project was approved on the Forum’s 2018 annual agenda. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: To be accomplished with existing CFCC staffing resources. May involve working with Center for Judicial Education and Resources (CJER) staff on updating education resources. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Tribal courts. AC Collaboration: Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee and Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee with respect to recommendations that impact the work of those bodies.								

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5.	Project Title: Address Domestic Violence and Related Issues in Tribal Communities	Priority: 2							
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	Project Summary: Coordinate with Judicial Council staff, other advisory committees, the attorney general's office, the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) action team of the Child Welfare Council, tribal courts, and other stakeholders on developing and implementing recommendations to improve the justice system's response to the issues of domestic violence and related issues in tribal communities. This project was approved on the Forum's 2022 annual agenda. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: To be accomplished with existing CFCC resources. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Attorney General's Office of Native American Affairs, tribal courts, law enforcement, tribal leaders, and CSEC action team. AC Collaboration: A member of the Tribal Court–State Court Forum sits as a liaison to the Violence Against Women Education Project subcommittee of the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee.								
6.	Project Title: Explore Options to Provide for Recognition and Enforcement of Tribal Court Orders Excluding Individuals from Tribal Lands	Priority: 2a & b							
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	Project Summary: Tribes in California report an inability to remove unwanted individuals from within the exterior boundaries of their reservations. Tribal courts do not have criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians and in California, tribal courts are generally not exercising criminal jurisdiction at all. In 1997, the California Office of the Attorney General issued an opinion (80 OpsCal.Atty.Gen.46) concluding that violation of a tribal exclusion order did not constitute a misdemeanor under the terms of Penal Code Section 602 and that a county sheriff would not be required to take any action to enforce an exclusion order issued by a tribe. Tribal judges report that as a result, they have no effective recourse against individuals who, for example, dump hazardous waste on the reservation, creating a public safety concern. This project was approved on the Forum’s 2022 Annual Agenda. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. The Forum began work on this item by holding discussions on the problem and possible solutions. This item was also on the agenda at the Forum’s September 30, 2022, training event held in Sacramento. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: To be accomplished with existing CFCC staff resources. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Tribal courts and Attorney General’s Office of Native American Affairs. AC Collaboration: Criminal Law Advisory Committee.								
7.	Project Title: Policy Recommendation: Technological Initiatives (Implementation Project) 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: 2
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	Project Summary: Serve as subject matter resource regarding integrating tribes, tribal agencies, and governments into technological initiatives such as remote appearances, remote filing, remote access, court case management systems, document assembly programs, e-noticing, and the California Courts Protective Order Registry. This project was approved on the Forum’s 2018 Annual Agenda. Status/Timeline: Ongoing.								

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	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: To be accomplished with existing staff resources in CFCC, the Center for Judicial Education and Resources, and Information Technology. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Tribal courts. AC Collaboration: Information Technology Advisory Committee.								
8.	Project Title: Funding and Support for Innovative Practices and System Improvements (<i>Implementation Project</i>)	Priority: 2							
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	Project Summary: The Forum seeks to support innovative practices and system improvements including seeking funding to support creation and expansion of joint-jurisdiction courts. This project was approved on the Forum's 2018 Annual Agenda. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. In prior years the council has sought support for expansion of joint jurisdiction courts and other collaborative efforts. The Forum and Tribal/State Programs Unit will continue to seek out available funding. The goal of facilitating innovative practices and system improvements and seeking funding for this is to improve efficiencies in cases that span both jurisdictions or could be heard in either jurisdiction. This could potentially reduce workloads for state courts and improve access to justice for underserved and remote tribal communities. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: To be accomplished with existing CFCC staff resources. ☐ 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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9.	Project Title: Increase Tribal/State Partnerships: Sharing Resources and Communicating Information About Partnerships	Priority: 2							
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Project Summary: One of the guiding principles of the Forum is to improve access to justice by providing tribal courts and state courts access to resources for capacity building and collaboration on an equal basis, sharing resources, and seeking out additional resources. 1. Identify Judicial Council and other resources that may be appropriate to share with tribal courts. 2. Identify tribal justice resources that may be appropriate to share with state courts. 3. Identify grants for tribal/state court collaboration. 4. Share resources and information about partnerships through the <i>Forum E-Update</i>, a monthly electronic newsletter. 5. Publicize these partnerships at conferences, in the <i>Forum E-Update</i> and through other in-person or online platforms. 6. Disseminate monthly updates to tribal court judges and state court judges through the <i>Forum E-Update</i> regarding: - o grant opportunities; - o publications; - o news; and - o educational events. 7. Foster tribal court/state court partnerships, including joint-jurisdiction courts, inter-jurisdictional diversion programs, local ICWA round tables, and other collaborative partnerships. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. In 2025, two tribal courts were provided with access to unlocked Judicial Council juvenile, family, probate, and domestic violence forms that staff of the tribal courts adapted for their use. The goal of facilitating partnerships between state and tribal courts is to improve efficiencies in cases that span both jurisdictions or could be heard in either jurisdiction. This could potentially reduce workloads for state courts and improve access to justice for underserved and remote tribal communities. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: To be accomplished with existing CFCC staff resources. ☐ 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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10.	Project Title: Increase Tribal/State Partnerships: Education and Technical Assistance to Promote Partnerships and Understanding of Tribal Justice Systems (<i>Implementation Project</i>)	Priority: 2							
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Project Summary: The Forum will continue to develop educational events, resources, and tools, and provide technical assistance to promote partnerships and understanding between state and tribal justice systems including: 1. Recommend that Judicial Council staff continue providing educational and technical assistance to local tribal and state courts to address domestic violence and child custody issues in Indian country. 2. Recommend that Judicial Council staff provide technical assistance to joint jurisdictional courts and to courts wishing to replicate the model. 3. Recommend that Judicial Council staff continue developing civic learning opportunities for youth that expose them to opportunities and careers in tribal and state courts. 4. Collaborate with federal courts and federal justice partners on educational and other events related to justice and safety in tribal communities. 5. Develop and implement strategies to seek resources for tribal/state collaborations. 6. Continue to support the State/Tribal Education, Partnerships, and Services (S.T.E.P.S.) to Justice—Domestic Violence program and provide local educational and technical assistance services. This project was approved on the Forum’s 2018 annual agenda. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. The goal of facilitating partnerships between state courts and tribal courts is to improve efficiencies in cases that span both jurisdictions or could be heard in either jurisdiction. This could potentially reduce workloads for state courts and improve access to justice for underserved and remote tribal communities. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: To be accomplished with existing CFCC and CJER staff resources. ☐ 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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11.	Project Title: Education: Judicial Education	Priority: 2							
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	Project Summary: In collaboration with the CJER curriculum committees, recommend updates to revise CJER toolkits on the Judicial Resources Network to reflect current federal and state Indian law and integrate resources and educational materials from the Forum's online federal Indian Law Toolkit. This may include developing 10-minute educational videos to be posted online and shared statewide with justice partners. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: To be accomplished with existing CFCC and CJER staff resources. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: CJER Advisory Committee.								
12.	Project Title: Education: Truth and Healing (Implementation Project)	Priority: 2							
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	Project Summary: Consider collaboration among the three branches of state government in partnership with tribal governments to promote a truth and healing project that acknowledges California's history as described in Professor Benjamin Madley's book, <i>An American Genocide: The United States and the California Indian Catastrophe</i>. The project would demonstrate respect for indigenous peoples, foster an understanding of our shared history, and lay a foundation for healing, all of which promote a call to action. This project was approved on the Forum's 2019 annual agenda.								

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	Status/Timeline: Ongoing. As a step towards the goal of statewide truth and healing, the Forum continues to monitor the development of the California Truth & Healing Council announced by Governor Gavin Newsom in 2019. The California Truth & Healing Council expects to issue a report in 2026; the Forum will review it to determine its relevance to the courts and justice system. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: To be accomplished with existing CFCC staff. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Governor’s Tribal Advisor. AC Collaboration: None.								
13.	Project Title: Subject Matter Resource on Legislation, Regulations, and Requests for Public Comment (Implementation Project)	Priority: 2							
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Project Summary: Review and recommend positions on legislation, regulations, proposals from other committees, and requests for public comment related to tribal courts, tribal justice systems, and the Indian Child Welfare Act. This project was approved on the Forum’s 2020 annual agenda. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. From time to time, the federal government publishes proposed regulations and requests for public comments that may impact state and tribal justice systems in California. In 2025, the Forum assisted with development of comments on a proposed federal rule related to the use of Federal Title IV-E funds for court-appointed counsel in dependency cases. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: To be accomplished with existing CFCC and Governmental Affairs staff resources. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: TBD.									

III. LIST OF 2025 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	Prepared Rules and Forms recommendations for the Judicial Council concerning “Juvenile Law: Indian Child Welfare Act Inquiry and Family Finding”. The proposal is available here: [INSERT LINK]. It was approved by the Judicial Council at its October 2025 meeting with an effective date of January 1, 2026.
2.	Refined curriculum for training attorneys representing tribes in juvenile cases under the state Tribal Dependency Representation Program and conducted trainings in Northern and Southern California.
3.	Held a statewide, in-person event to consider issues impacting the recognition and enforcement of tribal court orders and discuss solutions.
4.	Developed and distributed Harm Reduction Benchcards for judges to use when making determinations affecting survivors of sexual violence.

Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee

Annual Agenda¹—2026

Approved by Executive and Planning Committee: [Date]

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Cochair:	Hon. Gary Slossberg, Judge, Superior Court of El Dorado County Hon. Pahoua C. Lor, Judge, Superior Court of Fresno County
Lead Staff:	Ms. Melanie Snider, Supervising Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts Ms. Youn Kim, Senior Analyst, Center for Families, Children & the Courts
Advisory Body's Charge/Membership: The Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee is required by Government Code section 68651(b)(5) to implement the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act (Assem. Bill 590 [Feuer]; Stats. 2009, ch. 457), which was amended by the Appointed Legal Counsel in Civil Cases Act (Assem. Bill 330 [Gabriel]; Stats 2019, ch. 217). The statute requires the Judicial Council to develop one or more model projects in selected courts for three-year periods. The projects will provide legal representation to low-income parties on critical legal issues affecting basic human needs. At the direction of the Judicial Council, the implementation committee will make recommendations on which projects will be selected from a competitive grant application process and provide input into the design of the projects' study. With the adoption of AB 330, a study and report of findings and recommendations of the projects must be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature every five years, commencing June 1, 2020. The Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee currently has 9 members. These include: • 3 active judges • 1 law professor • 4 individuals with experience in legal aid programs • 1 representative of the State Bar of California The current committee roster is available on the committee's webpage.	

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Subgroups of the Advisory Body²:

None.

Advisory Body and Subgroup Meetings Planned for 2026³

Videoconferences:

1. January/February
2. April/May
3. August/September
4. October (Ad-Hoc if needed)
5. November/December

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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.

II. COMMITTEE PROJECTS

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	
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Priority Levels for Rules/Forms Proposals	
1a (Legal Compliance)	Proposal urgently needed to conform to or accurately reflect the law.
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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.
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#	New or One-Time Projects								
1.	Project Title: Make Recommendations to the Judicial Council for the 2026–2029 Grant Cycle	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: In order to make recommendations to the Judicial Council regarding grants for the 2026–29 grant cycle as required by statute, a Request for Applications (RFA) was circulated in October of 2025. The committee will review and make recommendations to the Judicial Council in early 2026. Status/Timeline: This review approval is anticipated in January/February 2026. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Center for Families, Children & the Courts staff and committee expenses are covered by an administrative allocation of grant funds. ☐ 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> Budget Services has reviewed and has determined that this is not within their purview since the allocations are governed by statute. Internal/External Stakeholders: The legal services community and partner courts are the external stakeholders. AC Collaboration: None.									

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
1.	Project Title: Research and Data Collection	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: Government Code section 68651 requires a study to demonstrate the effectiveness and continued need for the projects and report its findings and recommendations submitted to Legislature on or before January 31, 2016. AB 330 added a requirement to conduct the study and report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature every five years beginning June 30, 2020. A study was completed and submitted in June 2025. The next report will be due in June 2030. The committee provides input on the design of the study and reviews results data from the programs. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, committee, and contractor expenses are covered by an administrative allocation under the grant. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: The Judicial Council will work closely with the projects and research firm contractor to assist in data collection and analysis. AC Collaboration: None.								
2.	Project Title: Implementation and Oversight of Projects' Outcomes and Expenditures (<i>Implementation Project</i>)	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: As required by Government Code section 68651, the committee will provide continued oversight of the projects approved by the Judicial Council. The committee's oversight will include outcomes of service data, provided by lead legal agencies, court partners, and projects' expenditures. If reallocation of funds is needed, the committee will make recommendations to the Judicial Council. Focus will be on coordination with projects and other legal services funding administrators to explore streamlining and aligning reporting requirements.								

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
	Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Expenses are covered by an administrative allocation to the program. The work will be conducted using existing resources and committee staffing from CFCC. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: The programs – legal services and their court partners are stakeholders. AC Collaboration: None.								
3.	Project Title: Identify and Replicate Effective Service Delivery and Best Practices Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: <table border="0"> <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: 2
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	Project Summary: The committee will continue to develop approaches to identify effective service delivery models and best practices implemented by Shriver projects with the goal of replicating successful strategies among legal aid providers and court partners. Focus on research and document best practices in a range of settlement procedures used by the projects and the courts and disseminate to the legal services and court community. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Expenses are covered by an administrative allocation to the program. The work will be conducted using existing resources and committee staffing from CFCC. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Project lead legal services agencies and trial court partners. AC Collaboration: None.								

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
4.	Project Title: Serve as a Resource	Priority: 2							
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Project Summary: Serve as a subject matter resource to other Judicial Council advisory bodies and staff with subjects under the committee's charge. Conduct outreach to court leadership to ensure that they are aware of potential Shriver resources available for settlement assistance and other innovative housing projects. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Expenses are covered by an administrative allocation to the program. The work will be conducted using existing resources and committee staffing from CFCC. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial courts impacted by work of the advisory committees that collaborate on shared interests with the Shriver Committee. AC Collaboration: Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness, Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee, Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee, and Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee.									

III. LIST OF 2025 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	Report to the Legislature: The committee submitted the <i>Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act Report</i> to the Legislature on June 30, 2025, as required by Assembly Bill 330 (Gabriel) . The council received this report at the July 2025 business meeting.
2.	Midyear Augmentation Funding: In June 2025, the committee recommended distributing \$1.4 million—unclaimed funds from the previous \$5 million midcycle allocation—to current projects on a pro rata basis, based on the award amounts from the 2023–2026 grant cycle. A Request for Proposals was issued, inviting applicants to submit revised project plans, budgets, and budget narratives to demonstrating how they would utilize their pro rata shares. The committee reviewed and developed recommendation to allocate \$1.4 million across 13 proposals for FY 2025–26. The council approved this recommendation at the October 2025 business meeting.
3.	Request for Applications for 2026–2029 Grant Cycle: A Request for Applications was administered for Shriver project grants for the 2026–2029 grant cycle. The ad hoc subcommittee reviewed and analyzed the submitted applications.
4.	Continuation of Research and Data Collection: Comprehensive study is ongoing for research and data collection. From April through June 2025, a Request for Proposals was issued, resulting an agreement with a research firm contractor, National Center for State Courts for ongoing of the data collection and reporting of the program.
5.	The committee continues to monitor grants awarded that provide representation and make court services more efficient and effective for those who remain unrepresented.

Center for Judicial Education and Resources Advisory Committee

Annual Agenda¹—2026

Approved by Executive and Planning Committee: [DATE]

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Hon. Darrell S. Mavis, Judge, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
Lead Staff:	Mr. Steven G. Warner, Supervising Attorney, Center for Judicial Education and Resources
Advisory Body’s Charge/Membership: Rule 10.50(b) of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Center for Judicial Education and Resources (CJER) Advisory Committee, which is to make recommendations to the council for improving the administration of justice through comprehensive and quality education and training for judicial officers and other judicial branch personnel. Rule 10.50(c) sets forth additional duties of the committee. Rule 10.50(d) sets forth the membership position of the committee. The CJER Advisory Committee currently has 17 voting members. The current committee roster is available on the committee’s webpage.	
Subgroups of the Advisory Body²: 1. Appellate Practice Curriculum Committee 2. Civil Law Curriculum Committee 3. Criminal Law Curriculum Committee 4. Family Law Curriculum Committee 5. Judicial Branch Access, Ethics & Fairness Curriculum Committee 6. Judicial Branch Leadership Development Curriculum Committee 7. Juvenile Law Curriculum Committee 8. Probate Law Curriculum Committee 9. Trial Court Operations Curriculum Committee 10. B. E. Witkin Judicial College Steering Committee	

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Advisory Body and Subgroup Meetings Planned for 2026³

- Videoconferences:
 - February 11, 2026
 - May 13, 2026
 - September 8, 2026
 - September 15, 2026
 - September 29, 2026
 - November 12, 2026

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	Project Summary: Begin delivering to judicial officers and court staff the educational products contained in the 2026–2028 Education Plan, which the Judicial Council will consider at its January 2026 meeting. Status/Timeline: Ends June 30, 2028. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CJER contact: Karene Alvarado. ☐ 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: Not applicable. AC Collaboration: Not applicable.								
2.	Project Title: Consider Amending California Rules of Court, Rule 10.465 (New)	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: Consider recommending amending California Rules of Court, rule 10.465, Education requirements and recommendations for justices, judges, and subordinate judicial officers on fairness and access. This amendment, if implemented, would establish a mandatory 3-hour minimum anti-bias education requirement for judicial officers. Status/Timeline: The rule change would be submitted to the Judicial Council for review and approval in October 2026, with an anticipated effective date of January 1, 2027. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CJER contact: Karene Alvarado and Legal Services.								

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3.	Project Title: Implement Caseflow Management Curriculum for Judicial Branch Education (One-Time)	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: The CJER Advisory Committee will oversee the curriculum committees' integration into existing educational products the curriculum on caseflow management for judicial officers and court staff designed by a workgroup comprised of judicial officers, court administrators, and caseflow management experts from the National Center for State Courts. Status/Timeline: Ends December 31, 2026. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CJER contact: Karene Alvarado. ☐ 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: Not applicable. AC Collaboration: Court Executives Advisory Committee, Data Analytics Advisory Committee, and Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee.								

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
1.	Project Title: Continue to Implement 2024–2026 Education Plan	Priority: 1							
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III. LIST OF 2025 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	Continued expanding resources and training on water law, climate change, and other environmental issues. Ensured that judicial education on these topics aligns with the council’s broader environmental initiatives, that judicial officers are prepared to resolve cases that directly affect California’s communities, natural resources, and climate resilience, and that education offered is tailored to the diverse challenges facing the state’s regions. Collaborated with national initiatives such as the National Judicial College, the Judicial Consortium on Water and the Environment, and the Dividing the Waters symposium. Delivered to experienced judicial officers live courses in water law, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and environmental law. Provided revised, user-friendly CEQA reference manual that includes practice tips and new case law. The annual environmental law program addressed national and state climate litigation trends such as wildfire recovery and insurance litigation, water and drought, agricultural regulation and air quality, introduction to attribution science and climate change, and managing complex litigation and complex scientific evidence. Participants were equipped with tools to interpret evolving environmental statutes and regulations, assess technical and scientific testimony, and oversee multi-party litigation. Continued writing draft of new water law judicial publication.
2.	Continued expanding new judge educational offerings to accommodate the increased number of newly appointed judicial officers. In addition to offering regular monthly sessions of the week-long New Judge Orientation, hosted concurrent sessions during multiple months, and trained additional judges as faculty, thereby expanding the pool of trained judicial faculty for the course. Delivered two offerings of the B. E. Witkin Judicial College program to meet demand (historically, only one college has been delivered annually except for 2020 and 2021 when none were delivered and 2022 when two were delivered). This year’s colleges included an interactive plenary class on socioeconomic fairness. Expanding new judge education ensures that all new judges receive relevant information, access a learning community of peers, and practice courtroom skills. New judge educational offerings are designed to help new judges to acclimate to their roles and serve the members of the public who appear in their courtrooms.
3.	Incorporated education on access, ethics, fairness, and unconscious bias into educational products for judicial officers across all subjects, including: • delivering a new Qualifying Ethics core course, with the bulk of sessions being offered remotely for the first time. Selected in-person sessions were offered at the request of local courts; • producing “Interacting with Court Personnel: Why Can’t We Be Friends?,” a video and podcast on ethical issues that can arise between judges and staff; • hosting “Local Court Committees on Bias: Best Practices Roundtable,” a webinar on local bias committees pursuant to standard 10.20 of the California Standards of Judicial Administration; • producing “Scientific Literacy for Judges,” a video on judges’ ethical duties related to scientific evidence; • offering two in-person sessions of “An In-Depth Look at Bias”; • delivering a podcast on strategies for handling ex parte motions to promote fairness and court access; and • delivering the following offerings at the B. E. Witkin Judicial College:

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
	○ Socioeconomic Fairness Workshop, a roleplay exercise focused on how socioeconomic factors affect access to justice. The class will be shared with CFCC for delivery at Beyond the Bench 2025; ○ Racial Justice Act and the Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Act, new classes; and ○ Immigration Law for State Courts, a revised and updated class.
4.	Education curriculum committees collaborated on creating two cross-assignment live judicial courses on access, ethics, fairness, and unconscious bias: • “<i>Trauma: Why It Matters</i>” offered a segment on trauma and brain development and presented research on the implementation of trauma-informed practices by judges which was attended by judicial officers from criminal, family, and juvenile law assignments; and • “<i>Motivational Interviewing in Practice</i>” led by a judicial expert, allowed judicial officers to practice motivational interviewing techniques using scenarios developed by multiple curriculum committees which was attended by judicial officers across assignments, including collaborative and treatment court judges and tribal court judges.
5.	Created and delivered remotely “<i>Immigration Enforcement Actions in California Courts</i>,” a live course that examined the federal executive orders and California state laws implicated by the presence of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement agents appearing at California state courthouses.
6.	Continued implementing the 2024–2026 Education Plan and created the 2026–2028 Education Plan. Both plans are designed and delivered using in-person and remote live education depending on the audience, learning objectives, and subject. The committee performs a cost-benefit analysis before recommending high-cost in-person education. Remote courses increase participant access and convenience and permit faculty and staff flexibility to incorporate last-minute law changes. Remote delivery allows the education developed by the committee to serve a greater number of judicial officers and court staff by expanding the enrollment in many courses above the historical average of in-person offerings, and by reducing travel time and costs associated with in-person offerings.
7.	The council approved the committee’s request to repeal California Rules of Court, rule 10.492, eliminating any actual or potential confusion about whether pandemic-related deadline extensions for judicial education exist currently.
8.	Incorporated education on access, ethics, fairness, and unconscious bias into educational products designed for court staff, including: • three new self-guided e-learning courses that comply with the statutory requirement that the Judicial Council provide two hours of anti-bias training to “all court staff who are required, as part of their regular job duties, to interact with the public on matters before the court.” (Gov. Code, § 68088.) The new self-guided courses include “<i>Redlining and Its Impacts Today</i>,” “<i>The Fred T. Korematsu Story</i>,” and “<i>Gender Identity</i>.” • a new course at the Appellate Staff Institute that complies with Government Code section 68088. • “<i>Some Firsts</i>,” a video telling the stories of judicial officers and court staff who break representational barriers.

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
9.	Awarded certifications to the highest ever number of participants in the 18-month California Court Leadership Certification program that uses individualized curricula to develop court staff as leaders. The program lays the foundation for succession planning at three levels (pre-supervisory, supervisory, and managerial) and provides supervisory mentorship for participants.
10.	Continued implementing the Appellate Caseflow Workgroup recommendation for education of trial court appellate record preparation clerks by integrating the topic of record preparation into existing educational resources as standard curriculum for clerks.

Court Facilities Advisory Committee
Annual Agenda¹—2026
Approved by Executive and Planning Committee: [DATE]

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Hon. Brad R. Hill, Administrative Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District
Lead Staff:	Mr. Tamer Ahmed, Director, Facilities Services Mr. Chris Magnusson, Facilities Supervisor, Facilities Services
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Advisory Body and Subgroup Meetings Planned for 2026³

No meetings are scheduled at this time.

*Please note: Historically, the committee has met on an ad hoc basis. This trend will continue within the 2026 calendar year, and the committee/its subcommittees are expected to meet approximately five times.

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1.	Project Title: Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan, Budget Change Concept, and Capital-Outlay Budget Change Proposals for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027–28	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Review of the updated <i>California Trial Court Facilities Standards</i>, which define the minimum space and the functional, technical, and security requirements for the design of new court facilities in the state of California. Updated facilities standards are necessary, as they reflect best practices and successful solutions as the basis for design and construction of functional, durable, maintainable, efficient, and secure contemporary court facilities. A recommendation will be submitted for Judicial Council consideration to adopt the updated facilities standards from the latest 2023 version. Status/Timeline: Judicial Council Facilities Services proposes to update the facilities standards on a three-year cycle to incorporate building code and other code updates. The update to the facilities standards from the 2023 version will be reviewed by the CFAC in 2026 and is proposed for a Judicial Council meeting in early 2027. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council’s offices of Facilities Services, Budget Services, and Legal Services. ☐ 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: Trial courts; justice partners; DOF; and State Public Works Board (SPWB). AC Collaboration: Information Technology Advisory Committee, Court Security Advisory Committee, and Executive and Planning Committee.									

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3.	Project Title: Court Capital-Outlay Projects Reassessment (FY 2026–27 Project Start if Funding Made Available)	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Review of the reassessment of all court capital-outlay projects, which will include: 1. Reevaluation of court needs and current facility plans; 2. Updates to facility condition assessments (FCAs), the current prioritization methodology, and project evaluation and scoring; and 3. Development of an updated statewide list of courthouse capital-outlay projects. The Judicial Council’s last reassessment was in 2019, and it is on a 10-year cycle for each reassessment effort. Each reassessment ensures the Judicial Council puts forth the most urgent capital projects for funding. As no funding is currently available to begin the reassessment, the Judicial Council has approved a FY 2026–27 budget change proposal for submission to the DOF to request one-time funding of \$9 million over two fiscal years (\$6 million for consultants’ assessment of court needs and plans development and \$3 million for FCAs) to reassess all courthouse capital-outlay projects. FCAs of court-occupied facilities—identify infrastructure systems and components requiring immediate repair or replacement based on their useful life expectancy, projecting capital funding needs over a 10-year life cycle. FCAs are the basis for the Facility Condition Index, which is an integral component of the prioritization methodology. Status/Timeline: Completion of the reassessment is targeted for 2029, contingent that funds are authorized in the Budget Act of 2026 (FY 2026–27) to kick-off the project. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council’s offices of Facilities Services, Budget Services, and Legal Services. ☐ 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: Trial and appellate courts; local county governments; justice partners; DOF; Legislature; and Office of Governor. AC Collaboration: Judicial Branch Budget Committee and Executive and Planning Committee.									

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	Project Summary: Review of Judicial Council-approved new courthouse construction and renovation projects in relation to available construction program budget. Submit recommendations for Judicial Council consideration on how projects should proceed with available project budgets. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's offices of Facilities Services, Budget Services, and Legal Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial and appellate courts; justice partners; DOF; and SPWB. AC Collaboration: Judicial Branch Budget Committee and Courthouse Cost Reduction Subcommittee.								
2.	Project Title: Recommendations of the Independent Oversight Consultant (IOC)	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: Review and monitor implementation of IOC recommendations. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's offices of Facilities Services, Budget Services, and Legal Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.								

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
	Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial and appellate courts and justice partners. AC Collaboration: Independent Outside Oversight Consultant Subcommittee.								
3.	Project Title: Courthouse Construction Project Cost Reductions	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Oversight of reductions to courthouse project costs. Submit recommendations as needed for Judicial Council consideration. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's offices of Facilities Services, Budget Services, and Legal Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial and appellate courts; justice partners; DOF; and SPWB. AC Collaboration: Courthouse Cost Reduction Subcommittee.									
4.	Project Title: Judicial Branch Capital Program Funding	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Coordinate with the Judicial Council and its Judicial Branch Budget Committee and Executive and Planning Committee to provide funding for the Judicial Branch Capital Program. Submit recommendations as needed for Judicial Council consideration. Status/Timeline: Ongoing.									

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	Project Summary: Coordinate with the Judicial Council and its Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee (TCFMAC) to seek additional funding for existing courthouse operations, maintenance, and facility modifications. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's offices of Facilities Services, Budget Services, and Legal Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial and appellate courts; justice partners; DOF; Legislature; and Office of Governor. AC Collaboration: Judicial Branch Budget Committee and Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee.								

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6.	Project Title: Courthouse of the Future						Priority: 1
Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals:							
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Project Summary: Review of how the courthouse of the future will be different including pandemic <i>lessons learned</i>, the hybrid courtroom and Digital Court, and applicability to future capital projects. Submit recommendations as needed for Judicial Council consideration. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's offices of Facilities Services, Budget Services, and Legal Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial and appellate courts; justice partners; DOF; Legislature; and Office of Governor. AC Collaboration: Technology Committee, Information Technology Advisory Committee, Data Analytics Advisory Committee, and Courthouse Cost Reduction Subcommittee.							

III. LIST OF 2025 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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1.	Ongoing: Review of Judicial Council-approved new courthouse construction and renovation projects in relation to available construction program budget and recommend how to proceed.
2.	Ongoing: Review and monitor implementation of IOC recommendations.
3.	Ongoing: Oversight of reductions to courthouse project costs.
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5.	Ongoing: Coordinate with the Judicial Council and its TCFMAC to seek additional funding for existing courthouse operations, maintenance, and facility modifications.
6.	Ongoing: Review how the courthouse of the future will implement efficiencies including the hybrid courtroom and Digital Court and applicability to future capital projects.
7.	Completed: On March 12, 2025, and for the Monterey–New Fort Ord Courthouse project, the CFAC reviewed and approved the project’s performance criteria for submission to the SPWB and to proceed with a Request for Qualifications for Design-Build Entity (DBE) and a Request for Proposal for DBE.
8.	Completed: On March 12, 2025, the CFAC reviewed projects proposed in a draft <i>Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan</i> for FY 2026–27 and approved a BCC capturing the same proposed capital-outlay funding from fiscal years 2026–27 through 2030–31. Subsequently, the BCC was submitted to the JBBC for review at its meetings in April and May 2025, in the context of all judicial branch BCCs under consideration to proceed as budget change proposals.
9.	Completed: On March 12, 2025, the CFAC directed cost reductions of the Kern–New East County Courthouse and Orange–New Orange County Collaborative Courthouse projects by the end of 2025, aimed at making smaller courthouse projects (in the range of 1–4 courtrooms) more cost-effective on a cost-per-square-foot basis to improve the likelihood of funding.

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10.	Completed: On May 23, 2025, the CFAC reviewed and approved the draft <i>Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan</i> and COBCPs for FY 2026–27 for submission to the Judicial Council and DOF. Also, a reduction of the San Joaquin–New Tracy Courthouse project’s building size from 28,000 gross square feet (GSF) to approximately 23,000 GSF was approved for cost-savings. This five-year plan forms the basis for the capital project funding requests for the upcoming and outlying fiscal years, and the COBCPs reflect funding requested for the phases of the projects in year 1 (FY 2026–27) of the plan. Subsequently, the five-year plan and COBCPs were proposed to the council, approved on July 18, 2025, and submitted to the DOF on August 4, 2025.
11.	Completed: On September 22, 2025, the CFAC’s Courthouse Cost Reduction Subcommittee reviewed and approved the reduced building sizes and reduced costs for the Kern–New East County Courthouse and Orange–New Orange County Collaborative Courthouse projects to proceed to the CFAC for review.
12.	Completed: On September 25, 2025, the CFAC reviewed and approved the reduced building sizes and reduced costs for the Kern–New East County Courthouse and Orange–New Orange County Collaborative Courthouse projects. Subsequently, project budget documents were updated, including the <i>Judicial Branch Five-Year Infrastructure Plan for Fiscal Year 2026–27</i> , for submission to the DOF.

Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee
Annual Agenda¹—2026
Approved by Executive and Planning Committee: [Date]

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Hon. Donald Cole Byrd, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Glenn County
Vice-Chair:	Hon. William F. Highberger, Judge, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
Lead Staff:	Mr. Tamer Ahmed, Director, Facilities Services Mr. Jagan Singh, Deputy Director, Facilities Services
Advisory Body's Charge/Membership: Rule 10.65 of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee (TCFMAC), which is to make recommendations to the Judicial Council on facilities modifications, maintenance, and operations; environmental services; and utility management. In addition, the committee performs the following: (1) Makes recommendations to the Judicial Council on policy issues, business practices, and budget monitoring and control for all facility related matters in existing branch facilities. (2) Makes recommendations to the Judicial Council on funding and takes additional action in accordance with council policy, both for facility modifications and for operations and maintenance. (3) Collaborates with the Court Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC) in the development of the capital program, including providing input on design standards, prioritization of capital projects, and methods to reduce construction cost without impacting long-term operations and maintenance cost. (4) Provides quarterly and annual reports on the facilities modification program in accordance with the Judicial Council's Trial Court Facility Modifications Policy. Rule 10.65(c) sets forth the membership position of the committee. The TCFMAC currently has 11 members. The current advisory body roster is as available on the advisory body's webpage.	

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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: New Modesto Courthouse Activation	Priority: 1							
Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals:									
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Project Summary: Monitor the building activation of the new Modesto Courthouse in Modesto in Stanislaus County. Status/Timeline: The new courthouse is scheduled to open to the public in March 2026. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's Facilities Services and Legal Services. ☐ 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: Superior Court of Stanislaus County and justice partners. AC Collaboration: None.									
2.	Project Title: New Lakeport Courthouse Activation	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Monitor the building activation of the new Lakeport Courthouse in in Lakeport in Lake County. Status/Timeline: The new courthouse is scheduled to open to the public in September 2026. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's Facilities Services and Legal Services. ☐ 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>									

#	New or One-Time Projects								
	Internal/External Stakeholders: Superior Court of Lake County and justice partners. AC Collaboration: None.								
3.	Project Title: Los Angeles Spring Street Courthouse—Courtrooms Relocation	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: Monitor the relocation of 23 of the 24 courtrooms/operations from the Spring Street Courthouse in Los Angeles County: 17 to existing courthouses in the Northwest, North Central, West, South Central, Southeast, and Central districts, and six to the North Valley district. In early 2025, the Judicial Council was informed by the U.S. General Services Administration that the federal government is divesting from the building that is currently housing the Spring Street Courthouse in the Civic Center area of downtown Los Angeles and that the lease for the superior court, which expires on December 31, 2028, will not be extended. In April 2025, the TCFMAC approved a budget change concept (BCC) to request this relocation project is funded through a one-time, General Fund allocation of \$42.4 million in fiscal year (FY) 2026–27; and in July 2025, the Judicial Council approved the project’s budget change proposal (BCP) for submission to the California Department of Finance (DOF). Status/Timeline: Relocation to 9 existing courthouses by December 2028, assuming funding is authorized in the Budget Act of 2026 (FY 2026–27). Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council’s Facilities Services and Budget Services. ☐ 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: Superior Court of Los Angeles County; justice partners; DOF; Legislature; and Office of Governor. AC Collaboration: Judicial Branch Budget Committee (JBBC) and Executive and Planning Committee.								

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
1.	Project Title: Judicial Branch Facility Modification Projects	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Review and approve facility modification projects proposed by the trial courts, regional service providers, and Judicial Council staff. Approve projects that receive funding allocations for execution by Judicial Council staff. Submit recommendations as needed for Judicial Council consideration. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. The committee meets every 30–60 days to review proposed projects. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council’s Facilities Services and Budget Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial courts and justice partners. AC Collaboration: None.									
2.	Project Title: Judicial Branch Facility Operations and Maintenance (O&M)	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Oversight of judicial branch facilities O&M spending through annual budget allocation approval and re-evaluation as needed. Oversight of policy issues on O&M of existing facilities, noncapital-related real estate transactions, energy management, and environmental management and sustainability, including but not limited to review of the Judicial Council’s preventive maintenance and energy management plans. Provide oversight of facility O&M for delegated courts including review of key performance indicators. Submit recommendations as needed for Judicial Council consideration.									

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
	Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Budget allocations are reviewed annually and re-evaluated if the budget for O&M changes. The budget status is reviewed annually. Preventive maintenance and service provider/delegated court performance is reviewed at each TCFMAC meeting. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's Facilities Services and Budget Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial courts and justice partners. AC Collaboration: None.								
3.	Project Title: Trial Court Facility Modification Quarterly Activity Reports and Annual Report Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: <table border="0"> <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: Provide the Judicial Council with a report for informational purposes summarizing the TCFMAC's allocation of facility modification funding after the end of each fiscal year quarter. The report for the last quarter also includes a summary of all facility modifications for the fiscal year. These information-only reports are submitted as required by the council's <i>Trial Court Facility Modifications Policy</i>. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. FY 2025–26 reports are proposed for the following Judicial Council meetings: February 2026 for the Q1 report; April 2026 for the Q2 report; July 2026 for the Q3 report; and October 2026 for the Q4/Annual report. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's Facilities Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial courts and justice partners. AC Collaboration: Executive and Planning Committee.								

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
4.	Project Title: Develop Proposed Budget Change Proposals (BCPs)	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Determine budget increases to be requested each fiscal year to address new and ongoing needs, such as ongoing deferred maintenance; augmentation to ongoing resources for facility modifications; water conservation facility modification projects; and augmentation to ongoing resources for the O&M and utility costs of existing and newly constructed courthouses. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Typical BCPs timeline: Drafts due to Judicial Council Budget Services in February 2026; review by the JBBC in May 2026; Judicial Council approval in July 2026; and submission to DOF in September 2026. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's Facilities Services and Budget Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial courts; justice partners; DOF; Legislature; and Office of Governor. AC Collaboration: Judicial Branch Budget Committee.									
5.	Project Title: Judicial Branch Five-Year Master Plan – Trial Court Facilities Deferred Maintenance List	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Develop the judicial branch <i>Five-Year Deferred Maintenance Report for Fiscal Year 2027–28</i> for trial court facilities for submission to DOF for consideration of funding. The report for FY 2026–27 contained a list of 22,396 projects at an estimated rough order of magnitude of \$5.3 billion, with the Judicial Council's share being \$3.9 billion. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. The five-year master plan is submitted to DOF in September of each year.									

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	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's Facilities Services and Budget Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial courts; justice partners; and DOF. AC Collaboration: None.								
6.	Project Title: Courthouse Security Systems Maintenance and Replacement	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: Maintain and replace security equipment within existing court facilities statewide, including aging camera, access control, and duress alarm systems. These projects are necessary to maintain trial court facilities at an industry level of care. Starting with FY 2019–20 and ongoing, the Court Security Advisory Committee (CSAC) receives \$6 million annually to develop and oversee these types of projects, but the TCFMAC funds certain security-related projects not covered by these funds. The TCFMAC collaborates with the CSAC to identify project responsibility between committees. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's Facilities Services and Budget Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial courts and justice partners. AC Collaboration: Court Security Advisory Committee.								

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7.	Project Title: Trial Court Real Estate Expenses and Revenue	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Oversight of trial court lease expenses and revenues. Revenue from leases is deposited into the Court Facilities Trust Fund (CFTF) and State Court Facilities Construction Fund. Expense-leases are funded by the CFTF, Trial Court Trust Fund, Courthouse Construction Fund, Court Facilities Architectural Revolving Fund, and General Fund. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. The TCFMAC performs an annual review of the lease-expense-and-revenue forecast. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's Facilities Services and Budget Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial courts and justice partners. AC Collaboration: Executive and Planning Committee's Real Estate Policies Subcommittee.									
8.	Project Title: Monitor the Architectural Revolving Fund Projects	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Monitor the Architectural Revolving Fund projects to ensure the projects are progressing and completing. Status/Timeline: Ongoing review of the Architectural Revolving Fund projects. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's Facilities Services and Budget Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.									

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
	Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial courts and DOF. AC Collaboration: None.								
9.	Project Title: Deferred-Maintenance-Funded Projects (DMF-3) – Monitor Encumbrance Liquidation Since FY 2019–20	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Monitor encumbrance liquidation for DMF-3 projects funded by a one-time General Fund allocation in FY 2019–20 of \$15 million for trial courts. Funding is earmarked for fire alarm systems and fire protection projects. Status/Timeline: Monitor encumbrances for liquidation in fiscal years 2025–26 and 2026–27. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council’s Facilities Services and Budget Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial courts and justice partners. AC Collaboration: None.									
10.	Project Title: Deferred-Maintenance-Funded Projects (DMF-4) – Monitor Encumbrance Liquidation Since FY 2021–22	Priority: 1							
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#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
	Project Summary: Monitor encumbrance liquidation for DMF-4 projects funded by a one-time General Fund allocation in FY 2021–22 of \$180 million—later reduced to \$132.6 million—for trial courts. Funding was encumbered over three years—\$84.6 million in FY 2021–22, \$42.4 million in FY 2022–23, and \$5.6 million in FY 2023–24—and is earmarked primarily to replace roofs and elevators and to upgrade fire protection, electrical, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, and building management systems (BMS). Status/Timeline: Monitor for liquidation in fiscal years 2025–26 and 2026–27. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council’s Facilities Services and Budget Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial courts and justice partners. AC Collaboration: None.								
11.	Project Title: Monitor Top Five Facilities with the Highest Number of Plumbing Leak Incidents and Costs 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 Project Summary: Continue to monitor the top five facilities with the highest number of plumbing leak incidents and costs and evaluate possible solutions to reduce future leaks. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council’s Facilities Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial courts and justice partners. AC Collaboration: None.
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12.	Project Title: Monitor the Orange Central Justice Center Fire and Life Safety (FLS) Systems Project	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Monitor the major facility modification at the Central Justice Center in Orange County, which expands the fire and life safety systems to address the noncompliance notice issued by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The total estimated project cost is \$70.2 million: the Judicial Council's project share (91.17 percent) is \$64.1 million, and the county's share (8.83 percent) is \$6.1 million. To complete this project, funding was authorized from the General Fund over two fiscal years: \$4 million in FY 2021–22 (Year 1), \$48.8 million in FY 2021–22 (Year 2), and \$11.29 million in FY 2022–23. Funding has been requested in FY 2026–27 to supplement this funding to address cost increases and to recoup the county's share of costs associated with completing the project. Status/Timeline: Ongoing multi-year project. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's Facilities Services, Budget Services, and Legal Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Superior Court of Orange County and justice partners. AC Collaboration: None.									
13.	Project Title: Monitor the San Diego Hall of Justice Building Systems Modernization Project	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Monitor the major facility modification at the San Diego Hall of Justice, which is led by the County of San Diego. This multi-year project is to repair and modernize all major building systems including HVAC, vertical transportation, and plumbing. The Judicial Council's project share (40.24 percent) is \$29.6 million, which was authorized from the General Fund in the 2022 Budget Act (FY 2022–23).									

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
	In FY 2025–26, an additional \$9.5 million was authorized to supplement this funding to address cost increases. The county is managing the project in multiple phases, and the TCFMAC reviews the extended encumbrance and liquidation period. Status/Timeline: Ongoing multi-year project. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council’s Facilities Services, Budget Services, and Legal Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Superior Court of San Diego County; justice partners; and the County of San Diego. AC Collaboration: None.								
14.	Project Title: Monitor Activation of the New Tani Cantil-Sakauye Sacramento County Courthouse	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: Monitor the building activation of the new Tani Cantil-Sakauye Sacramento County Courthouse in Sacramento in Sacramento County. Status/Timeline: The new courthouse is scheduled to open to the public in early-2026. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council’s Facilities Services and Legal Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Superior Court of Sacramento County and justice partners. AC Collaboration: None.								

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15.	Project Title: Monitor Activation of the New Hall of Justice (Santa Rosa)	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Monitor the building activation of the new Hall of Justice in Santa Rosa in Sonoma County. Status/Timeline: The new courthouse is scheduled to open to the public in early-2026. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's Facilities Services and Legal Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Superior Court of Sonoma County and justice partners. AC Collaboration: None.									
16.	Project Title: Monitor Activation of the New Indio Juvenile and Family Courthouse	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Monitor the building activation of the new Indio Juvenile and Family Courthouse project in Indio in Riverside County. Status/Timeline: The new courthouse is scheduled to open to the public in late summer 2026. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's Facilities Services and Legal Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.									

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
	Internal/External Stakeholders: Superior Court of Riverside County and justice partners. AC Collaboration: None.								
17.	Project Title: Solar and Battery Storage Program	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Monitor the solar and battery storage program, including the progress on installations at 20 locations that are expected to be operational by end of 2026. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council's Facilities Services and Legal Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial courts. AC Collaboration: None.									
18.	Project Title: Disposition of Courthouse Facilities	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Monitor dispositions of existing courthouse facilities as they are vacated due to completion of new courthouse capital projects, such as the New Tani Cantil-Sakauye Sacramento County Courthouse, the New Hall of Justice (Santa Rosa), and the New Indio Juvenile and Family Courthouse. Status/Timeline: Ongoing.									

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities
	<i>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:</i> Coordination through lead staff to the committee with input from the Judicial Council’s Facilities Services, Budget Services, and Legal Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. <i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i> Trial courts, justice partners, DOF, Legislature, and Office of Governor. <i>AC Collaboration:</i> Executive and Planning Committee’s Real Estate Policies Subcommittee.

III. LIST OF 2025 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	Ongoing: Collaborated with the CSAC to complete security-related projects.
2.	Ongoing: Reviewed and approved facility modification projects, including security-related facility modifications, proposed by the trial courts, regional service providers, and Judicial Council staff.
3.	Ongoing: Oversaw judicial branch facilities O&M spending and policy issues on O&M of existing facilities, non-capital-related real estate transactions, energy management, and environmental management and sustainability.
4.	Ongoing: Collaborated with the CFAC in the development of the judicial branch courthouse capital program.
5.	Ongoing: Monitored progress of the deferred maintenance projects in trial court facilities throughout the state: DMF-3 projects for fire alarm systems and fire protection and DMF-4 projects to replace roofs and elevators and to upgrade fire protection, electrical, and HVAC systems, and BMS.
6.	Completed: As informational items in February, April, July, and October 2025, the Judicial Council received FY 2024–25 quarterly reports and an annual summary on the allocation of funding for trial court facility modifications. These reports also present the court-funded facilities requests (CFRs) the Judicial Council Facilities Services Director approved for TCFMAC review.
7.	Completed: In 2025, two facility modification projects on the Architectural Revolving Fund project list were completed.
8.	Completed: In January 2025, the TCFMAC approved FY 2026–27 BCCs for facilities program support, facility modifications, court facilities maintenance and utilities, courthouse water conservation and leak detection measures, BMS guidelines and assessment, waterborne pathogen management program implementation, deferred maintenance, and additional funding for the Orange – Central Justice Center facility modification project.
9.	Completed: In January 2025, the TCFMAC completed final encumbrance of the \$50 million in funding for DMF-2 projects. A total of 27 projects have been completed including a statewide assessment to replace roofs, elevators, and wheelchair lifts and to upgrade building automation systems.
10.	Completed: In January 2025, CFRs transitioned to the Judicial Council Facilities Services’ Computer-Aided Facilities Management system for intake and processing.
11.	Completed: In January 2025, the TCFMAC approved a draft report to the Legislature on superior court lactation rooms funding and expenditures for submission to the Judicial Council. Subsequently, this report was proposed to the council, approved on February 21, 2025, and submitted to the Legislature in advance of the statutory deadline of March 1, 2025.

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
12.	Completed: In April 2025, for submission to the JBBC and Judicial Council, the TCFMAC approved a draft BCC for a one-time, General Fund allocation of \$42.4 million in FY 2026–27 for relocation of 23 of the 24 courtrooms/operations from the Spring Street Courthouse in Los Angeles County. This relocation project is necessary as the federal government is divesting from the building that is currently housing the Spring Street Courthouse. Subsequently, this BCC was proposed to the JBBC in May 2025, and a BCP for funding this relocation project was approved by the council in July 2025 and submitted to the DOF in August 2025.
13.	Completed: In August 2025, the TCFMAC reviewed the trial court lease-expense-and-revenue forecast for FY 2025–26.
14.	Completed: In August 2025, the TCFMAC approved the proposed FY 2025–26 facility modifications budget and the O&M spending plan.
15.	Completed: In August 2025, the TCFMAC approved the judicial branch’s <i>Five-Year Deferred Maintenance Report for Fiscal Year 2026–27</i> for submission to DOF.
16.	Completed: In fall 2025, the major facility modification project at the San Diego East County Regional Center was completed. This project corrected fire and life safety-egress deficiencies. The project’s funding was authorized in two allotments over FY 2021–22 and FY 2022–23. The total project cost of \$42 million was shared between the Judicial Council and the County of San Diego based on respective space occupancy of the building: the Judicial Council’s share (67.71 percent) was \$28.4 million, and the county’s share (32.29 percent) was \$13.6 million.

Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness
Annual Agenda¹—2026
Approved by the Executive and Planning Committee: [Date]

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Cochair:	Hon. Victor A. Rodriguez, Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Three Hon. Kevin C. Brazile, Judge, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
Lead Staff:	Ms. Cristina Resendiz-Johnson, Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts
Advisory Body’s Charge/Membership: Rule 10.55 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 Resources (CJER) Advisory Committee, regarding proposals for the education and training of judicial officers and court staff. Rule 10.55(c) sets forth the membership composition of the committee. PAF currently has 27 members. The current committee roster is available on the committee’s webpage.	
Subgroups of the Advisory Body²: 1. 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, 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. 2. Legislation and Proposals Subcommittee: Review and receive updates on legislation and proposals from Judicial Council Governmental Affairs, Legal Services, and other offices in the areas of access and fairness affecting the judicial branch. (<i>New</i>, the previous Ad Hoc working group was approved on the 2021 Annual Agenda.)	

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).

3. Racial Justice Subcommittee: Gather information on branchwide 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. (*New*, the previous Ad Hoc working group was approved on the 2021 Annual Agenda.)

Advisory Body and Subgroup Meetings Planned for 2026³

- Regular bi-monthly videoconference meetings on third Thursdays, 12:15–1:15 p.m., beginning February 2026.

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

³ Refer to section IV. 2 (Meeting frequency) of the [Operating Standards for Judicial Council Advisory Bodies](#) for governance of 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.

II. COMMITTEE PROJECTS

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 Video Remote Interpreting Directory of Interpreters in High Demand Emerging Languages (<i>New/Implementation Project</i>)	Priority: 1							
Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals:									
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Project Summary: The PAF Language Access Subcommittee will work with Judicial Council staff from the Leadership Support Services' (LSS) Language Access Services Program to develop a directory of video remote interpreting (VRI) interpreters in high-demand emerging languages who can assist court staff and litigants. The 2025 Language Need and Interpreter Use Study indicated that emerging languages like Hindi and Latin American indigenous languages, including Mam and Mixteco de Guerrero, are on the rise and now on the list of the 30 most interpreted languages. A directory of VRI interpreters for high-demand, emerging languages, including relay interpreters who can assist litigants remotely, will enhance access to justice and reduce costs and delays. As part of the project, training needs for interpreters will be assessed. Status/Timeline: December 2026. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Staff resources in Language Access Services (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: Court stakeholders (e.g., court interpreter coordinators and court Language Access Representatives). AC Collaboration: PAF Language Access Subcommittee.									
2.	Project Title: Requests for Accommodations by Persons with Disabilities: Amend California Rule of Court, Rule 1.100 and Revise Forms MC-410 and MC-410-INFO (<i>New/Implementation Project</i>)	Priority: 1c							
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#	New or One-Time Projects
	Project Summary: PAF will recommend amending rule 1.100 and revising forms MC-410 and MC-410-INFO to address inconsistent deadlines for disability accommodation requests in the California Rules of Court and the accommodations specified in Section 54.8 of the Civil Code, which governs requests for assistive listening devices and computer-aided transcription systems. The proposed changes to the rule and forms are based on the feedback received by the committee indicating that the inconsistent deadlines for different types of accommodations can lead to confusion for court users attempting to make timely requests. Status/Timeline: A proposal to revise forms MC-410, MC-410-INFO, and amend rule 1.100 would circulate in the spring 2026 cycle with an expected effective date of January 1, 2027. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff. ☐ 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: PAF Legislation and Proposals Subcommittee.

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
1.	Project Title: Diversity in The Branch (Implementation Project)	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: PAF will do the following: - Continue to update the Pathways to Judicial Diversity 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. - Continue to serve as a subject matter resource with justice partners and stakeholders on initiatives for increasing diversity in the judicial branch. - 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. - Work on implementation of the recommendations from the 2021 Judicial Diversity Summit 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: - Summit recommendation 1, <i>Increase Education and Resources on Judicial Appointments and Elections Process.</i> - 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 - Summit recommendation 4, <i>Strengthen and Coordinate Judicial Outreach to Connect with Diverse Younger Generations.</i> - Plan the 2026 Judicial Diversity Summit with our justice partners, including the California Lawyers Association. This task was included in the committee's prior Annual Agenda, item <i>e.</i> was updated to include new details. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC, IT, Governmental Affairs, and CJER staff ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: California Judges Association, California Lawyers Association, and California ChangeLawyers. AC Collaboration: Executive and Planning Committee, Legislation Committee, CJER Advisory Committee, and Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee (TCPJAC).									

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
2.	Project Title: Language Access Signage and Technology Grants, Cycle 8 (<i>Implementation Project</i>)	Priority: 1							
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3.	Project Title: Racial Justice Subcommittee (<i>Implementation Project</i>)	Priority: 1							
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#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
	Project Summary: PAF will continue to review and provide updates regarding the branch’s efforts to address racial bias and promote fairness. The new subcommittee (formerly the Ad Hoc Racial Justice Working Group), will gather information on branchwide efforts for racial justice, collaborate with stakeholders to promote these initiatives, and make recommendations to PAF on ways to address racial bias within the branch. PAF’s subcommittee will also continue to maintain and promote both the Racial Justice webpages on the California Courts website and racial justice education and resources for judicial officers and court personnel. The Racial Justice webpages offer the public information on branchwide initiatives to address bias in the courts, promote judicial diversity, and improve access for court users with limited English proficiency. The educational and training resources assist courts with advancing racial equity and fairness. These will be regularly updated to reflect ongoing developments in the areas of racial justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion. Updates include a webinar to orient court staff to these resources and provide strategies for the implementation of tools to promote racial justice in their everyday work. This project was approved on the committee’s 2021 annual agenda. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC, CJER, Criminal Justice Services (CJS), and IT staff. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: California Judges Association, California Lawyers Association, and California ChangeLawyers. AC Collaboration: Executive and Planning Committee, Legislation Committee, CJER Advisory Committee, and TCPJAC.								
4.	Project Title: Develop Standard of Judicial Administration and Rules and Forms Revisions to Implement Assembly Bill 1899 (Stats. 2024, Ch. 812) (Juror Questionnaires) (<i>Implementation Project</i>) 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: 1a
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	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 circulated in the winter 2025 cycle with an anticipated effective date of July 1, 2026.								

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC and Legal Services staff. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: PAF Legislation and Proposals Subcommittee, Criminal Law Advisory Committee (CLAC), Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee (CSCAC).								
5.	Project Title: Collaborate and Provide Subject Matter Expertise (<i>Implementation Project</i>)	Priority: 2							
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	Project Summary: 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. 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 Guidelines for the Operation of Self-Help Centers in California Trial Courts as provided by California Rules of Court, rule 10.960 (e). PAF will continue collaborations with the Traffic Advisory Committee (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. PAF will also continue to provide technical assistance to the JusticeCorps program on evaluation of members' career paths and promote the program's efforts to enhance civics education. <i>Post-Pandemic Initiatives</i> – Outreach on Remote Services including the SRL portal and explore partnerships with community-based organizations to assist with remote proceedings. This task was included in the committee's prior Annual Agenda. Status/Timeline: Ongoing.								

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities															
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC, Governmental Affairs, IT, and CJS staff. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: 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.															
6.	Project Title: Improving Access and Fairness through Technology (Implementation Project)	Priority: 2														
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	Project Summary: PAF will continue coordinating with Judicial Council IT staff on the development of the online California Courts Self-Help Guide (See The Critical Role of the State Judiciary in Increasing Access for Self-Represented Litigants: Self-Help Access 360) and coordinate with IT staff on development of a new reporting portal to assist courts in complying with Civil Code section 54.8 regarding assistive listening devices and CART services. 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. This project does not result in recommendations to the Judicial Council and was approved on the committee's 2016 annual agenda. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC and IT staff. ☐ 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.															

III. LIST OF 2025 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	Develop Training for Court Staff on Appropriate Use of Machine Translation Tools: The National Center for State Courts, under contract with the Judicial Council’s Language Access Services, worked in collaboration with council staff in Language Access Services and Information Technology to develop training resources for court staff on the appropriate use of the California Courts Translator application, which uses voice-to-text technology to enable communication between court staff and limited-English-proficient court users. The resources developed include: six training modules and a tip sheet to assist court staff with using the application, as well as multilingual explainer videos for court users. The developed resources are available to the courts on the California Courts Translator SharePoint site. Status: Completed.
2.	Implementation of Superior Court Lactation Accommodation Procedure (Sen. Bill 949 Stats. 2024, Ch. 159) in All Court Proceedings: Effective July 1, 2026, SB 949 requires superior courts to grant court users who are participating in court proceedings a reasonable amount of break time to express milk for their infant children. To implement the new law, the committee circulated a proposal for comment in Spring 2025 that included one new rule of court and one new optional form, which was approved by the Judicial Council on October 24, 2025 meeting. Status: Completed.
3.	Language Access Signage and Technology Grants, Cycle 7: The cycle 7 grants for FY 2025–26 launched in February 2025. On July 18, 2025, the council approved funding to 17 courts for language access signage and technology projects. Status: Ongoing.
4.	Collaborate and Provide Subject Matter Expertise: 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.
5.	Ad Hoc Racial Justice Working Group: A Racial Justice landing page was launched on the California Courts website detailing the Judicial Council’s Access, Fairness, Diversity, and Inclusion initiatives. Status: Updates to and presentations of racial justice education and resources will be ongoing.

Court Security Advisory Committee

Annual Agenda¹—2026

Approved by Executive and Planning Committee: [Date]

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Hon. Charlaine F. Olmedo, Judge, Superior Court of Los Angeles County
Lead Staff:	Mr. Edward Ellestad, Supervisor, Emergency Planning and Security Coordination, Facilities Services Ms. Lisa Gotch, Analyst, Emergency Planning and Security Coordination, Facilities Services
Advisory Body's Charge/Membership: Rule 10.61(a) of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Court Security Advisory Committee, which is to make recommendations to the council for improving court security, including personal security and emergency response planning. Rule 10.61(b) sets forth the membership position of the advisory body. The Court Security Advisory Committee currently has 10 members. The current advisory body roster is available on the advisory body's webpage .	
Subgroups of the Advisory Body²: None.	
Advisory Body and Subgroup Meetings Planned for 2026³: Remote quarterly videoconferences will be scheduled. Additional videoconferences will be scheduled if necessary. ☐ Check here if in-person meeting is approved by the internal committee oversight chair.	

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Project Summary: Consider new and continuing emergency- and security-related concerns for the branch, and make additional recommendations as needed—with special focus on assisting courts, justice partners, and parties with access to justice. - The <u>origin</u> of this project is the committee’s charge under rule 10.61. - The <u>objective</u> this project supports is to make recommendations on the necessary emergency response and security functions for the branch. It aligns with the Judicial Council’s Goal III (ensure the safety and security of the work environment, and develop emergency and continuity-of-business plans for times of crisis or natural disaster) as well as Goal VI (provide and maintain safe, dignified, and fully functional facilities for conducting court business). - The <u>outcome</u> would be reports to Judicial Council, which may include recommendations that the council direct its facilities and budget advisory committees on specific or urgent priorities. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Recommendations that may have a fiscal impact will be discussed with appropriate Judicial Council staff and advisory bodies first. This project will use current Judicial Council staffing and resources from the Emergency Planning and Security Coordination Unit of the Facilities Services office. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Depending on recommendations, stakeholders could include Judicial Council offices (Governmental Affairs, Budget Services, Business Management Services, Center for Judicial Education and Research, Leadership Support Services, and Legal Services). External stakeholders include the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee, trial courts, and appellate courts. AC Collaboration: Depending on recommendations, collaborators could include the Court Executives Advisory Committee, Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee, Court Facilities Advisory Committee, Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee, and the Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee.									

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2.	Project Title: Trial Courts' Screening Equipment Replacement	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Make recommendations to Judicial Council to support Emergency Planning and Security Coordination Unit's Screening Equipment Replacement Program for trial courts, which replaces and maintains x-ray machines and magnetometers. - The <u>origin</u> of this project is our July 2015 report to the Judicial Council, which identifies this program as a necessary and appropriate function. - The <u>objective</u> this project supports is to advise on, and advocate for funding to support, existing emergency- and security-related programs. It aligns with the Judicial Council's Goal III (ensure the safety and security of the work environment) as well as Goal VI (provide and maintain safe, dignified, and fully functional facilities for conducting court business). - The <u>outcome</u> would be to support and advocate for continued funding should proposed budget cuts threaten the Screening Equipment Replacement Program. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: The program in project #2 has a budget of \$2.286 million funded annually through the Trial Court Trust Fund; this is sufficient for anticipated work in fiscal year (FY) 2025–26. This project will use current Judicial Council staffing and resources from the Emergency Planning and Security Coordination Unit. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee, and trial courts (primary users). AC Collaboration: None anticipated at this time.									

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3.	Project Title: Trial Courts' Security Equipment and Systems						Priority: 1
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Project Summary: Make recommendations to Judicial Council to support Emergency Planning and Security Coordination Unit's Security Systems Program that refreshes, maintains, replaces, improves, and installs electronic security equipment and systems. The program includes (but is not limited to) video surveillance, access control, duress alarm, and specialized systems as well as services to evaluate and design new or replacement systems. In addition, it supports an online planning system, which is referenced in project #4 and #5. - The <u>origin</u> of this project is our July 2015 report to the Judicial Council, which identifies the related work as a necessary and appropriate function. - The <u>objective</u> this project supports is to advise on, and advocate for funding to support, existing emergency- and security-related programs. It aligns with the Judicial Council's Goal III (ensure the safety and security of the work environment) as well as Goal VI (provide and maintain safe, dignified, and fully functional facilities for conducting court business). - The <u>outcome</u> would be review and approval of Security Systems Program projects, and information about costs associated with this goal for the Judicial Council's facilities and budget advisory committees and decision-makers. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: The program in project #3 has a budget of \$6 million funded annually through the Governor's Budget, effective FY 2019–20. As the BCP that requested those funds specified the committee's involvement, the committee regularly receives information on, and reviews and approves, proposed projects. This project will use Judicial Council staffing and resources from the Emergency Planning and Security Coordination Unit. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee, and trial courts (primary users). AC Collaboration: Information Technology Advisory Committee.							

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4.	Project Title: Emergency and Continuity of Operations Planning	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Make recommendations to Judicial Council to support Emergency Planning and Security Coordination Unit's Emergency and Continuity of Operations Planning Program, which provides and maintains online planning system and trainings. - The <u>origin</u> of this project is our July 2015 report to the Judicial Council, which identifies this program as a necessary and appropriate function. - The <u>objective</u> this project supports is to advise on, and advocate for funding to support, existing emergency- and security-related programs. It aligns with the Judicial Council's Goal III (ensure the safety and security of the work environment and develop emergency and continuity-of-business plans for times of crisis or natural disaster) as well as Goal VI (provide and maintain safe, dignified, and fully functional facilities for conducting court business). - The <u>outcome</u> would be information about costs associated with this goal for the Judicial Council's facilities and budget advisory committees and decision-makers. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: The program in project #4, and related module in project #5, are paid for through the Emergency Planning and Security Coordination Unit's general fund, and any supplemental trial court training is paid by the annual funding described in project #3. This project will use current Judicial Council staffing and resources from the Emergency Planning and Security Coordination Unit. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee, trial courts (primary users) and Judicial Council/appellate courts (secondary users). AC Collaboration: None anticipated at this time.									

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Project Summary: Make recommendations to Judicial Council to support Emergency Planning and Security Coordination Unit's Court Security Plan services—specifically, through a module included in the online planning system mentioned in Project #4, and annual review of summary data by this committee under rule 10.172(e). - The <u>origin</u> of this project is our July 2015 report to the Judicial Council, which identifies this service as a necessary and appropriate function, and rule 10.172 on Court Security Plans. - The <u>objective</u> this project supports is to advise on, and advocate for funding to support, existing emergency- and security-related programs. It aligns with the Judicial Council's Goal III (ensure the safety and security of the work environment and develop emergency and continuity-of-business plans for times of crisis or natural disaster) as well as Goal VI (provide and maintain safe, dignified, and fully functional facilities for conducting court business). - The <u>outcome</u> would be information about costs associated with this goal for the Judicial Council's facilities and budget advisory committees and decision-makers. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: The program in project #4, and related module in project #5, are paid for through the Emergency Planning and Security Coordination Unit's general fund, and any supplemental trial court training is paid by the annual funding described in project #3. This project will use current Judicial Council staffing and resources from the Emergency Planning and Security Coordination Unit. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee, and trial courts (primary users of the module). AC Collaboration: None anticipated at this time.									

III. LIST OF 2025 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	Ongoing: Considered new and continuing emergency- and security-related concerns for the branch, and whether to make additional recommendations—with focus on assisting courts, justice partners, and parties with access to justice.
2.	Ongoing: Considered information about, and reviewed and approved projects for, Emergency Planning and Security Coordination Unit’s Security Systems Program that refreshes, maintains, replaces, improves, and installs electronic security equipment and systems.
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4.	Ongoing: Considered information about Emergency Planning and Security Coordination Unit’s Court Security Plan services—and performed an annual review of submission/notification summary data under rule 10.172(e) of the California Rules of Court.
5.	Completed: On February 7, 2025, received an update on a Facilities Services’ Budget Change Proposal for FY 2026–27 requesting funding to identify deficiencies for physical security features in trial courts that fall outside of the electronic security systems addressed by the Security Systems Program, which it previously discussed in August 2024.
6.	Completed: On February 27, 2025, (1) received and discussed information on the Court Security Plan submissions and notifications for the February deadline specified in rule 10.172 of the California Rules of Court; and (2) reviewed and approved proposed projects for the Security Systems Program and voted to approve 8 projects—primarily relating to access, video, and duress systems—for a total of \$612,720.49.
7.	Completed: On April 17, 2025, reviewed and approved proposed projects for the Security Systems Program and voted to approve 13 projects—primarily relating to access and video systems—for a total of \$1,809,868.55.
8.	Completed: On August 13, 2025, (1) received an update on Security System Program expenditures/encumbrances for the past fiscal year (for FY 2024–25 all but \$1,525 of the \$6 million annual budget was encumbered); (2) reviewed and approved 3 updated blanket approvals for Security Systems Program for the current fiscal year (\$1 million for statewide service calls and agreements, \$50,000 for consultant contracts, and \$100,000 for asbestos testing); and (3) reviewed and approved proposed projects for the Security Systems Program and voted to approve 12 projects relating to access, duress alarm, and video systems for an additional \$945,206.24.

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee
Annual Agenda¹—2026
Approved by Executive and Planning Committee: [Date]

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Hon. Charles A. Smiley, III, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, District One
Lead Staff:	Ms. Carrie Zoller, Supervising Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts Ms. Emily Chirk, Senior Analyst, Criminal Justice Services
Advisory Body's Charge/Membership: Rule 10.56(a) of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee, which is to make recommendations to the Judicial Council on criteria for evaluating and improving adult and youth collaborative programs that incorporate judicial supervision, collaboration among justice system partners, or rehabilitative services. Rule 10.56(b) sets forth additional duties of the advisory body: 1. Make recommendations to the council on best practices and guidelines for collaborative programs; 2. Assess and measure the success of collaborative programs, including assessing and recommending methods for collecting data to evaluate the effectiveness of these programs; 3. Identify and disseminate to trial courts locally generated and nationally recognized best practices for collaborative programs, and training and program implementation activities that support collaborative programs; 4. Recommend to the Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee minimum judicial education standards on collaborative programs, and educational activities to support those standards; 5. Advise the council of potential funding sources, including those that may advance collaborative programs; 6. Make allocation recommendations regarding Judicial Council-administered grant funding programs that support collaborative programs; and 7. Identify and disseminate appropriate outreach activities needed to support collaborative programs, including but not limited to collaborations with educational institutions, professional associations, and community-based organization.	

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[Rule 10.56\(c\)](#) sets forth the membership position of the advisory body. The Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee currently has 20 members (nine judicial officers, two court administrators, one district attorney, one criminal defense attorney, one treatment court coordinator, one probation officer, one treatment provider, one representative from the mental health field, one non-profit community organization representative, and two public members). The current advisory body [roster](#) is available on the advisory body’s webpage.

Subgroups of the Advisory Body²:

1. Juvenile Subcommittee
2. Mental Health Subcommittee (including the joint subcommittee with the Criminal Law Advisory Committee to review mental health legislation)
3. Veterans in the Court and Military Families Subcommittee
4. Racial Justice, Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee

Advisory Body and Subgroup Meetings Planned for 2026³

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	Project Summary: The committee will develop a user-friendly guide for judges and court professionals working in juvenile collaborative courts to educate them on the various types of mental health therapies, services, and other resources available for youth in their communities. The objective of the project is to help courts working with youth and families better serve those populations. Status/Timeline: This project is anticipated for completion by December 31, 2026. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing from the Center for Families, Children & the Courts. ☐ 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: Juvenile courts and justice system partners. AC Collaboration: Center for Judicial Education and Resources Advisory Committee								
2.	Project Title: Monitor Opportunities to Enhance the Role of Collaborative Programs in Connecting Participants to Treatment and Rehabilitation Services (One-Time)	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: In response to requests from courts, the committee will monitor state and federal changes to mental health, substance use, and other behavioral health services that impact collaborative programs. The committee will explore opportunities to develop informational resources, if appropriate, to support court responses to those changes. State and federal changes may include, among others: - Federal Medicaid policy and guidance issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; - Medi-Cal transformation under California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) and its Justice-Involved Initiatives;								

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	• Drug Medi-Cal; • Proposition 1 (approved by voters in March 2024), Modernizing Our Behavioral Health System & Building More Mental Health Housing. Prop. 1 revises the distribution and use of Behavioral Health Service Act funds, a funding source regularly leveraged by local justice partners to provide services to collaborative court and diversion participants; and • Proposition 36 (approved by voters in November 2024), Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act, which made changes to penalties for certain drug and theft crimes. The changes include the creation of Treatment-Mandated Felony Act. This project was started as part of the 2024 annual agenda. It remains in progress to monitor the ongoing state and federal changes that continue to impact behavioral health services and funding availability. Status/Timeline: This project is anticipated for completion by December 31, 2027. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: The ongoing work is conducted using existing resources and staffing from Criminal Justice Services, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, and Governmental Affairs. ☐ 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: Local trial courts and justice system partners, California Department of Health Care Services, California Department of Health and Human Services, and County Behavioral Health Directors Association. AC Collaboration: None.												
3.	Project Title: Update Standards of Judicial Administration (<i>One-Time</i>)					Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: The committee will continue to update the Standards of Judicial Administration, standard 4.10 (Guidelines for diversion drug court programs), to fulfill the requirements of Senate Bill 910 (Stats. 2024, ch. 641). SB 910 requires the Judicial Council to amend the Standards of Judicial Administration to reflect state and nationally recognized best practices and guidelines for adult collaborative treatment court programs. This project was started as part of the 2024 annual agenda prior to the introduction of SB 910. It continues in progress to incorporate the statutory requirements specified in the bill.												

#	New or One-Time Projects
	Status/Timeline: Anticipate circulating for comment in winter 2025, for an effective date of July 1, 2026. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing from Criminal Justice Services and Center for Families, Children & the Courts; the Joint Rules Subcommittee of Trial Court Presiding Judges and Court Executive Advisory Committees (TCPJAC/CEAC JRS) will review proposals for court operations impacts as necessary. ☐ 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: Trial courts and justice system partners. AC Collaboration: Criminal Law Advisory Committee and Rules Committee.

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	Project Summary: Implement the directives of the Judicial Council to allocate and administer the Collaborative Justice Substance Abuse Focus Grant (SAFG), a legislatively mandated grant program, distributing funds from the State budget that are earmarked for collaborative and drug court projects that support local collaborative justice and drug courts throughout California, as well as supplementing dependency drug courts with federal funding from the Court Improvement Project. • Report to the Judicial Council on grant activities. • Recommend to the Judicial Council grant allocations to local courts based on the Judicial Council approved allocation methodology. • Review biannual reports regarding funding distribution, invoicing, budgets, and deliverables reports from local courts. • Recommend methods of allocation and grants administration, if needed, for next annual funding cycle. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Funded through external earmarked funding for collaborative and drug courts. Resources include council staff from the Judicial Council's Budget Services and Branch Accounting and Procurement. ☒ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Local courts and collaborative court coordinators. AC Collaboration: None.								
2.	Project Title: Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Allocation (<i>Implementation Project</i>)	Priority: 1							
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#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
	Project Summary: Make recommendations for the allocation and administration of the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP). Byrne SCIP provides federal funding for certain specialized court-based programs that address the behavioral health needs of people likely to commit or become victims of gun violence. Specialized programs include drug courts, mental health courts, and veterans treatment courts. Byrne SCIP funding is authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-159, 136 Stat. 1313, 1339); 28 U.S.C. 530C. Subject to the availability of federal funding, the Judicial Council may provide funding, training, and technical assistance to local courts. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: The funding amount will be determined by the federal government. Funds received by the Judicial Council will be allocated to the courts. Resources include council staff from Criminal Justice Services, Budget Services, and Branch Accounting and Procurement. ☒ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Local courts and the California Board of State and Community Corrections. AC Collaboration: None.								
3.	Project Title: Assist Local Courts with Obtaining Funding and In-Kind Assistance for Local Collaborative Programs, such as Federal or State Grants or Ongoing Funding (<i>Implementation Project</i>) Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: <table border="0"> <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: Distribute information on state and federal funding opportunities that may support collaborative programs and assist local courts with pursuing funding resources. Additional project activities may include: - Identifying federal and state grant opportunities. - Collaborating with justice partners to support efforts to increase funding for courts. Partners may include, among others, the California State Legislature, U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance, and Juvenile Court Improvement Program. - Assisting courts in preparing grant applications. This may include, among other activities, sharing research findings on collaborative court outcome and cost studies, compiling reports and studies from local collaborative courts, and providing letters of support. - Pursuing opportunities to secure permanent funding. This may include exploring the Budget Change Proposal process and encouraging the expansion of local treatment and evaluation capacity, as appropriate.								

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	Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Increases funding for local courts. ☒ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Local trial courts and justice system partners, California Association of Collaborative Courts, California Association of Youth Courts, and National Center for State Courts. AC Collaboration: None.								
4.	Project Title: Mental Health: Identify Priority Issues and Best Practices (<i>Implementation Project</i>)	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: Identify priority policy issues and best practices for improving court responses to individuals with mental illness. Project activities may include: - Tracking the legislation impacting mental health in adult criminal, family law, dependency, and juvenile justice cases. This includes reviewing legislation and providing comment and technical assistance when necessary. - Identifying emerging mental health legislation, policies, and best practices to advocate for improvements, as appropriate. Topic areas may include, among others, incompetence to stand trial, diversion, and conservatorship. - Identifying the emerging needs of court users with mental illness, as well as promising practices that respond to those needs. Topic areas may include, among others, court accommodations, informed consent, confidentiality, and accessing services. - Tracking proposed rules and regulations by State departments and agencies that may impact people with mental illness who become court involved. This includes reviewing proposals and providing comment and technical assistance when necessary. - Supporting judicial education programs. This includes disseminating training, educational resources, research, and best practices for responding to mental health issues impacting collaborative programs. - Making recommendations to committee staff on updates to the mental health court webpage and the behavioral health resources webpage on the California Courts website. - Identifying opportunities to collaborate with mental health stakeholders, programs, and statewide initiatives. Status/Timeline: Ongoing.								

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	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Local courts and California Association of Collaborative Courts. AC Collaboration: Criminal Law Advisory Committee and Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee.								
5.	Project Title: Juvenile Collaborative Justice Courts: Identify Priority Issues and Best Practices (Implementation Project)	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: Identify priority policy issues and best practices regarding juvenile collaborative justice courts in areas such as juvenile mental health courts, truancy, youth courts, trafficking, girls' court, and delinquency and family treatment courts. Continue work in support of youth and peer courts, including holding the annual Youth Summit in partnership with the California Association of Youth Courts, and providing local assistance to courts seeking to implement or improve their peer court. Additional project activities may include: • Providing subject matter expertise and guidance by developing and maintaining up-to-date briefing papers on evidence-based practices, including juvenile assessments, juvenile collaborative courts, and human trafficking. • Creating webinars and other online education that will assist judicial officers, court staff, attorneys, and others working in juvenile collaborative courts. • Supporting local efforts to provide appropriate behavioral health screenings, access services, and medication assessments. • Consulting with Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee on ways juvenile collaborative courts can help meet the needs of the juvenile court. • Providing subject matter expertise on educational and training programs focused on substance use disorders and enhanced educational support in delinquency and dependency cases. • Assisting in branch coordination efforts to address permanency for children in foster care by providing subject matter expertise and guidance to promote and expand the use of Family Treatment Courts as a best practice model. • Providing education and technical assistance on the needs of homeless youth and families. This includes topics such as educational rights and issues of disproportionality. • Providing subject matter expertise to the National Center for Youth Law for their work developing juvenile mental health related bench guides, information sheets, and webinars on accessing services. • Consulting with youth and those with lived experience in identifying priorities and development of tools and resources.								

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	Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Local courts, California Association of Collaborative Courts, National Center for Youth Law, and California Association of Youth Courts. AC Collaboration: Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee.								
6.	Project Title: Racial Justice, Equity, and Inclusion: Identify Priority Issues and Best Practices (Implementation Project)	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: Identify best practices and priority policy issues for improving diversity, equity, and inclusion in collaborative programs. Project activities may include: - Tracking the legislation that impacts diversity, equity, and inclusion within collaborative court and diversion programs. This includes reviewing legislation and providing comment and technical assistance when necessary. - Identifying emerging research, policies, and best practices impacting areas such as participant eligibility, program access, participation in rehabilitative treatment and social services, and participant outcomes. - Supporting judicial education programs. This includes disseminating training, educational resources, research, and best practices for addressing racial and other inequities within collaborative programs. - Creating educational resources to assist collaborative programs in adhering to best practices and improving program access. This may include developing webinars, toolkits, job aids, and educational resources for judicial officers, court staff, and justice partners. - Providing subject matter expertise on educational and training programs to ensure diversity, equity, and inclusion are embedded in learning objectives. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.								

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
	Internal/External Stakeholders: Local courts and the California Association of Collaborative Courts. AC Collaboration: Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness and Tribal Court-State Court Forum.								
7.	Project Title: Veterans and Military Families: Identify Priority Issues and Best Practices (Implementation Project)	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: Identify priority policy issues and best practices regarding veterans treatment court and military diversion. Project activities may include: - Supporting the Veterans Treatment Court Strategic Plan developed in coordination with the Center for Court Innovation and the California Association of Collaborative Courts. - Tracking legislation impacting veterans treatment courts and veterans and military families, as appropriate. This includes reviewing legislation and providing comment and technical assistance when necessary. - Supporting judicial education programs. This includes disseminating training materials, resources, and job aids to assist judges, court staff, and veterans' stakeholders to better serve justice involved veterans and military families. - Making recommendations to committee staff on updates to the veterans treatment courts webpage on the California Courts website. - Collaborating with justice partners to follow trends impacting court-involved veterans and military families and to identify training activities. Partners may include the American Bar Association, the State Bar, California Lawyers Association, United States Department of Veterans Affairs, California Department of Veterans Affairs, local veterans agencies, veterans advocacy and affinity groups, and social services groups. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Local courts, California Association of Collaborative Courts, and California Judges Association. AC Collaboration: None.								

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
8.	Project Title: Conduct Multidisciplinary Education to Support Effective Practices and Beneficial Outcomes in Collaborative Programs; Identify and Distribute Information on New or Pending Policy Changes (Implementation Project)	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Promote effective practices and positive outcomes in collaborative programs through education and training. Project activities include: • Notifying collaborative programs of relevant policy changes and identifying promising practices that respond to those changes. • Developing educational recommendations related to collaborative justice. This includes working with the CJER Advisory Committee to recommend judicial and multidisciplinary education curricula, identifying faculty and other subject matter experts, and providing guidance to committee staff when developing educational toolkits and job aids. • Collaborating with justice partners on training activities. Partners may include, among others, All Rise (formerly the National Association of Drug Court Professionals), California Association of Collaborative Courts, California Lawyers Association, the Council of State Governments Justice Center, County Behavioral Health Director Association, Forensic Mental Health Association of California, National Drug Court Institute Justice for Vets, the California Association of Youth Courts, the Department of Veterans Affairs, California Judges Association, Center for Justice Innovation, the American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, and ABA Judicial Committee on Human Trafficking. • Distributing resources on effective practices through webinars and listservs. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Provides distance and in-person education for local courts at a reduced cost; provides information regarding effective/efficient court practices to reduce case processing costs and recidivism. Resources include council staff from Public Affairs and CJER. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Local courts, California Association of Collaborative Courts, California Judges Association, and All Rise. AC Collaboration: CJER Advisory Committee.									

III. LIST OF 2025 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	Conducted four quarterly virtual meetings for collaborative court coordinators. These meetings facilitated discussions on best practices used in local programs, hot topics important to the courts, solutions for local challenges arising out of policy changes, and other impacts to collaborative programs. More than 150 participants from over 30 counties attended these meetings.
2.	Presented the Racial Justice, Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee report, <i>Addressing Racial Disparities and Improving Equity in California's Adult Collaborative Programs</i> , at the April 25, 2025, Judicial Council meeting.
3.	Administered the Collaborative Justice Substance Abuse Focus Grant and the Dependency Drug Court Augmentation.
4.	Advised on a budget change proposal to support the implementation of SB 910 , which requires counties and courts that choose to establish treatment court programs to ensure they are designed and operated in accordance with the state and national guidelines. Funding secured from this proposal will support training for treatment court teams and monitoring to ensure program compliance.
5.	Hosted a full-day, hybrid training on court-ordered competence to stand trial evaluations in May 2025. This training included best practices for enhancing the quality of competency reports. Over 280 current and prospective evaluators attended this training.
6.	Hosted two in-person judicial trainings on the intersection of mental health and the court system. The June 2025 training was held as part of the Cow County Judges Institute, and a standalone training was held in December 2025. This training is through the Judges and Psychiatrists Leadership Initiative, a training curriculum developed by the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation.
7.	In partnership with the California Association of Collaborative Courts, hosted five sessions at the association's March 2025 conference: • Nuts & Bolts in Implementing Proposition 36 • Judges and Psychiatrists Leadership Initiative • Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: California Court Leaders Advancing Access and Fairness • Implementation of Firearm Prohibiting Policies: The Role of Collaborative Courts Under State and Federal Law • Competency to Stand Trial and Mental Health Conditions
8.	In partnership with the council's Beyond the Bench conference, hosted two sessions at the November 2025 convening: • Connecting with Young Minds - Understanding Emerging Adults and Young Adult Courts • Judges and Psychiatrists Leadership Initiative

Data Analytics Advisory Committee
Annual Agenda¹—2026
Approved by Executive and Planning Committee: [Date]

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Mr. Jake Chatters, Court Executive Officer, Superior Court of Placer County
Vice Chair:	Hon. Thomas E. Kuhnle, Judge, Superior Court of Santa Clara County
Lead Staff:	Ms. Leah Rose-Goodwin, Chief Data and Analytics Officer, Research, Analytics, and Data Ms. Kristin Greenaway, Manager, Research, Analytics, and Data Mr. Mustafa Sagir, Supervising Analyst, Research, Analytics, and Data
Advisory Body's Charge/Membership: Rule 10.68 of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Data Analytics Advisory Committee (DAAC), which is to make recommendations to the Judicial Council regarding the collection, use, and sharing of judicial branch data and information to inform decision-making, promote transparency, and improve the administration of justice while ensuring the security of nonpublic data and data sources. In addition to the duties described in rule 10.68, the committee must: (1) Develop and recommend policies, or revisions to existing policies, concerning standards and measures to use in collecting, analyzing, and sharing data and information that will advance the goals of increased access to justice, greater transparency and accountability, and enhanced delivery of services to the public. (2) Develop and recommend performance measures, studies, and methodologies to measure and report on court administration, practices, and procedures, including workload assessments; and (3) Identify, analyze, and report on emerging issues related to branch data and information, including usage of data and information to support branch projects and initiatives. Rule 10.68 sets forth the membership position of the committee. The Data Analytics Advisory Committee currently has 14 voting members and 1 advisory member. The current committee roster is available on the committee's webpage.	

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.

Subgroups of the Advisory Body²:

New: Staff Workload Measurement Subcommittee – The Workload Measurement Subcommittee will review topics associated with the Resource Assessment Study. The subcommittee reviewed two items for recommendation to the full Committee, the 2024 Resource Assessment Study Supplement, and evaluated workload impacts due to imbalanced judgeships as referred to the Committee by the Trial Court Budget Advisory. This subcommittee is likely to sunset in 2026.

New: Judicial Needs Study Subcommittee – The Judicial Needs Study Subcommittee will monitor and provide feedback to staff on the 2025 Judicial Needs Study. The Subcommittee will provide recommendations to the full committee on socialization of study results and eventual adoption of the Judicial Needs Study results. This subcommittee is likely to sunset in 2026.

New: Ad Hoc Data Visualization Workgroup – The Ad Hoc Data Visualization Workgroup will address detailed review of proposed data visualizations and data dashboards when referred by the full committee. The workgroup will engage only when there is need for significant review and evaluation of data elements proposed by staff or when significant comments are received from the Executive Office, the Appellate Court Advisory Committee, Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee, or the Court Executives Advisory Committee (CEAC).

New: Ad Hoc Workload Measurement Workgroup – The Ad Hoc Workload Measurement Workgroup will be used after the sunset of the Staff Workload Measurement Subcommittee and the Judicial Needs Study Subcommittee to review topics associated with staff and judicial officer workload. This may include recommending adjustments to case weights or other methods of defining workload to supplement the weighted case weight models.

Formation of the following subcommittees is contingent upon the CEAC's Caseflow Management Project.

TBD: Education/Caseflow Management Subcommittee

TBD: Caseflow Management Time Standards Subcommittee

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).

Advisory Body and Subgroup Meetings Planned for 2026³

January 13, 2026: Videoconference

March 3, 2026: In-person (San Francisco); we will seek approval in late 2025 or early 2026 to hold this meeting in person.

May 12, 2026: Videoconference

July 14, 2026: Videoconference

September 15, 2026: Videoconference

November 17, 2026: Videoconference

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

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.

II. COMMITTEE PROJECTS

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: Defining Appropriate Use of Resource Assessment Study for Workload and Performance Evaluation (New)	Priority: 2							
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–The committee will initiate development of policy parameters for use of data from the workload studies in evaluating Branch-wide workload and identifying performance or service metric development. This work is intended to mature the use of the Resource Assessment Study beyond defining weighted caseloads to how it could be used for defining workload impacts if specific service or access to justice initiatives are expanded branchwide. DAAC will work in partnership with the Administrative Director’s Trial Court Workload Funding Need Working Group. Status/Timeline: New project, expected to make progress during duration of year. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: ☒ 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: Trial Courts, JBBC, TCBAC, DOF, Administrative Director’s Trial Court Workload Funding Need Working Group. AC Collaboration: Criminal Law Advisory Committee (CLAC), Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee (CSCAC), Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee (Fam/Juv), and Traffic Advisory Committee.									

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities						
1.	Project Title: Workload Studies (Resource Assessment Study and Judicial)	Priority: 1					
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals:						
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	Project Summary: In October 2013, the Workload Assessment Advisory Committee approved a motion stating that the workload studies (both staff and judicial) should be updated every five years, though not concurrently so that they continue to accurately represent staff and judicial workload. The Resource Assessment Study (RAS) is used to update the caseweights and other model parameters that are needed to estimate workload-based need for the staff in the trial courts. Outputs from RAS are provided to the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee for their use in the Workload Formula (WF). The Judicial Workload Study is used to update the caseweights and other model parameters that are needed to estimate the number of judgeships needed in the trial courts. The Judicial Council adopted the updated 2024 RAS study on April 25, 2025. The committee will provide supplemental explanatory information for case types with significant staff workload changes. This information will assist with education of trial courts, Branch leadership, and external stakeholders on the changes in staff weighted caseloads between 2017 and 2024. The committee may recommend changes to the 2024 RAS study caseweights to the Judicial Council if warranted. The committee intends to complete this work in early-2026 and provide educational information to internal Branch constituents in Spring 2026. Recommended changes to the 2024 RAS caseweights, if any, will be submitted to the Judicial Council for approval in April 2026. 2025 Judicial Workload Study – The Judicial Workload Study update began in the summer of 2025, with the goal of completing the judicial workload study update in 2026 to coincide with the legislatively-mandated Judicial Needs Assessment report due November 1, 2026. The committee will review the judicial workload model parameters and inputs that inform assessed judicial need in the California trial courts. The committee will support development of information materials and participate in educational events for presiding judges and court executive officers. The results will be submitted to the Judicial Council for approval at the July 17, 2026, business meeting. - February 2026: Receive an update on the study, to include preliminary caseweights, and perspectives from Judicial Council staff and the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) on any significant variance from prior studies. The committee will review and approve an education and communication plan regarding the study results. In addition to formal meetings (below), communication may include webinars, data visualizations, and/or email-based educational information. - April 2026: DAAC representatives will present preliminary caseweights and preliminary perspectives on explanatory factors for significant changes at the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee (TCPJAC) and Court Executives Advisory Committee (CEAC) joint business meeting.						

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities												
	- May/June 2026: Review of final recommendations for new judicial caseweights and DAAC recommendation to the Judicial Council. - July 2026: Submit the 2025 Judicial Workload Study to the Judicial Council for approval. Adjustment Request Proposals (ARPs): If applicable, the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) refers ARPs to DAAC for review and analysis as they pertain to the workload models. For 2026, this will include a referral to evaluate whether a parameter should be added to staff workload need to account for staffing imbalances between assessed judicial need and judicial position equivalents. The committee intends to complete this work in mid-2026. Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: In addition to use of existing resources, completion of this project will be accomplished with a consultant. Funding for a consultant was approved and received. Expanded use of subcommittees to address referred and requested projects may require additional administrative support for meeting preparation and documentation of outcomes. ☒ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: NCSC and trial courts. AC Collaboration: CLAC, CSCAC, Fam/Juv, TCBAC, and Judicial Branch Budget Committee (JBBC).												
2.	Project Title: Trial Court Operational Metrics Review					Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: In connection with the required reporting per Government Code section 68515 (formerly known as SB 154), the committee should review existing standards and measures of judicial administration and consider whether existing standards should be updated or modified or if new standards should be adopted. Any new, updated, or modified metrics should be relevant and meaningful to court operations and further progress efficient and effective caseload management. The committee will continue to assess current standards and measures and may want to consult with the National Center for State Courts or other entities on these standards. The committee does not anticipate significant work on this project in the current year due to other projects. The committee may develop a workplan during the current year for possible inclusion in the 2027 agenda. Status/Timeline: On Hold due to competing projects.													

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
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3.	Project Title: Branchwide Data Analytics Governance and Policy Development	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: As part of branchwide efforts to use technology to innovate and increase access to justice and in recognition of the critical importance of data-driven decision-making, the committee will develop data standards and principles that address (1) data quality; (2) how we access, use, and share data; and (3) data security. These policies will guide the Judicial Council and its advisory bodies in the use of data for decision-making. The committee will review the work completed by the Data Analytics Workstream to develop data governance policy concepts and will consider developing or finalizing one or more policy proposals for Judicial Council review and approval. The committee will develop a workplan for additional policy development. Data Visualizations and Dashboard Review – The committee will review data visualizations and dashboards submitted by Judicial Council staff for review as outlined in the Dashboard Release Policy. Data Analytics Policies – The committee will develop a workplan for future policy development in this area. Significant progress on this project is not expected in 2025/2026 due to competing projects. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Completion of this project will be accomplished with existing resources with input from Judicial Council offices of Information Technology, Legal Services, and CJER. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial courts.								

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
	<i>AC Collaboration:</i> Artificial Intelligence Task Force.								
4.	Project Title: Trial Court Operational Metrics Annual Report (Government Code 68515, formerly known as SB 154)	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: As required by budget bill language, the Judicial Council will publish an annual report by February 1 each year to the Legislature on the operations of each trial court with various operational and budgetary metrics, including but are not limited to, time to disposition and case clearance rates by case type, backlogs by case type, court hours of operations including public counter hours, staff vacancy rates by classification, fund balance detail from the prior fiscal year, the calculated funding level of each court and the percent of funding actually provided to each court, and the funding level of each trial court as measured by the Judicial Council—approved workload formula. The committee will review the Judicial Council staff plan for development of this report and may propose additional or modified metrics. Status/Timeline: Ongoing; The annual report is due February 1. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Completion of this project will be accomplished with existing resources. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Legislature. AC Collaboration: TBD/As needed.									
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#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
	Project Summary: The Judicial Council is required to survey the business of the courts. Branch data collection helps to inform court leaders of trends and to make business decisions based on data. The committee will review and make policy recommendations on statewide data collection beyond the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System (JBSIS). The recommendations should be incorporated into the judicial branch data roadmap. In 2025/2026, the committee will work with the Court Executive Advisory Committee and the Appellate Advisory Committee to define responsibilities and process for defining new data reporting requirements. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Completion of this project will be accomplished with existing resources. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial and appellate courts. AC Collaboration: Appellate Advisory Committee, CEAC, JBSIS Subcommittee of CEAC, and others TBD.								
6.	Project Title: Branchwide Data Analytics Education and Building a Data Analytics Community	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: As part of its efforts to expand data analytics capacity, the committee should identify branchwide educational opportunities for judges, justices, and court staff to become more conversant in data collection and usage in order to foster a branchwide data analytics community. Data Analytics Summit – The committee will support, at the request of Judicial Council staff, the bi-annual data analytics summit that supports information sharing and education of court leaders and data practitioners. Data Educational Sessions – The committee will support the CJER Advisory Committee’s efforts for data education sessions as requested. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: This project will draw on existing resources in the Judicial Council Research, Analytics, and Data Office. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.								

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
	Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial and appellate courts. AC Collaboration: CJER Advisory Committee, CEAC, and TCPJAC.								
7.	Project Title: Judicial Needs Assessment Report (Gov. Code § 61614(c)(1))	Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: Government Code section 61614(c)(1) requires the Judicial Council to prepare biennial updates of the Judicial Needs Assessment (JNA) in even-numbered years. The needs assessment is used as the basis for Budget Change Proposals for new judgeships, subordinate judicial officer conversion requests, and to seek authorization for additional judgeships. The last report was issued in November 2022 to reflect the most current workload measures based on the Judicial Workload Study published in 2018. The 2024 JNA report was delayed as the committee updates the judicial workload study which will be conducted in 2025 and reflected in the 2026 report. Status/Timeline: The biennial report will be completed November 1, 2026. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Completion of this review will be accomplished with existing resources. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial courts and Legislature. AC Collaboration: TBD/As needed.								

III. LIST OF 2025 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	The RAS update was completed in 2024. The updated RAS caseweights and other model parameters were approved by the Judicial Council at its April 25, 2025, business meeting.
2.	In August 2025, DAAC reviewed and approved the Court Operational Metrics Data Dashboard to send to CEAC for their feedback.
3.	In February 2025, DAAC reviewed and approved the data roadmap and 2026–27 budget change proposal concept for data analytics.
4.	In May 2025, DAAC sponsored a Data Analytics Summit attended by over 100 branch analytic staff.

Court Interpreters Advisory Panel
Annual Agenda¹—2026
Approved by Executive and Planning Committee: DATE

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Hon. Maurice Sanchez, Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Three
Lead Staff:	Mr. Ray Mata, Analyst, Court Interpreters Program, Center for Families, Children & the Courts
Advisory Body's Charge/Membership: Rule 10.51 of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Court Interpreters Advisory Panel (CIAP), which is to: Assist the council in performing its duties under Government Code sections 68560 through 68566 and to promote access to spoken-language interpreters and interpreters for deaf and hearing-impaired persons, the advisory panel is charged with making recommendations to the council on: (1) Interpreter use and need for interpreters in court proceedings; and (2) Certification, registration, renewal of certification and registration, testing, recruiting, training, continuing education, and professional conduct of interpreters. Rule 10.51(b) sets forth the additional duties of the panel that are: Reviewing and making recommendations to the council on the findings of the study of language and interpreter use and need for interpreters in court proceedings that is conducted by the Judicial Council every five years under Government Code section 68563. Rule 10.51(c) sets forth the following membership composition of the committee. CIAP currently has 13 members, which consists of 9 advisory panel members (voting) and 4 advisors (nonvoting) appointed by the Chief Justice to assist the advisory panel. A majority of the members must be court interpreters. The advisory panel must include the specified numbers of members from the following categories: (1) Four certified or registered court interpreters working as employees in trial courts, one from each of the four regions established by Government Code section 71807. For purposes of the appointment of members under this rule, the Superior Court of California,	

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County of Ventura, is considered part of Region 1 as specified in section 71807, and the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, is considered part of Region 2 as specified in section 71807;

- (2) Two interpreters certified or registered in a language other than Spanish, each working either in a trial court as an independent contractor or in an educational institution;
- (3) One appellate court justice
- (4) Two trial court judges; and
- (5) Two court administrators, including at least one trial court executive officer.

The current committee [roster](#) is available on the committee's webpage.

Subgroups of the Advisory Body²:

1. Professional Standards and Ethics Subcommittee – Provides review and recommendations on interpreter professional development, as well as adherence to professional standards and compliance requirements.
2. Interpreter Language Access Subcommittee – Works on specific projects related to language access and interpreting services, including recommendations from the [Strategic Plan for Language Access in the California Courts](#) that relate to court interpreters. As appropriate, these projects are undertaken in collaboration with the Language Access Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness.

Advisory Body and Subgroup Meetings Planned for 2026³

- CIAP – Videoconferences as needed.
- Professional Standards and Ethics Subcommittee – Videoconferences as needed.
- Interpreter Language Access Subcommittee – Videoconferences as needed.

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

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).

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.

II. COMMITTEE PROJECTS

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: Amend Credential Review Procedures to Include Skills Assessment Process – Professional Standards and Ethics Subcommittee	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: The current <i>California Court Interpreter Credential Review Procedures</i>, which address the handling of interpreter complaints, have not been updated since their adoption by the Judicial Council effective January 1, 2020. In 2025, the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) completed the development of a skills assessment process to evaluate an interpreter’s performance when a skills-based complaint has been filed against an interpreter. The diagnostic process was developed by NCSC working with experienced court interpreters and testing psychometricians and was also successfully tested by NCSC using actual interpreters as test subjects for practice. The next step is to seek input from court executive officers for feedback and amend the <i>Credential Review Procedures</i> and to formally incorporate the skills assessment process in the procedures prior to implementation. The proposed amendments will allow the Court Interpreters Advisory Panel (CIAP) to also make updates that will be informed by the variety of complaints that the Court Interpreters Program (CIP) has received to date. Status/Timeline: Court Interpreters Program staff have initiated the development of proposed updates to the <i>Credential Review Procedures</i>. The proposed revisions are expected to be presented to the committee for review in Spring 2026, followed by a public comment period. Final recommendations will be submitted to the Judicial Council for consideration in Fall 2026. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Any expenses associated with updating the <i>Credential Review Procedures</i> will be entirely funded by the Judicial Council’s CIP, which is a unit within the Language Access Services program. ☐ 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: Judicial Council Legal Services and Human Resources offices. Interpreter community, judicial officers, court executive officers, justice partners, language access court personnel, and the public. AC Collaboration: Court Executives Advisory Committee.									

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
1.	Project Title: Certification of Persons with American Sign Language (ASL) Generalist Credentials to Perform Work in the Courts – Interpreter Language Access Subcommittee	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: In November 2023, the council directed CIAP to develop a proposal for the council to certify persons with ASL generalist credentials to perform work in the courts. In 2025, a necessary step was completed by CIAP to develop and circulate a proposed amendment to Evidence Code section 754, which would allow this practice and help expand the ASL interpreter pool. Based on stakeholder feedback, CIAP will continue to work on the proposed amendments and consider other options. Proposed legislation is on track for council approval in 2026 for sponsored legislation, which would amend the Evidence Code to permit ASL generalists who meet certain Judicial Council requirements to work in the courts and would be modeled after the process used for spoken language interpreters when a certified or registered interpreter is unavailable. If sponsored and adopted, the legislation would take effect in 2028. In 2026, CIAP will determine the necessary rules and form changes, appropriate court events or case matters for ASL generalists, and other training or portfolio requirements for ASL generalists, prior to legislation taking effect. Staff also anticipate developing a roster for courts of ASL generalist interpreters who have met the training and portfolio requirements and are available for work in the courts, which will streamline the appointment process. Status/Timeline: To prepare for this legislative change, CIAP will: 1. Propose amendments to California Rules of Court, rules 2.892 and 2.893, and revise or develop any related forms. 2. Develop a proposal for Judicial Council consideration outlining the appropriate court events or case types, as well as qualifications, training, and other requirements for ASL generalists to work in the courts. These reports will be developed for council by CIAP prior to implementation of the legislation in 2028, assuming the amendment to Evidence Code section 754 is sponsored and adopted by the Legislature. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Judicial Council Governmental Affairs. Interpreter community (including ASL interpreters), judicial officers, court executive officers, justice partners, language access court personnel, and the public. AC Collaboration: Consultation with the Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness as needed.									

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
2.	Project Title: Develop Testing Strategies and Recommendations Based on Assembly Bill 1032: Workforce Study on Court Interpreters	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Language Access Services (LAS) staff will work with CIAP to develop testing and certification strategies based on findings in the Assembly Bill 1032 (Stats. 2023, Ch. 556) Workforce Study, which is due to the Legislature by January 1, 2026, to help expand the court interpreter workforce. For example, allowing interpreter candidates to carry over passing scores of 70 percent or higher on two or more sections of the four-part Bilingual Interpreting Examination for certified languages from one examination administration to another for up to two years. This policy would aim to support candidate retention and improve overall pass rates by allowing individuals to focus on the remaining sections. The Workforce Study will have other considerations regarding potential improvements to California's testing and certification process to help expand the interpreter pool, which CIAP will review and make recommendations for improvements to the Judicial Council. Status/Timeline: CIAP will submit its recommendations to the council in December 2025. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Any expenses associated with this project will be entirely funded under the Court Interpreters Program budget. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Interpreter community, judicial officers, court executive officers, justice partners, language access court personnel, and the public. AC Collaboration: Court Executives Advisory Committee.									

III. LIST OF 2025 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	Professional Standards and Ethics for California Court Interpreters – At its February 2025 meeting, the council approved CIAP’s recommendation and adopted the revised <i>Professional Standards and Ethics for California Court Interpreters</i> .
2.	Interpreting Skills Assessment Process—Professional Standards and Ethics – In 2025, the NCSC completed the development of a skills assessment process to evaluate an interpreter’s performance when a skills-based complaint has been filed against an interpreter; and presented it to CIAP for review and discussion. The next step is to amend the <i>Credential Review Procedures</i> to incorporate the skills assessment process prior to implementation.
3.	2025 Language Need and Interpreter Use Study – In July 2025, the council received an informational presentation on the <i>2025 Language Need and Interpreter Use Study</i> , which was prepared by the Judicial Council’s Language Access Services Program and reviewed by CIAP. The five-year study is mandated and was submitted to the Governor and Legislature in June 2025, under Government Code section 68563.
4.	Assembly Bill 1032: Workforce Study on Court Interpreters – CIAP anticipates that the court interpreter workforce study mandated under AB 1032 (2023) will be presented to council for approval in December 2025. The study will provide recommendations to the Legislature regarding court interpreter availability and the future court interpreter workforce, which is due by January 1, 2026.

Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee
Annual Agenda¹—2025

Approved by the Executive and Planning Committee: [Amended Date:]

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Santa Barbara County
Lead Staff:	Mr. Corey Rada, Senior Analyst, Leadership Support Services
Committee's Charge/Membership: Rule 10.46(a) of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee (TCPJAC), which is to contribute to the statewide administration of justice by monitoring areas of significance to the justice system and making recommendations to the Judicial Council on policy issues affecting the trial courts. Rule 10.46(b) sets forth the additional duties of the committee. Rule 10.46(c), sets forth the membership position of the committee. The Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee currently has 58 members. rule 10.46 (d) establishes an Executive Committee consisting of the committee chair, vice-chair, and members in the following categories: (a) All presiding judges from superior courts with 48 or more judges; (b) Two presiding judges from superior courts with 2 to 5 judges, who are elected by the members in this court category; (c) Three presiding judges from superior courts with 6 to 15 judges, who are elected by the members in this court category; and (d) Four presiding judges from superior courts with 16 to 47 judges, who are elected by the members in this court category. The current committee roster is available on the committee's web page.	
Subgroups of the Advisory Committee²: 1. TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee 2. TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee	

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Meetings Planned for 2025³ (Advisory body and all subgroups listed above.)

Joint TCPJAC/CEAC and TCPJAC Statewide Meetings:

- January 23–24, 2025 (In-Person: San Francisco)
- August 21–22, 2025 (TBD)

Joint TCPJAC/CEAC and TCPJAC Executive Committee Meetings:

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

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

TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee – 15 videoconferences

TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee – 5 videoconferences

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

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II. COMMITTEE PROJECTS⁴

#	New or One-Time Projects	
1.	Project Title: Joint TCPJAC/CEAC Caseflow Management Subcommittee (<i>New</i>)	Priority 1⁵
		Strategic Plan Goal⁶ I, II, III
Project Summary: TCPJAC and the Court Executives Advisory Committee (CEAC) will convene a subcommittee that 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: Trial Court Leadership staff. ☐ <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> Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial courts. AC Collaboration: CEAC, Data Analytics Advisory Committee, and Center for Judicial Education and Research.		

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

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

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

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities	
1.	Project Title: TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee	Priority 1
		Strategic Plan Goal II, III
	Project Summary: The TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee (JLS) is charged with developing, reviewing, commenting, and making recommendations on proposed legislation to establish new or amend existing laws. The subcommittee monitors proposed and existing legislation that has a significant operational or administrative impact on the trial courts. The subcommittee also 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 Legislation Committee. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Governmental Affairs and Trial Court Leadership staff. ☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials. Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: CEAC and Legislation Committee.	
2.	Project Title: TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee	Priority 1
		Strategic Plan Goal II, III, VI
	Project Summary: The TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee (JRS) is charged with developing, reviewing, and providing input on proposals to establish, amend, or repeal the California Rules of Court, Standards of Judicial Administration, and Judicial Council forms to improve the efficiency or effectiveness of the trial courts. The subcommittee focuses on those proposals that may lead to a significant fiscal or operational impact on the trial courts and makes recommendations to the Rules Committee concerning the overall rule making process. Additionally, JRS is charged with reviewing non-rule related invitations to comment that may have an impact on the trial courts. JRS will develop a California Rule of Court governing trial court data collection related to law enforcement activity conducted on property of court facilities by entities other than court security. This rule is intended to be transparent, consistent, and implementable across all courts. JRS may also make additional proposals relating to law enforcement activity conducted on property of court facilities. Status/Timeline: Ongoing	

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities	
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Legal Services and Trial Court Leadership staff. ☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials. Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: CEAC, Rules Committee, and various advisory bodies.	
3.	Project Title: Strengthen the Role of Presiding Judges in Outreach to the Legislative and Executive Branches	Priority 2
		Strategic Plan Goal II
	Project Summary: In consultation with the Judicial Council’s Administrative Director, Governmental Affairs, and Budget Services, TCPJAC will support Judicial Council outreach with the legislature. This effort will entail the development of materials for presiding judges and perhaps educational sessions with legislative members to educate them on the judicial branch budget and the fiscal/operational needs of the trial courts. TCPJAC will also assist in strengthening communication with the executive branch and with the Department of Finance in particular. Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Judicial Council’s Administrative Director; Trial Court Leadership, Budget Services, and Governmental Affairs staff. ☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials. Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: None.	
4.	Project Title: Serve as a Resource and Identify Emerging Trends and Issues in the Courts	Priority 2
		Strategic Plan Goal I, II, III, IV, V, VI
	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	

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities
	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 council's Executive Office to enhance branch communication. Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Trial Court Leadership staff. ☐ <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> Internal/External Stakeholders: Superior Courts AC Collaboration: CEAC, Rules Committee, and various advisory bodies

III. LIST OF 2024 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	Educational Opportunities. TCPJAC and CEAC leadership collaborated with Judicial Council staff to conduct four business meetings in 2024. These meetings covered topics including budget priorities, legislative updates, information technology updates, emergency preparedness and response, 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 2024, holding 11 videoconferences on behalf of TCPJAC and CEAC, to provide review and make recommendations to the Legislation Committee on 26 different bills identified by Governmental Affairs as having significant operational or administrative impact on the trial courts. The subcommittee will continue to be active in 2025 and meet as needed.
3.	TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee. Remained active throughout 2024, on behalf of the TCPJAC and CEAC, reviewed 39 rule proposals throughout the course of the year. The subcommittee provided comments on 22 rule proposals that may have a significant fiscal or operational impact on the trial courts. This subcommittee will continue to be active in 2025 and meet as needed.
4.	Provided recommendations on remote proceeding standards for judicial officers. Through the TCPJAC Working Group on California Code of Civil Procedure 367.10, TCPJAC assisted in the creation of a rule of court that includes standards for when a judicial officer may preside over a remote court proceeding from a location other than a courtroom. These recommendations resulted in the adoption of California Rules of Court, rule 10.635 by the Judicial Council.
5.	Caseflow Management Education. TCPJAC, in collaboration with CEAC began the process of educating members on implementing methods to achieve effective caseflow management. This topic was highlighted by the Chief Justice in her State of the Judiciary speech and has subsequently become a priority for TCPJAC.

Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee
Annual Agenda¹—2026
Approved by Executive and Planning Committee: [Date]

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Santa Barbara County
Lead Staff:	Mr. Corey Rada, Senior Analyst, Leadership Support Services
Advisory Body’s Charge/Membership: Rule 10.46(a) of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee (TCPJAC), which is to contribute to the statewide administration of justice by monitoring areas of significance to the justice system and making recommendations to the Judicial Council on policy issues affecting the trial courts. Rule 10.46(b) sets forth the additional duties of the committee. Rule 10.46(c), sets forth the membership position of the committee. The Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee currently has 58 members. rule 10.46 (d) establishes an Executive Committee consisting of the committee chair, vice-chair, and members in the following categories: (a) All presiding judges from superior courts with 48 or more judges; (b) Two presiding judges from superior courts with 2 to 5 judges, who are elected by the members in this court category; (c) Three presiding judges from superior courts with 6 to 15 judges, who are elected by the members in this court category; and (d) Four presiding judges from superior courts with 16 to 47 judges, who are elected by the members in this court category. The current committee roster is available on the committee’s web page.	

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.

Subgroups of the Advisory Body²:

1. TCPJAC/Court Executives Advisory Committee (CEAC) Caseflow Management Subcommittee
2. TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee
3. TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee

Advisory Body and Subgroup Meetings Planned for 2026³

Joint TCPJAC/CEAC and TCPJAC Statewide Meetings:

- January 22–23, 2026 (In-Person: Anaheim; Travel costs covered for presiding judges (PJs) and court executive officers (CEOs).)
- August 27–28, 2026 (In-Person: Location TBD; Travel costs covered for PJs and CEOs.)

Joint TCPJAC/CEAC and TCPJAC Executive Committee Meetings:

- April 10, 2026 (In-Person: Sacramento JCC Offices; Travel costs covered for TCPJAC Executive Committee members.)
- October 23, 2026 (In-Person: Sacramento JCC Offices; Travel costs incurred by attendees.)

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

TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee – 15 videoconferences

TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee – 5 videoconferences

TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Caseflow Management Subcommittee – 4 videoconferences

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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>

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
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	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: LSS, Governmental Affairs, and Budget Services staff. ☐ 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: CEAC.								
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#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
	<i>AC Collaboration:</i> CEAC, Rules Committee, and other advisory bodies as needed.								
4.	Project Title: Strengthen the Role of Presiding Judges in Outreach to the Legislative and Executive Branches	Priority: 2							
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Project Summary: In consultation with the Judicial Council’s Administrative Director, Governmental Affairs, and Budget Services, TCPJAC will support Judicial Council outreach with the Legislature. This effort will entail the development of materials for presiding judges and perhaps educational sessions with legislative members to educate them on the judicial branch budget and the fiscal/operational needs of the trial courts. TCPJAC will also assist in strengthening communication with the executive branch and with the Department of Finance in particular. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Judicial Council’s Administrative Director; LSS, Budget Services, and 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.									
5.	Project Title: Serve as a Resource and Identify Emerging Trends and Issues in the Courts	Priority: 2							
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#	Ongoing Projects and Activities
	<i>Project Summary:</i> 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 council's Executive Office to enhance branch communication. <i>Status/Timeline:</i> Ongoing. <i>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:</i> LSS. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. <i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i> Superior courts. <i>AC Collaboration:</i> CEAC, Rules Committee, and various advisory bodies.

III. LIST OF 2025 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	Educational Opportunities: TCPJAC and CEAC leadership collaborated with Judicial Council staff to conduct 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 comments on 35 rule proposals that may have a significant fiscal or operational impact on the trial courts. This subcommittee will continue to be active in 2026 and meet as needed. 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. A new submission form was also created to allow TCPJAC and CEAC members to submit rule change proposals to JRS.
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.

Court Executives Advisory Committee
Annual Agenda¹—2025

Approved by the Executive and Planning Committee: [Amended Date:]

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Mr. Kate Bieker, Court Executive Officer, Superior Court of Ventura County
Lead Staff:	Ms. Rebekah Askew, Senior Analyst, Leadership Support Services
Committee's Charge/Membership: Under rule 10.48(a) of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Court Executives Advisory Committee (CEAC), which is to make recommendations to the council on policy issues affecting the trial courts. 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 Committee²: 1. Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee (TCPJAC)/CEAC Joint Caseflow Management Subcommittee (New) 2. TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee 3. TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee 4. Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC)/CEAC Joint Information Security Governance Subcommittee 5. CEAC Annual Agenda Subcommittee (New) 6. CEAC Nominations Subcommittee 7. CEAC Child Support Services Subcommittee 8. CEAC Interpreter Payment Policy Subcommittee (New) 9. CEAC Judicial Branch Statistical Information System Subcommittee 10. CEAC Jury Administration and Management Subcommittee	

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11. CEAC Records Management Subcommittee
12. CEAC Trial Court Financial Policies Subcommittee
13. CEAC Trial Court Workforce Development Subcommittee (New)

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

Joint TCPJAC/CEAC and CEAC Statewide Meetings:

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

Joint TCPJAC/CEAC and CEAC Executive Committee Meetings:

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

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

TCPJAC/CEAC Joint legislation Subcommittee – 15 teleconferences

TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee – 5 teleconferences

ITAC/CEAC Joint Information Security Governance Subcommittee – 4 teleconferences

CEAC Nominations Subcommittee – 6 teleconferences

CEAC Child Support Services Subcommittee – 5 teleconferences

CEAC Judicial Branch Statistical Information System Subcommittee – 4 teleconferences

CEAC Jury Administration and Management Subcommittee – 4 teleconferences

CEAC Records Management Subcommittee – 3 teleconferences

CEAC Trial Court Financial Policies Subcommittee – 1 teleconference

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II. COMMITTEE PROJECTS⁴

#	New or One-Time Projects	
1.	Project Title: Joint TCPJAC/CEAC Caseflow Management Subcommittee (New)	Priority⁵ 1
		Strategic Plan Goal⁶ I, II, III
	Project Summary: Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee (TCPJAC) and CEAC will convene a subcommittee that 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: Trial Court Leadership staff. ☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials. Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: TCPJAC, Data Analytics Advisory Committee (DAAC), and Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee (CJERAC).	

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#	New or One-Time Projects	
2.	Project Title: CEAC Annual Agenda Subcommittee (New)	Priority⁵ 1
	Strategic Plan Goal⁶ I, II, IV	
	Project Summary: The CEAC Annual Agenda Subcommittee will work to improve the process of creating CEAC’s annual agenda in order to develop an effective and purposeful agenda for the advisory committee. The subcommittee will focus on increasing the participation of committee members in the agenda development process and ensuring that the projects promote access to justice and support the strategic goals of the Judicial Council and trial courts. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Trial Court Leadership staff. ☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials. Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: None	
3.	Project Title: CEAC Interpreter Payment Policy Subcommittee (New)	Priority⁵ 1
	Strategic Plan Goal⁶ I, II, IV, VII	
	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. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Trial Court Leadership staff. ☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.	

#	New or One-Time Projects	
	Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial Courts, Audit Services, Budget Services, Human Resources, Center for Families, Children and the Courts, Language Access Services, and Legal Services. AC Collaboration: None	
4.	Project Title: Trial Court Workforce Development Subcommittee (New)	Priority⁵ 1
		Strategic Plan Goal⁶ I, II, III, IV
	Project Summary: Through the Trial Court Workforce Development Subcommittee, CEAC will review the judicial branch workforce. The subcommittee will make recommendations and identify best practices in attracting, employing, and retaining a judicial branch workforce that is highly qualified to promote the effective administration of justice. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Trial Court Leadership staff. ☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials. Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: None	

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities	
1.	Project Title: TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee	Priority 1
		Strategic Plan Goal II, III
	Project Summary: The TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Legislation Subcommittee (JLS) is charged with developing, reviewing, commenting, and making recommendations on proposed legislation to establish new or amend existing laws. The subcommittee also 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 Legislation Committee. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Governmental Affairs and Trial Court Leadership staff. ☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials. Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: TCPJAC and Legislation Committee.	
2.	Project Title: TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee	Priority 1
		Strategic Plan Goal II, III, IV
	Project Summary: The TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee (JRS) is charged with developing, reviewing, and providing input on proposals to establish, amend, or repeal the California Rules of Court, Standards of Judicial Administration, and Judicial Council forms to improve the efficiency or effectiveness of the trial courts. The subcommittee focuses on those proposals that may lead to a significant fiscal or operational impact on the trial courts and makes recommendations to the Rules Committee concerning the overall rule-making process. Additionally, JRS is charged with reviewing nonruled-related invitations to comment that may have an impact on the trial courts. JRS will develop a California Rule of Court governing trial court data collection related to law enforcement activity conducted on property of court facilities by entities other than court security. This rule is intended to be transparent, consistent, and implementable across all courts. JRS may also make additional proposals relating to law enforcement activity conducted on property of court facilities. Status/Timeline: Ongoing.	

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities	
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Legal Services and Trial Court Leadership staff. ☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials. Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: TCPJAC, Rules Committee, and various advisory bodies.	
3.	Project Title: ITAC/CEAC Joint Information Security Governance Subcommittee	Priority 1
		Strategic Plan Goal II, VI
	Project Summary: The Joint Information Security Governance Subcommittee will review and provide feedback on 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 security-related proposals for action by ITAC and CEAC. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Information Technology, Legal Services, and Trial Court Leadership staff. ☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials. Internal/External Stakeholders: Courts of Appeal and superior courts. AC Collaboration: ITAC and other advisory bodies as needed.	
4.	Project Title: CEAC Nominations Subcommittee	Priority 1
		Strategic Plan Goal I
	Project Summary: Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 10.48(e)(2), the Executive Committee of CEAC must review and recommend to the council’s Executive and Planning Committee candidates for the following: ▪ Members of CEAC’s Executive Committee;	

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities	
	▪ 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: Trial Court Leadership staff. ☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials. Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: Executive and Planning Committee and various advisory bodies receiving nominations.	
5.	Project Title: CEAC Child Support Services Subcommittee	Priority 2
		Strategic Plan Goal VII
	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 AB 1058 court contract that might arise in the interim. Child Support Services Subcommittee will meet to review the AB1058 court contracts for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024–25 and provide feedback to the program on changes to the contract terms. 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. Status/Timeline: Ongoing.	

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities	
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC, Trial Court Leadership, and Research and Evaluation staff. ☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials. Internal/External Stakeholders: DCSS AC Collaboration: DAAC, Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, and Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee.	
6.	Project Title: CEAC Judicial Branch Statistical Information System Subcommittee	Priority 2
		Strategic Plan Goal III
	Project Summary: CEAC will continue to provide oversight responsibility over Judicial Branch Statistical 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 Implementation Plan The Judicial Council approved the JBSIS 4.0 data at its July 15, 2022, meeting. The subcommittee will work with the ITAC and the Judicial Council’s Information Technology to recommend an implementation plan for the 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. 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 the attention of the subcommittee. Updating the Civil Case Cover Sheet (CM-010) to Reflect JBSIS 4.0 (one-time) To reflect the approved JBSIS 4.0 elements in the Civil Case Cover Sheet, the JBSIS Subcommittee will review and propose a change to the Civil Case Cover Sheet. Status/Timeline: Ongoing.	

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities	
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Information Technology, Trial Court Leadership, and Office of Court Research staff. ☐ <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> Internal/External Stakeholders: Superior courts and case management system vendors. AC Collaboration: DAAC, ITAC, and Rules Committee.	
7.	Project Title: CEAC Jury Administration and Management Subcommittee	Priority 2
		Strategic Plan Goal IV
	Project Summary: Through the Jury Administration and Management Subcommittee, CEAC will review jury operations. The subcommittee will make recommendations and identify best practices in jury operations, system reform, and improving the juror experience. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Office of Court Research and Trial Court Leadership staff. ☐ <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> Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: None.	
8.	Project Title: CEAC Records Management Subcommittee	Priority 2
		Strategic Plan Goal III
	Project Summary: Through the Records Management Subcommittee, CEAC will continue to develop and 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	

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	will monitor the progress of proposed 2025 Judicial Council-sponsored legislations, other legislation affecting court records management, and relevant amendments to the California Rules of Courts and Judicial Council of California forms. The Records Management Committee will continue discussions with records managers from the trial and appellate courts on electronic records management best practices and the creation of a records management reference guide that pulls out the most often used portions of the TCRM in a more usable format. The committee is in discussion with the Digitizing Court Records User Group to collaborate on how to reach more records managers and invigorate the sharing of best practices. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC, Criminal Justice Services, Governmental Affairs, Information Technology, Legal Services, and Trial Court Leadership staff. ☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials. Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: Possible consultation with Criminal Law Advisory Committee, Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, ITAC, Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee, and TCPJAC.	
9.	Project Title: CEAC Trial Court Financial Policies Subcommittee	Priority 2
		Strategic II, III
	Project Summary: Through the Trial Court Financial Policies Subcommittee, CEAC will work with Judicial Council’s Branch Accounting and Procurement (BAP) to review and identify needed revisions to the <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.	

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities	
	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. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: BAP, Budget Services, and Trial Court Leadership staff. ☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials. Internal/External Stakeholders: Superior courts. AC Collaboration: None.	
10.	Project Title: Strengthen the Role of Court Executive Officers in Outreach to the Legislative and Executive Branches	Priority 2
		Strategic Plan Goal II
	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. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Judicial Council’s Administrative Director, Trial Court Leadership, Budget Services, and Governmental Affairs staff. ☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.	

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	Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: None.	
11.	Project Title: Serve as a Resource and Identify Emerging Trends and Issues in the Courts	Priority 2
		Strategic Plan Goal
	Project Summary: Serve as a subject matter resource for Judicial Council divisions and other council advisory groups to avoid duplication of efforts and contribute to the development of recommendations for council action. Identify, monitor, and discuss emerging trends and issues at the trial court level to increase communication with the Judicial Council, make recommendations concerning court administration to the council, and identify matters to bring to the Executive Office of the Judicial Council to enhance branch communication. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Various Judicial Council divisions as needed. ☐ This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials. Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: Various advisory bodies as needed.	

III. LIST OF 2024 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

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

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

Advisory Body and Subgroup Meetings Planned for 2026³

Joint TCPJAC/CEAC and CEAC Statewide Meetings:

- January 22–23, 2026 (In-Person: Anaheim. Travel costs covered for presiding judges (PJs) and court executive officers (CEOs).)
- August 27–28, 2026 (In-Person: Location TBD. Travel costs covered for PJs and CEOs.)

Joint TCPJAC/CEAC and CEAC Executive Committee Meetings:

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

NEW REQUEST: CEAC Statewide Strategic Planning Meeting:

- April 8–9, 2026 (In-Person: Sacramento. Travel costs covered for CEOs.)

Specific subcommittee meeting dates are to be determined. 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

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 Records Management Subcommittee – 3 teleconferences

CEAC Trial Court Financial Policies Subcommittee – 4 teleconferences

☒ Check here if in-person meetings are approved by the internal committee oversight chair.

- 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)
- 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)

II. COMMITTEE PROJECTS

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								
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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) staff. ☐ 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.								
2.	Project Title: Develop a Plan for the 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 intends 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.								

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	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: LSS staff. ☐ 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: Trial courts. AC Collaboration: Center for Judicial Education and Resources (CJER) Advisory Committee and Judicial Branch Leadership Development Curriculum Committee.													
3.	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 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 and Branch Accounting and Procurement (BAP) staff and Executive Office leadership. ☐ 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: Trial courts.														

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	<i>AC Collaboration:</i> TCPJAC.													
4.	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, amendments 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 and Legal Services staff. ☐ 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: Rules Committee, Executive and Planning Committee, and TCPJAC/CEAC Joint Rules Subcommittee.														
5.	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.														

#	New or One-Time Projects
	<i>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:</i> LSS staff. ☐ 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> <i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i> Trial courts. <i>AC Collaboration:</i> None.

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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: LSS, CJER, and Research, Analytics, and Data (RAD) staff. ☐ 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), and CJER Advisory Committee.									
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: LSS, Governmental Affairs, and Budget Services staff. ☐ 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 to the Rules Committee 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. JRS will develop a California Rule of Court governing trial court data collection related to law enforcement activity conducted on property of court facilities by entities other than court security. This rule is intended to be transparent, consistent, and implementable across all courts. JRS may also make additional proposals relating to law enforcement activity conducted on property of court facilities. JRS will analyze California Rules of Court, rule 10.603 (c)(2) related to judicial schedules to determine if the rule should be modified to better account for all types of leave and to promote consistency across trial courts. JRS may propose modifications to the rule if needed. Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: LSS and Legal Services staff. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: None.													

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	<i>AC Collaboration:</i> TCPJAC, Rules Committee, other advisory bodies as needed.								
4.	Project Title: ITAC/CEAC Joint Information Security Governance Subcommittee	Priority: 1							
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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: LSS, Legal Services, and Information Technology (IT) staff. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial courts. AC Collaboration: ITAC and 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 bodies who are court executives or judicial administrators.									

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	Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: LSS staff. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: None AC Collaboration: Executive and Planning Committee and 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: LSS and Legal Services staff. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial courts and JCC offices. AC Collaboration: None.						

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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. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: LSS staff. ☐ 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 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									

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities
	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 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 and LSS staff. ☐ 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, and Rules Committee.

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9.	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 AB 1058 court contract that might arise in the interim. The Child Support Services Subcommittee will meet to review the AB1058 court contracts and provide feedback on proposed changes to the contract terms. The subcommittee will also meet to discuss and provide feedback on the Judicial Council's contract with DCSS and meet with DCSS representatives and CFCC staff to address and resolve concerns prior to the POC is distributed to the trial courts and local child support agencies. Because the POCs are for two-year terms, the subcommittee will continually meet biannually in the spring on to review the POCs unless the plan 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 interagency forum. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC, LSS, and RAD staff. ☐ 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, and Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee.									

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10.	Project Title: CEAC Jury Administration and Management Subcommittee	Priority: 2							
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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. Calendar Year 2026–2027 Priorities: • Survey of Trial Court Jury Operations • 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 and LSS staff. ☐ 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 the content reflects current law and promotes 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, rule 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 a 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. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: LSS, CFCC, IT, Criminal Justice Services, Governmental Affairs, and Legal Services staff. ☐ 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, and Legislation Committee and Remote Access to Electronic Court Records Working Group.								
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 biennially, and any suggested updates are submitted to the Judicial Council for approval. BAP works with representatives									

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	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 review the 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 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, LSS, and Budget Services staff. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial courts and 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					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 and 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 strengthen collaboration between Government Affairs and the trial courts in outreach activities, including assisting each court in designating coordinators for local outreach efforts. Status/Timeline: Ongoing Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: LSS, Judicial Council Administrative Director, Budget Services, and Governmental Affairs staff. ☐ 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.								
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 offices 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 Judicial Council's Executive Office to enhance branch communication. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Various Judicial Council offices 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

#	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. This subcommittee will continue to be active in 2026 and meet as needed. 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. A new submission form was also created to allow TCPJAC and CEAC members to submit rule change proposals to JRS.
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 carried over to better align with JCIT timelines for the new statewide data warehouse. The subcommittee approved a recommendation for 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

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
	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 court and the Jury Data 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 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.

Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch
Annual Agenda¹—2026

Approved by Executive and Planning Committee: [Date]

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Judge, Superior Court of California, Mendocino County
Lead Staff:	Mr. Joe Meyer, Principal Manager and Ms. Dawn Tomita, Manager, Audit Services
Advisory Body’s Charge/Membership: Rule 10.63 of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Advisory Committee on Audits and Financial Accountability for the Judicial Branch (audit committee), which is charged with advising and assisting the council in performing its responsibilities to ensure that the fiscal affairs of the judicial branch are managed efficiently, effectively, and transparently, and in performing its specific responsibilities relating to audits and contracting, as required by law and good public policy. Rule 10.63(c) sets forth additional duties of the committee, such as to: • Review and approve a yearly audit plan for the judicial branch; • Advise and assist the council in performing its responsibilities under the Judicial Branch Contract Law; • Review and recommend to the council proposed updates and revisions to the Judicial Branch Contracting Manual; and • Make recommendations concerning any proposed changes to the annual compensation plan for Judicial Council staff. Rule 10.63(d) sets forth the membership position of the committee. The audit committee currently has seven members and one non-voting advisor. The current committee roster is available on the committee’s webpage.	
Subgroups of the Advisory Body²: None.	

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).

Advisory Body and Subgroup Meetings Planned for 2026³

Videoconferences as needed based on the availability of audit reports, generally quarterly.

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

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.

II. COMMITTEE PROJECTS

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>

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities								
1.	Project Title: Review Audit Reports and Recommend Policy Changes, As Appropriate	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: The audit committee reviews audit reports issued by external entities (i.e., the State Controller's Office and State Auditor's Office) and periodically issues public audit advisories or internal memoranda to highlight systemic and important issues for trial court management. Some of the audit reports presented to the audit committee are required to be performed by law. Section 77206(h) of the Government Code requires the State Controller's Office (SCO) to audit the revenues, expenditures, and fund balances of each trial court on a cyclical basis. Similarly, section 19210 of the Public Contract Code requires the California State Auditor's Office (CSA) to audit the procurement practices of at least five trial courts and the Judicial Council every three years. Audit reports issued by both the SCO and the CSA are discussed by the committee in public session for transparency. Section 77206(g) of the Government Code authorizes the Judicial Council to inspect, review, and perform comprehensive oversight and analysis of court financial records wherever they may be located. State law also authorizes council staff to investigate allegations of financial impropriety or mismanagement. The Judicial Council's audit staff often review court compliance with key financial, operational, and procurement-related policies in high-risk areas, such as: cash handling procedures, the reporting of case filings data to the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System (JBSIS); and vendor payment practices. Trial court management may address the audit committee in closed session to share their perspectives on any draft audit findings. To promote transparency, the final audit reports (along with those from the SCO and CSA) are posted publicly on the judicial branch's website following the audit committee's approval. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: There are no direct fiscal impacts. However, the periodic recommendations made by the audit committee may result in fiscal impacts that must be evaluated by those committees designated with oversight responsibilities in the given policy area (e.g., Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee, Court Executives Advisory Committee, etc.). ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: The courts audited are external stakeholders, particularly court executive officers and financial staff. AC Collaboration: No direct collaboration with other advisory committees or working groups. Limited collaboration with external audit agencies (such as the State Auditor's Office and State Controller's Office), who periodically audit judicial branch entities.									

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2.	Project Title: Recommend Updates to the Judicial Branch Contracting Manual	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: The Judicial Branch Contract Law (Pub. Contract Code, §§ 19201–19210) requires the Judicial Council to adopt a contracting manual that is consistent with the Public Contract Code and substantially similar to the State Contracting Manual and State Administrative Manual. The manual contains procurement and contracting policies and procedures that must be followed by all judicial branch entities. To the extent that there are legislative amendments to the Public Contract Code that are applicable to judicial branch entities, the Judicial Council must update the Judicial Branch Contracting Manual so that the manual remains consistent with the Public Contract Code. Additionally, to the extent that there are other changes made to the State Contracting Manual and/or the State Administrative Manual—such as via Executive Order—the Judicial Council must update the Judicial Branch Contracting Manual so that the manual remains substantially similar to the State Contracting Manual and State Administrative Manual. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. The audit committee discusses and approves suggested revisions before forwarding the changes to the council for final approval and adoption. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Staff from the Judicial Council’s Legal Services office monitor changes to state procurement laws and other changes that affect the State Contracting Manual and State Administrative Manual and develop proposed changes for the audit committee’s consideration. Legal Services absorbs the cost of this work within its existing budget. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Judicial branch entities, who are required to comply with provisions in the Judicial Branch Contracting Manual. AC Collaboration: Attorneys within Legal Services periodically communicate with a group of court procurement officials, known as the Judicial Branch Contracting Manual Working Group, an unofficial working group not formally established under any advisory committee.									

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3.	Project Title: Issue Audit Advisories, as Necessary, to Proactively Address Areas of Risk	Priority: 2							
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Project Summary: Since the creation of the audit committee in October 2017, audit staff and the committee have issued audit advisories on topics such as: cash handling procedures, grant administration, court procurement practices, and data quality standards for court reporting to the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System (JBSIS). As the audit committee discusses audit findings and sees systemic and important issues that require action, it may direct committee staff to draft audit advisories that explain to the courts the given problem, risks, and suggested recommendations for corrective action. Doing so provides each court with an opportunity to review their own practices and make changes—prior to an audit—to improve judicial administration. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: None. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: Court Executive Advisory Committee and Data Analytics Advisory Committee.									

III. LIST OF 2025 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	The committee reviewed 7 audit reports focusing on procurement and financial activities of the courts. The reports contained 30 recommendations for courts to help improve operations and promote financial accountability.
2.	The committee proposed revisions to the Judicial Branch Contracting Manual to incorporate provisions related to Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI), for consideration and approval at the December 12, 2025, Judicial Council meeting.