

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
Annual Agenda¹—2025–2026
Approved by Rules Committee: October 16, 2025

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Cochairs:	Hon. Tari L. Cody, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Six Hon. Stephanie E. Hulse, Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey
Lead Staff:	Ms. Sarah Jacobvitz, Co-lead Staff, Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts Ms. Stephanie Lacambra, Co-lead Staff, Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts
Advisory Body’s Charge/Membership: Rule 10.43(a) of the California Rules of Court states the area of focus for the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, which is to make recommendations to the Judicial Council for improving the administration of justice in all cases involving marriage, family, or children. Rule 10.43(b) sets forth the membership positions of the committee, which currently has 35 voting members and 2 advisory members. The current advisory body roster is available on the advisory body’s webpage.	
Subgroups of the Advisory Body²: 1. Protective Order Working Group (POWG) 2. Violence Against Women Education Program (VAWEP)	

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

- The committee meets weekly by teleconference or videoconference on Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., unless a meeting is not required.
- VAWEF meets in-person or by videoconference at least once a year. The next meeting is projected for late Summer 2026. Should the meeting be held in-person, staff will seek the necessary approvals.
- POWG meets as needed by teleconference or videoconference to work on rules and forms proposals.

☐ 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 June 23, 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.	Legislative changes from the 2025 Legislative Session (New Project)						Priority: 1a
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals:						
	I Access ☒	II Independence ☐	III Modernization ☐	IV Quality ☒	V Education ☐	VI Infrastructure ☐	VII Funding ☐
	Project Summary: Develop rules and forms recommendations as needed to implement the legislation listed below. In addition to changes needed to implement legislation, the committee may propose additional substantive rule and form changes based on suggestions made by courts, stakeholders, and the public, or to increase useability of rules and forms for courts and litigants. Domestic Violence: a. Assembly Bill 1363 (Stefani), Protective orders: Wyland’s Law (Stats. 2025, ch. 574) This bill authorizes, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, the Department of Justice to establish, or contract with a vendor to establish, an automated protected person information and notification system to provide a petitioner or a protected person in a protective order case with automated access to information about their case, as specified. Provides that a record demonstrating whether the superior court has fulfilled its transmission obligations or a record demonstrating receipt of information about a protective order that the department is required to maintain to be open to public inspection and copying. b. Assembly Bill 561 (Quirk-Silva), Restraining orders (Stats. 2025, ch. 267) This bill conforms provisions relating to filing fees, remote appearances, and alternative service in civil harassment protective order proceedings and protective order proceedings under the Domestic Violence Prevention Act (DVPA) and the Elder and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act (EADACPA) and prohibits the charging of fees for filing or remote appearances in those proceedings. Family Law: c. Assembly Bill 343 (Pacheco), California Public Records Act: elected or appointed officials (Stats. 2025, ch. 142) This bill expands the definition of “elected or appointed official” under the California Public Records Act (CPRA) to include additional judicial-related roles (e.g., retired judges, court commissioners, federal judges, federal defenders, or judges of a federally recognized Indian tribe, active or retired State Bar Court judges, and appointees of a court to serve as children’s counsel in a family or dependency proceeding), and limits public disclosure of their personal information.						

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	d. Assembly Bill 515 (Pacheco), Trial: statement of decision (Stats. 2025, ch. 559) This bill requires a request for a statement of decision in all trials by court to be made in writing, or orally if there is an official record of the proceeding being transcribed, before the matter is submitted for decision. This bill authorizes the court, if a statement of decision is not timely requested, to announce its ruling on all relief sought without a statement of decision or to issue a written statement of decision without a request from a party. The bill authorizes the court to order a party or parties to prepare a draft statement of decision and permits a party to make objections to a statement of decision, as specified. Timeframes for each stage of the process are set forth and can be extended by the court in all cases. For cases under the Family Code, the court may shorten the time frame with a written order and statement of good cause. This bill requires the Judicial Council to adopt or amend all rules of court necessary to implement these provisions, and to prepare a form that a party may use to request a statement of decision and an accompanying information sheet. e. Assembly Bill 747 (Kalra), Service of Process Accountability, Reform and Equity (SPARE) Act. (Stats. 2025, ch. 563) This bill increases accountability in service of process by requiring county clerks to make the register of process servers publicly available and by removing provisions that previously validated service by unregistered servers. It defines “reasonable diligence” as at least three good-faith attempts on different days and times, including one at the person’s residence, and requires proofs of service to include a photograph of the site with a timestamp and GPS coordinates of each attempted or effectuated service. The bill also allows parties to move to vacate default judgments at any time for improper service, shifts the burden to plaintiffs to prove that the court has jurisdiction over the defendant and that service of the summons and complaint was effected, and requires courts to take evidence on contested service. f. Assembly Bill 1134, (Bains) Coerced marriage. (Stats. 2025, ch. 633) Beginning January 1, 2027, the bill will allow a court to grant permission for annulment petitions filed beyond the current statutory limit if the party's consent was obtained by force and the court finds good cause to grant the nullity. The bill also amends the existing coerced marriage statute to make it gender neutral and specifies that it applies regardless of the age of the victim of a forced marriage. g. Assembly Bill 1297, (Stefani) Automatic temporary restraining orders (Stats. 2025, ch. 48) Starting January 1, 2027, this bill adds to the temporary restraining order entered in a proceeding for nullification or dissolution of a marriage, or legal separation, a prohibition on allowing insurance coverage to lapse for nonpayment of premiums or failure to renew, when the policy is for the benefit of parties to the marriage or minor children for whom support may be ordered. h. Assembly Bill 1375 (Hoover) Consideration when determining child custody: human trafficking (Stats. 2025, ch. 452) This bill requires the court, when determining the best interests of a child in a child custody matter, to consider any relevant, admissible evidence that a parent has caused human trafficking of the child or other parent.

- i. [Senate Bill 85](#) (Umberg) Civil actions: service of summons. (Stats. 2025, ch. 403)
Authorizes a court, upon motion, to direct service of the summons by electronic means, if such service is reasonably calculated to give actual notice. The bill would require a plaintiff seeking to establish reasonable diligence under this section to set forth facts that detail, as specified, the attempts to effect service pursuant to the methods prescribed by statute. Provides that these provisions do not apply to actions against public entities or agents or employees of public entities sued in their official capacity.
- j. [Senate Bill 450](#) (Menjivar). Adoption: state court jurisdiction (Stats. 2025, ch. 757)
This bill clarifies that California state courts have jurisdiction over a proceeding for the adoption of a minor if the minor was born in this state and either of the following apply: a proceeding to free the minor from the custody and control of one or both parents is not required to make the minor available for adoption; or the proceeding to free the minor from the custody and control of one or both parents to make the minor available for adoption is being brought in this state. This bill also requires an adoption order to include the names of the adoptive parent or parents and that any existing parent who will maintain their parental rights after the finalization of the adoption. This bill clarifies that a failure to include an existing parent or parents on the adoption order in compliance with this provision shall not be construed to terminate the parental rights and responsibilities otherwise maintained under existing law by an existing parent or parents. This bill requires a petitioner for an independent adoption to be responsible for providing any additional documentation or information necessary to complete an adoption investigation if the out-of-state home study report is not substantially commensurate with California standards or is otherwise missing required information.

Juvenile Dependency:

- k. [Assembly Bill 118](#) (Committee on Budget) Human Services (Stats. 2025, ch. 7)
Human services trailer bill which has numerous provisions, including a requirement that beginning July 1, 2025, county welfare agencies convene child and family team meetings for all children and youth receiving family maintenance services.
- l. [Assembly Bill 243](#) (Ahrens), Postsecondary education: student financial aid dependency status: juvenile case file inspection (Stats. 2025, ch. 610)
This bill allows agencies (child welfare, probation, etc.) to submit sworn statements to aid determination of students' financial aid dependency status and authorizes sharing of juvenile court-related information with educational institutions. The information shared must remain confidential and be used only for specified purposes, with intentional breaches subject to misdemeanor penalties and fines of up to \$500.
- m. [Assembly Bill 373](#) (Rubio, Blanca), Dependency proceedings: counsel (Stats. 2025, ch. 146)
This bill amends Welfare and Institutions Code section 317(e) to clarify that the standard of representation for counsel appointed to represent a nonminor dependent in a dependency proceeding is to represent the wishes of the NMD, without exception.
- n. [Assembly Bill 383](#) (Davies), Firearms: prohibition: minors (Stats. 2025, ch. 362)
This bill expands exemptions to the prohibition against the purchase and possession of firearms by minors for specified activities related to hunting education, applies existing post-conviction firearm relinquishment procedures to minors adjudicated to have

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	committed a crime and individuals subject to specified restraining orders, and authorizes the issuance of a search warrant for minors unlawfully in possession of a firearm. o. Assembly Bill 562 (Solache) Foster care: placement: family finding. (Stats. 2025, ch. 436) The Justice through Placing Foster Children with Families Act requires counties to compare their foster child placement rates with the statewide average. Starting January 1, 2027, each county must review data showing how often children are placed with relatives, including comparing their own rates with the statewide average from the previous year. For Native American children, counties must also compare their rates to the federal placement preferences outlined in the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. If a county's placement rate is lower than the statewide average, the county welfare director (or their designee) must work with the Center for Excellence in Family Finding, Engagement, and Support to identify ways to improve their placement rates. p. Assembly Bill 651 (Bryan) Juveniles: dependency: incarcerated parent (Stats. 2025, ch. 274) This bill amends Welfare and Institutions Code section 349 to extend minors' rights to notice, participation, and continuances for lack of notice to nonminor dependents. The bill also amends Penal Code section 2625 to require notice and an opportunity for an incarcerated parent to be physically present at specified dependency hearings related to their child, or the opportunity to participate in those proceedings by videoconference or teleconference when their physical presence is waived. q. Assembly Bill 741 (Ransom), Department of Justice: child abuse reporting (Stats. 2025, ch. 619) This bill requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to monitor the Child Abuse Central Index and notify designated Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs if a record of a child abuse investigation involving a CASA employee or volunteer is added to the index. CASA programs must request subsequent arrest notifications for all employment and volunteer candidates and notify the DOJ when an individual is no longer employed or volunteering with the program. The DOJ may increase its fee for processing these notifications to cover associated costs. r. Assembly Bill 779 (Lackey), Child welfare services: domestic violence consultant pilot program (Stats. 2025, ch. 381) This bill authorizes a county child welfare agency to establish a 3-year pilot program in which the county partners with a domestic violence consultant from a domestic violence victim service organization to offer support and guidance to county social workers in addressing the complex dynamics of families who are potentially experiencing both domestic violence and child maltreatment in order to enhance the social worker's knowledge of domestic violence and their ability to apply that knowledge to their work with parent survivors and their children through tailored engagement and intervention strategies. This bill requires a county that implements the pilot program to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the pilot program and report its findings to the Legislature on or before October 31, 2031. s. Assembly Bill 890 (Lee), Nonminor dependents: county of residence (Stats. 2025, ch. 281)

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	This bill amends Welfare and Institutions Code section 375 to allow a nonminor dependent to request a transfer of jurisdiction to a new county if the court determines it is in their best interest. The court will consider factors like access to services, input from the social worker or probation officer, residency status, connections to the new county, and any involvement in another dependency case as a parent. The court must make a decision within 30 days of the request, and the new county must accept jurisdiction within 10 days of the court’s transfer order. t. Assembly Bill 896 (Elhawary), Foster care: placement transition planning (Stats. 2025, ch. 564) This bill requires county child welfare agencies to adopt a policy for supporting foster children during placement transitions, including transitions to reunification. The policy must allow children to give input on their transitions and provide guidance to social workers on how to collect input and share information. If a placement cannot be maintained, the social worker must ensure proper transition planning. The State Department of Social Services will issue guidance on best practices for these transitions, and counties must submit their policies to the department within a year after receiving the guidance and funding. u. Assembly Bill 1261 (Bonta), Immigration: unaccompanied undocumented minors: right to legal counsel (Stats. 2025, ch. 665) This bill requires the state to provide legal counsel to each unaccompanied undocumented minor in the physical custody of the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement and present in California or residing with a family member or other sponsor in California. The right to counsel applies in state court proceedings for purposes of obtaining any order necessary for or relevant to immigration remedies, federal immigration proceedings, any related appearances or matters before the United States Department of Homeland Security, and any appeals arising from those proceedings. This bill defines an unaccompanied undocumented minor as a person who has not attained the age of 18, has no legal immigration status, and has no parent or legal guardian in the United States, or no parent or legal guardian in the United States is available to provide care and physical custody. v. Assembly Bill 1521 (Committee on Judiciary), Committee on Judiciary: judiciary omnibus (Stats. 2025, ch. 200) Among other provisions, this bill requires representatives of a decedent’s estate to notify the Director of the Department of Child Support Services if the general personal representative or estate attorney knows or has reason to believe the decedent had a child support obligation under an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction. The local child support agency providing services may assert a claim no later than four months after receiving notice. This provision only applies to estates for which letters are issued on and after January 1, 2026. w. Senate Bill 119 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review), Public social services trailer bill (Stats. 2025, ch. 79) This bill requires the California Department of Social Services, through the State Office of Child Abuse Prevention, to, by no later than July 1, 2027, develop, with participation from specified individuals, including, among others, county child welfare agencies, a standardized curriculum for mandated reporters, and to make that training available on an internet website. Requires the standardized curriculum for mandated reporters to include various components, including but not limited to: the history of mandated reporting laws;

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	California’s Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, best practice for defining “reasonable suspicion” and “substantial risk”; differences between “severe neglect” and “general neglect,” as defined; California child abuse, neglect, and disproportionality data; definitions of bias and trauma; the impact on families of making a child abuse or neglect report to child protective services; considerations for specified populations; decision-making processes and tools for mandated reporters; and education and information on community resources. Requires the California Child Welfare Council to establish a Mandated Reporting Advisory Committee, which includes representatives of county agencies, labor organizations, community-based organizations, and parents and youth directly impacted by the child welfare system. x. Senate Bill 413 (Allen), Juveniles: case file inspection (Stats. 2025, ch. 221) This bill amends Welfare and Institutions Code section 827 to allow an attorney representing a party in a civil proceeding (defined to mean either a civil action or a government claim filed pursuant to the Government Claims Act) to inspect and use information and records in a juvenile case file when the civil claim is filed by, or on behalf of the person who is the subject of the juvenile case file. Procedural protections. This bill allows information and copies of records from a juvenile case file to be provided to persons assisting the attorneys for the parties in the civil proceeding for their use in that proceeding without the prior approval of the court, but requires them to return all copies of records from a juvenile case file provided by an attorney pursuant to this subparagraph at the conclusion of the civil proceeding. The attorney must also take appropriate steps to ensure that all copies of records from a juvenile case file obtained pursuant to this subparagraph are destroyed upon the conclusion of the civil proceeding consistent with other applicable laws. Juvenile Justice: y. Assembly Bill 1071 (Kalra), Criminal procedure: discrimination (Stats. 2025, ch. 721) This bill amends Penal Code sections 745, 1473, and 1473.7 and adds Penal Code section 1473.2 to provide procedures for a defendant to seek relief if they believe their conviction or sentence was influenced by racial, ethnic, or national origin discrimination. It establishes a process for filing a motion for relief, including the submission of statistical evidence, and specifies the burden of proof required. The bill would also change the remedies for a violation of this prohibition in accordance with the procedure the defendant used to pursue relief. z. Assembly Bill 1376 (Bonta), Wards: probation (Stats. 2025, ch. 575) This bill amends Welfare and Institutions Code sections 730, 730.6, and 731 to create a rebuttable presumption that probation should not extend beyond 12 months, and allows the presumption to be overcome by a preponderance of evidence that it is in the ward’s and the public’s best interest. Requires the court to state the reasons for the findings orally on the record in cases in which the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence a basis for extending probation. This bill requires the court to set forth the reasons in an order entered upon the minutes if requested by either party or when the proceedings are not being recorded electronically or reported by a court reporter. Requires the court to hold noticed hearings for the ward not less frequently than every 6 months for the remainder of the

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	wardship period if the court extends probation. These requirements do not apply to wards in a juvenile home, ranch, camp, or forestry camp. Status/Timeline: Proposals required by the foregoing legislative mandates are anticipated to circulate in the Spring cycle with an expected effective date of January 1, 2027. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Center for Families, Children & the Courts (CFCC) staff, in consultation with staff from Legal Services, will prepare revised rules and forms as needed. ☐ 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: All draft proposals will circulate for public comment to a list of family and juvenile law related stakeholders as well as all court executives and presiding judges. AC Collaboration: For proposals that impact family and civil courts, the committee will collaborate with the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee (CSCAC). For proposals that impact guardianship and adult mental health, the committee will collaborate with the Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee (PMHAC). For proposals that impact tribal courts, the committee will collaborate with the Tribal Court–State Court Forum. For proposals that impact the Courts of Appeal, the committee will collaborate with the Appellate Advisory Committee (AAC). For proposals that impact protective orders other than domestic violence and juvenile orders, the committee will convene POWG and collaborate with CSCAC and the Criminal Law Advisory Committee (CLAC), as needed.								
2.	Juvenile Law: Consider new and revised forms for sealing juvenile records under Welfare and Institutions Code section 788 (One-Time Project)	Priority: 1a							
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	Project Summary: Create a court form to seal juvenile records in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 788, to implement Assembly Bill 1877 (Jackson) Juveniles: sealing records (Stats. 2024, ch. 811), which requires county probation officers to petition the court to seal juvenile records once a person who was the subject of a petition or cited to appear before a probation officer has reached 18 years of age, has not been convicted of a felony or of any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, and who has attained rehabilitation to the								

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	satisfaction of the court. This project would also revise form JV-590, the order sealing the records, to incorporate orders made pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 788. Status/Timeline: Anticipate circulating for comment in the Spring cycle with an effective date of January 1, 2027. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, in consultation with staff from Legal Services, will prepare the new and revised forms. ☐ 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: The draft proposal will circulate for public comment to a list of juvenile law related stakeholders as well as all court executives and presiding judges. AC Collaboration: None.								
3.	Juvenile Law: Amend rules and revise forms to comply with Senate Bill 823 (Stats. 2020, ch. 337) and <i>Gabriel M. v. Superior Court</i> (2024) 107 Cal.App.5th 446, 456 (One-Time Project)	Priority: <i>1a</i>							
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	Project Summary: The committee will consider amendments to rules and revisions to forms, including but not limited to rule 5.770 and <i>Order to Transfer Juvenile to Criminal Court Jurisdiction</i> (form JV-710), based on Senate Bill 823 and a recent Court of Appeal opinion in <i>Gabriel M. v. Superior Court</i> (2024) 107 Cal.App.5th 446, 456, which stated that Welfare and Institutions Code section 707.1 as revised by Senate Bill 823 says nothing about transferring minors from juvenile facilities to adult facilities. Accordingly, rule 5.770(d)(2) must be updated to conform to statute because the current rule’s provision concerning transfers of minors to adult facilities refers to a statute that no longer applies to such transfers. Similarly, Judicial Council form JV-710 (the optional form used for granting a motion to transfer a minor from juvenile court to adult criminal court) must also be updated to conform to statute because it still refers to Welfare and Institutions Code section 207.1, which no longer applies to transferring minors from juvenile facilities to adult facilities. Status/Timeline: Any necessary rules and forms revisions are anticipated to circulate for comment in the Spring cycle, to take effect on January 1, 2027.								

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	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, in consultation with staff from Legal Services, will prepare the amended rules and revised forms. ☐ 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: The draft proposal will circulate for public comment to a list of juvenile law related stakeholders as well as all court executives and presiding judges. AC Collaboration: CLAC.								
4.	Family Law: Amend rules and create and revise forms regarding income (New Project)	Priority: 1a							
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Project Summary: The committee will consider revisions to <i>Income and Expense Declaration</i> (form FL-150), <i>Financial Statement (Simplified)</i> (form FL-155), <i>Request for Income and Benefit Information from Employer</i> (form FL-397), and any other relevant rules and forms to implement changes required by recent federal legislation (One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1, 119th Cong., 1st Sess. (2025))) and to improve useability. The recommendation may include the adoption of new attachment forms. Status/Timeline: The proposal is anticipated to circulate for comment in the Spring cycle, to take effect on January 1, 2027. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, in consultation with staff from Legal Services, will prepare the amended rules and new and revised forms. ☐ 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: California Department of Child Support Services. The draft proposal will circulate for public comment to a list of relevant stakeholders as well as all court executives and presiding judges. AC Collaboration: None.									

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5.	Family Law: Amend rule 5.230 to comply with Assembly Bill 1974 (Stats. 2024, ch. 303) (One-Time Project)	Priority: 1a							
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Project Summary: The committee will consider amendments to rule 5.230 (domestic violence training standards for court-appointed child custody investigators and evaluators) to add a new training topic to the 12 hours of advanced training for child custody investigators and evaluators. Status/Timeline: The proposal is anticipated to circulate for comment in the Spring cycle, to take effect on January 1, 2027. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, in consultation with staff from Legal Services, will prepare the amended rule. ☐ 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: The draft proposal will circulate for public comment to a list of family law and domestic violence prevention related stakeholders as well as all court executives and presiding judges. AC Collaboration: None.									
6.	Juvenile Law: Implement reauthorization of title IV-B funding for Court Improvement Programs (New Project)	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: The committee will consider necessary actions to support implementation of the Supporting America’s Children and Families Act (H.R. 9076, 118th Cong., 2d Sess. (2025)) which reauthorizes Title IV-B funding for Court Improvement Programs effective October 1, 2025. Necessary actions may include collaborating with the California Department of Social Services to develop and implement federal compliance strategies on topics such as ensuring children, parents, and guardians are informed about the availability of independent									

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	legal representation, preventing family separation based on poverty, improving Indian Child Welfare Act compliance, providing title IV-B services up to the age of 26, and providing technical assistance and education to courts to support implementation and increase compliance. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Federal guidance continues to be published on the reauthorization and how states are required to implement the changed provisions. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, Legal Services, 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: California Department of Social Services, Chief Probation Officers of California, Child Welfare Directors Association. AC Collaboration: None.								
7.	Family Law: Quadrennial review of statewide uniform child support guideline (One-Time Project)	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Family Code section 4054(a) requires that, at least every four years, the Judicial Council review the statewide uniform child support guideline to recommend appropriate revisions to the Legislature. Additionally, federal requirements require that the state review its guideline on a quadrennial basis. Status/Timeline: This will be an information item on the Judicial Council agenda and the committee will follow the guidelines outlined in the <i>Directions for Transmitting Reports to the Legislature</i> for submitting this report. It is anticipated the study will be completed in 2026 and submitted to the Legislature in May 2026. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff will work with Governmental Affairs staff to transmit the study to the Legislature. ☐ 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>									

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	Internal/External Stakeholders: California Department of Child Support Services. Additionally, the draft study will circulate for public comment to a list of family and juvenile law related stakeholders as well as all court executives and presiding judges. AC Collaboration: The study must also be reviewed by the Governmental Affairs Office and approved by the Legislation Committee.								
8.	Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts: Improve compliance with court-ordered firearm prohibitions (One-Time Project)	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: The Budget Act of 2022 (Assem. Bill 178 (Ting) Stats. 2022, ch. 45)) allocates \$40 million to the judicial branch to improve compliance with court-ordered firearm prohibitions. Of this amount, \$36 million is for grants to the courts, and \$4 million is for oversight, data collection, and a required evaluation. In 2022, the Rules Committee approved this item on the committee's annual agenda, authorizing its work to implement this program. In addition, the Gun Violence Prevention and School Safety Act (Assem. Bill 28 (Gabriel) (Stats. 2023, ch. 231)) may provide up to \$15 million per year, on an ongoing basis, to support court-based firearm relinquishment programs. It is anticipated that the committee develop recommendations to the Judicial Council for implementation and coordinating with the state Department of Justice. Status/Timeline: Funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2026, and spent by June 30, 2028. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC and Criminal Justice Services staff will work with Budget Services regarding agreements with the courts for allocation of funds over the remaining two years. ☒ 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: Law enforcement agencies; University of California Firearm Violence Research Center at the University of California, Davis. AC Collaboration: CSCAC, CLAC, and Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC).									

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9.	Juvenile Law: Revise rule 5.570 and forms JV-180 and JV-183 (One-Time Project)	Priority: 2a							
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Project Summary: The committee will develop a recommendation to revise <i>Request to Change Court Order</i> (form JV-180) and <i>Court Order on Form JV-180</i>, Request for Court Order (form JV-183) to apply to Welfare and Institutions Code section 388 petitions improperly filed before disposition. Additionally, this proposal will review rule 5.570 to conform with concerns raised in <i>In re L.M.</i> (2025) A171105 (pending publication) regarding the courts' obligation to give special consideration to the views of a presumed fit parent. Status/Timeline: Anticipate circulating for comment in the Spring cycle with an effective date of January 1, 2027. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, in consultation with staff from Legal Services, will prepare the revised forms. ☐ 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: The draft proposal will circulate for public comment to a list of juvenile law related stakeholders as well as all court executives and presiding judges. AC Collaboration: None.									
10.	Juvenile Law: Amend Appendix F guidelines for the Juvenile Dependency Counsel Collections Program (One-Time Project)	Priority: 2b							
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Project Summary: If time and resources permit, the committee will consider developing a recommendation to amend Appendix F, Guidelines for the Juvenile Dependency Counsel Collections Program (JDCCP) (Cal. Rules of Court, appen. F). As required by Welfare and Institutions Code section 903.47, the JDCCP collects reimbursement for the cost of providing legal services in juvenile dependency proceedings from responsible persons who are determined able to pay that cost. The program then reallocates the collected funds to the court-appointed counsel									

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	budgets of participating courts whose base allocation does not meet their needs under the current funding methodology. To reduce confusion, the recommended amendments will update the guidelines to remove an outdated method of calculating a court’s costs of providing dependency-related legal services. The committee will consider whether to replace this method with a new method of calculating the cost of counsel consistent with the current methodology used by Judicial Council staff to determine the courts’ proportional need for court-appointed counsel funding. If the committee does not recommend replacing the method, courts would have the option of determining their actual costs (Cal. Rules of Court, appen. F, § 5(a)) or adopting a flat rate fee structure that ensures that the fees collected from a responsible person do not exceed the actual costs of services provided in the applicable proceeding (<i>Id.</i>, § 5(c)). To avoid confusion, it is important for the methodology to reflect the current updated practice. Status/Timeline: Anticipate circulating for comment in the Spring cycle with an effective date of January 1, 2027. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: The project is unlikely to have a significant fiscal impact on the trial courts or the Judicial Council, as it is a relatively modest proposal; staff resources include CFCC staff 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, Court-Appointed Counsel, parents and children. AC Collaboration: TCBAC.								
11.	Juvenile Law: Amend rule 5.640 to permit electronic services of psychological or medication documentation (One-Time 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: 2b
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	Project Summary: If time and resources permit, the committee will consider recommending revisions to rule 5.640 to permit courts to have the option of accepting electronic service or creating their own local rules for electronic service of psychological or medical documentation necessary to administer psychotropic medication. This project is in response to the request of local courts and will improve court efficiency and reduce operational costs. Status/Timeline: Anticipate circulating for comment in the Spring cycle with an effective date of January 1, 2027.								

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	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, in consultation with staff from Legal Services, will prepare any the amended rule as needed. ☐ 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: Any draft rules proposal will circulate for public comment to a list of family and juvenile law related stakeholders as well as all court executives and presiding judges. AC Collaboration: None.								
12.	Protective Orders: Consider new and revised rules and forms regarding requests to change or end Domestic Violence Prevention Act orders (New Project)	Priority: 2b							
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Project Summary: If time and resources permit, the committee will consider recommending revisions to the rules and forms regarding requests to change or end orders issued in Domestic Violence Prevention Act cases to address court operational concerns and to refine the forms for greater clarity. This will include consideration of forms related to making the request, serving the request, and orders issued as a result of the request. The committee will also consider whether to amend existing rules of court or adopt new rules of court to clarify this process. This project is in response to the request of local courts and will improve court efficiency and avoid confusion. Status/Timeline: Anticipate circulating for comment in the Spring 2027 cycle with an effective date of January 1, 2028. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, in consultation with staff from Legal Services, will prepare any new or amended rules and new or revised forms needed. ☐ 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: Any draft rules proposal will circulate for public comment to a list of family and domestic violence prevention law related stakeholders as well as all court executives and presiding judges.									

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	<i>AC Collaboration:</i> None.																				
13.	Juvenile Law: Advise on court appointed counsel funding allocation methodology (New Project)						Priority: 2														
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Project Summary: Members of the committee will provide input as appropriate to members of TCBAC reviewing the workload model for court appointed dependency counsel. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. The Budget Act of 2025 specifies that \$186.7 million be appropriated to the California Court Appointed counsel for FY 2025–26. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, 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: Court appointed counsel providers. AC Collaboration: TCBAC.																					

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1.	Juvenile Law: Update rules and forms for consistency with Indian Child Welfare Act requirements	Priority: 1a							
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Project Summary: Maintain rule and form compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and its requirements as needed. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Any required rules and forms proposals this year are anticipated to circulate for comment in the Spring cycle with an effective date of January 1, 2027. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, Legal Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: Tribal Court–State Court Forum.									
2.	Rules and Forms: Consider miscellaneous technical changes	Priority: 1a							
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Project Summary: Develop rule and form changes as necessary to make corrections and adjustments meeting the criteria of rule 10.22(d)(2): “a nonsubstantive technical change or correction or a minor substantive change that is unlikely to create controversy....” These include revisions to forms that contain dollar figures based on statutory criteria that the Judicial Council is mandated to adjust on a regular basis. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, Legal Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.									

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	Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: None.													
3.	Juvenile Law: Family First Prevention Services Act implementation						Priority: 1a							
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Project Summary: Monitor implementation of the federal Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), which reforms federal child welfare financing streams, title IV-E, and title IV-B of the Social Security Act, to provide services to families who are at risk of entering the child welfare system. California's title IV-E program was audited by the federal government in 2025 and is expected to receive implementations for the state's child welfare financing. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC Staff, Legal 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: California Department of Social Services, Chief Probation Officers of California, Child Welfare Directors Association. AC Collaboration: None.														
4.	Protective Orders Working Group						Priority: 1							
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	Project Summary: As lead committee for POWG, work with CSCAC and CLAC to ensure protective order forms are written in consistent language that is comprehensible to non-attorneys, while maintaining legal accuracy. POWG will work collaboratively on the protective order projects identified in this agenda and the agendas of the other committees that make up the working group. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, Legal Services, and Criminal Justice Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: none. AC Collaboration: CSCAC and CLAC as needed.								
5.	Juvenile Law: Advise on Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) grants program funding and program oversight (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 100 et seq.) Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: <table><tr><td>I Access ☐</td><td>II Independence ☐</td><td>III Modernization ☐</td><td>IV Quality ☒</td><td>V Education ☐</td><td>VI Infrastructure ☐</td><td>VII Funding ☒</td></tr></table>	I Access ☐	II Independence ☐	III Modernization ☐	IV Quality ☒	V Education ☐	VI Infrastructure ☐	VII Funding ☒	Priority: 1
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	Project Summary: Oversee recommendations to the Judicial Council for allocation of \$2.713 million and any other needed changes to support CASA programs. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, Budget Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: California Court Appointed Special Advocate Association. AC Collaboration: None.								

6.	Family and Juvenile Law: Provide recommendations to Judicial Council on Domestic Violence issues	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Provide recommendations to the council on statewide judicial branch domestic violence issues in the area of family and juvenile law, including projects referred from the work of the Domestic Violence Practice and Procedure Task Force and the Violence Against Women Education Program. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, Criminal Justice 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: None. AC Collaboration: CSCAC, CLAC, and Tribal Court–State Court Forum.									
7.	Family and Juvenile Law: Review pending legislation	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: As requested by the Legislation Committee, review and recommend positions on legislation related to family and juvenile law matters. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, 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: None.									

8.	Family and Juvenile Law: Review enacted legislation	Priority: 1				
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Project Summary: Review all legislation referred by the Judicial Council’s Governmental Affairs office that may affect issues within the advisory committee’s purview and, where appropriate, propose to the council rules and forms or revisions to implement or align with the legislation. Status/Timeline: Ongoing; will only take further action upon approval of Rules Committee. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, 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: As appropriate based on specific legislation.						
9.	Juvenile Law: Intercounty transfers	Priority: 1				
Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals:						
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Project Summary: Review requests under rule 5.610(h) to approve local collaborative agreements for alternative juvenile court transfer forms in lieu of using form JV-550. This project originated from the Judicial Council Delegations to the Administrative Director of the Courts (October 25, 2013, Item 99), who then delegated the project to the committee. The committee will review any such requests that are presented during the upcoming year. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: None.						

	<i>AC Collaboration:</i> None.						
10.	Juvenile Law: Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSR) process						Priority: 1
Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals:							
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Project Summary: The Court Improvement Plan (CIP) is a federal grant from the Administration of Children and Families, Children’s Bureau, to a state’s highest court to continuously improve court processes and legal representation in child welfare proceedings. California’s CIP, in part, provides funding to juvenile courts. The Children’s Bureau conducts periodic onsite reviews of the state’s child welfare system. Round 4 of this review, known as a Child and Family Services Review (CFSR), began in 2022 with a letter from the Children’s Bureau to the Chief Justice requiring judicial branch participation, including the provision of a Legal-Judicial Specialist on the CFSR team and implementation of Program Improvement Plan (PIP) strategies. At that time, the Chief Justice designated the cochairs of the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to be her representatives in the CFSR. Under the CFSR, the federal government determines whether the state child welfare system is in substantial conformity with required safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for foster children under federal law (45 C.F.R. §§ 1355.33(c), 1355.34, 1355.35(a)). To achieve substantial conformity, California developed a PIP that was approved by the federal administration in June 2025. The PIP sets forth benchmarks the state must meet to avoid losing federal funding. California must make sufficient progress to reach substantial conformity under its PIP within 18 months of approval. The committee will develop and monitor implementation of judicial branch key activities listed in California’s PIP to obtain substantial compliance of the CFSR. In addition, the committee has been asked by the Children’s Bureau and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to help CDSS develop and implement legal and judicial strategies to address areas in the child welfare services system that need improvement. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: California Department of Social Services, Chief Probation Officers of California, Child Welfare Directors Association. AC Collaboration: None.							

11.	Family Law: Review approval of training providers under rules 5.210, 5.215, 5.225, 5.230, and 5.518	Priority: 1
Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals:		
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Project Summary: In consultation with the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, Judicial Council staff approve mandated education and training programs for court-connected mediators, child custody recommending counselors, and evaluators.		
Status/Timeline: Ongoing.		
Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff and Legal Services. ☐ 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.		
12.	Family and Juvenile Law: Serve as subject matter resource	Priority: 1
Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals:		
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Project Summary: The committee serves as a subject matter resource on family and juvenile law for other advisory groups to avoid duplication of effort and contribute to the development of recommendations for the Judicial Council. Such efforts may include providing family and juvenile law expertise and review to working groups, advisory committees, and subcommittees as needed.		
Status/Timeline: Ongoing.		
Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, Governmental Affairs, Legal Services, and Criminal Justice Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.		
Internal/External Stakeholders: TBD, depending on the subject matter and scope of the issues raised.		

	AC Collaboration: Respective advisory bodies.								
13.	Family Law: Certification of Statewide Uniform Guideline Support Calculators	Priority: 1							
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Project Summary: Review requests under rule 5.275 and Family Code section 3830 from developers to certify new guideline support calculators for use in the superior courts. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC 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.	Rules and Forms: Update Judicial Council forms within the committee's purview that have a gender identity question or term	Priority: 2b							
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Project Summary: The Judicial Council's Rules Committee, through its former chair, Justice Harry E. Hull, Jr., asked all advisory committees it oversees to identify forms within the committees' purview that have gender identity questions or terms, and to indicate on each committee's annual agenda whether the committee proposed to revise forms to address gender (1) as revisions are needed in the future due to legislative or other changes, or (2) as a set of form revisions solely to address the gender question or term. This task followed from legislation. In 2018 the Legislature adopted a resolution to direct state agencies to use gender-neutral drafting in their materials. Assem. Con. Res. No. 260 (Low; Stats. 2018, res. ch. 190). As such, the committee will revise forms containing gendered terms or gender identity questions to remove gendered language and conform to legislative changes providing for nonbinary gender identity as the forms are being revised for other reasons.									

	Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff and Legal Services. ☐ 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.								
15.	Family Law: Assembly Bill 1058 child support program funding	Priority: 2							
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Project Summary: Continue to monitor the implementation of the current workload-based funding methodology for the AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner Program and population-based funding methodology for the Family Law Facilitator Program, including its impact on smaller courts and the overall performance of the program as federally mandated. As directed by the AB 1058 Funding Allocation Joint Subcommittee of the Judicial Council in 2019, the committee will continue to review the implementation of the AB 1058 funding methodology, including its impact on the performance of the program as federally mandated and make recommendations concerning allocation of federal title IV-D drawdown funds. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff will work with Budget Services staff to coordinate work with TCBAC, if any changes to the methodology are suggested. ☒ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: Department of Child Support Services. AC Collaboration: None.									

16.	Family and Juvenile Law: Advise on Judicial Branch education for family and juvenile law	Priority: 2							
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Project Summary: Contribute to planning efforts in support of family and juvenile law judicial branch education. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff and Center for Judicial Education and 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: Center for Judicial Education and Resources Advisory Committee.									
17.	Juvenile Law: Advise on distribution of federal title IV-E reimbursement for dependency counsel	Priority: 2							
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Project Summary: Beginning in 2019, a change in the federal Child Welfare Policy Manual permits attorneys who provide dependency representation to claim reimbursement for specified legal activities. The Budget Act of 2025 includes \$66 million to support this federal reimbursement. The ongoing funding to support federal reimbursement was first included in the Budget Act of 2019. In July 2019, the Council authorized distribution of these funds to court appointed dependency counsel statewide. The committee will continue to review the implementation of federal IV-E reimbursement for dependency counsel as outlined in its 2019 report to the Judicial Council, Juvenile Law: Distribution of Federal Title IV-E Reimbursement for Dependency Counsel. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, Legal 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: Court Executive Advisory Committees \ Subcommittee, California Department of Social Services, Child Welfare Directors Association, Court Appointed Counsel in Dependency Providers. AC Collaboration: Joint Rules Subcommittee of Trial Court Presiding Judges and Court Executive Advisory Committees.								
18.	Juvenile Law: Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care (BRC) recommendations	Priority: 2							
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Project Summary: As requested by Judicial Council members, provide input on council accepted recommendations from the BRC. Consider ongoing process to monitor issues raised in the August 2014 BRC Final Report. Status/Timeline: Ongoing, as needed. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC 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.									
19.	Family Law: Elkins Family Law Task Force recommendations	Priority: 2							
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Project Summary: As requested by Judicial Council members, provide input on council accepted recommendations from the Elkins Family Law Task Force. And consider ongoing process to monitor issues raised in the December 2013 Elkins Family Law Implementation Task Force Final Report. Status/Timeline: Ongoing, as needed.									

	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC 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.													
20.	Mental Health Law: Mental Health Issues Implementation Task Force referrals						Priority: 2							
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Project Summary: As requested by Judicial Council members, provide input on council accepted recommendations and consider ongoing process to monitor issues raised in the December 2015 Mental Health Issues Implementation Task Force Final Report. Coordinate with Judicial Council staff and other advisory committees on developing and implementing recommendations to improve access and procedures in mental health proceedings, including review and consideration of implementation of select recommendations referred by the Judicial Council following the task force's final report to the council. Status/Timeline: Ongoing, as needed. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff, Legal Services, and Criminal Justice Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: None. AC Collaboration: Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee and CLAC.														
21.	Probate Guardianship: Court coordination and allegations of child abuse and neglect						Priority: 2							
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	Project Summary: Continue to work collaboratively with Probate and Mental Health as well as the Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness on issues related to court coordination and allegations of child abuse and neglect in guardianship cases. Status/Timeline: Ongoing, as needed. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC 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: PMHAC and Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness.													
22.	Protective Orders: Access to the California Courts Protective Order Registry						Priority: 2							
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Project Summary: As lead committee for POWG, work with CSCAC and CLAC to examine the need for statewide guidance and policies on access to the California Courts Protective Order Registry (CCPOR). The CCPOR, a statewide protective order registry, was started in 2008 when the Judicial Council approved the recommendation by the Domestic Violence Practice and Procedure Task Force to create it. At the request of the advisory committee, POWG may review the governance of and the policies and procedures for CCPOR. Status/Timeline: Ongoing. Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CFCC staff and Legal Services. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. Internal/External Stakeholders: California DOJ. AC Collaboration: CSCAC and CLAC.														

III. LIST OF 2024–2025 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	Implemented legislative changes requiring form changes (anticipated effective date: July 1, 2025). Juvenile Law: Restitution Orders. Provided recommendation that, effective July 1, 2025, the council revise two forms to implement Assembly Bill 1186 (Stats. 2024, ch. 805), which amended provisions of the Penal Code and the Welfare and Institutions Code regarding restitution liability in criminal and juvenile court, including eliminating joint and several liability for co-offending children in juvenile delinquency cases.
2.	Implemented legislation changes requiring rule or form changes (anticipated effective date: January 1, 2026). a. Family Law: Joint Petition for Dissolution or Legal Separation. Provided recommendation that, effective January 1, 2026, the council amend four rules of court, adopt three forms, and approve an information sheet to implement Senate Bill 1427 (Stats. 2024, ch. 190), which authorizes parties who do not qualify to use the current summary dissolution process to file a joint summons and joint petition to ask the court for a dissolution of the marriage or domestic partnership or for a legal separation. b. Family Law: Standards for Computer Software Used to Assist in Determining Support. Provided recommendation that, effective January 1, 2026, the council amend a rule of court to bring standards for calculating child support into conformity with Senate Bill 343 (Stats. 2023, ch. 213) and other existing law, to update terminology and requirements related to technology for calculating support, and to clarify existing language regarding the use of scenarios to test the accuracy of support calculations. c. Family Law and Protective Orders: Implementation of Senate Bill 599 and Assembly Bill 3072 Provided recommendation that, effective January 1, 2026, the council adopt one rule of court, amend one standard of judicial administration, approve five forms, and revise thirteen forms to implement Senate Bill 599 (Stats. 2023, ch. 493) and Assembly Bill 3072 (Stats. 2024, ch. 317), which made a number of changes to judicial considerations for child custody and visitation orders in cases involving domestic violence. d. Juvenile Law: Date Child Entered Foster Care Provided recommendation that, effective January 1, 2026, the council amend one rule of court to implement Assembly Bill 2664 (Stats. 2024, ch. 412), which amended Welfare and Institutions Code section 361.49 to clarify the date a child is deemed to have entered foster care for the purpose of establishing timelines for the provision of reunification services.

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	e. Juvenile Law: Implementation of the Racial Justice Act Provided recommendation that, effective January 1, 2026, the council adopt five new forms to implement the Racial Justice Act, Assembly Bill 2542 (Stats. 2020, ch. 317) and Assembly Bill 256 (Stats. 2022, ch. 739), in juvenile delinquency matters. The new forms include a request form, an information sheet, an order form, and two findings and order forms. f. Juvenile Law: Retention of Juvenile Jurisdiction and Clarifying Rules for Petitions Requesting Juvenile Case Files of Deceased Children Provided recommendation that, effective January 1, 2026, the council (1) amend one rule of court to comply with Assembly Bill 1756 (Stats. 2023, ch. 478), which amended Welfare and Institutions Code section 10850.4 to extend the juvenile court’s jurisdiction in cases involving the death of a child or nonminor dependent; (2) amend one rule of court to implement Senate Bill 1161 (Stats. 2023, ch. 782), which amended the definition of a “juvenile case file” in Welfare and Institutions Code section 827(e); and (3) adopt one rule of court, amend two rules of court, adopt six forms, approve one form, and revise six forms to clarify the different legal standards for requesting a juvenile delinquency file or living child’s juvenile dependency case file versus a deceased child’s juvenile dependency case file under Welfare and Institutions Code section 827.delinquency file or living child’s juvenile dependency case file versus a deceased child’s juvenile dependency case file under Welfare and Institutions Code section 827. g. Juvenile Law: Family Finding and Engagement and ICWA Inquiry: Recent Supreme Court Decisions Provided recommendation that, effective January 1, 2026, the council amend 4 rules of court and revise 22 court forms to implement Assembly Bill 81 (Stats. 2024, ch. 656), which addressed the implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act (25 U.S.C. §§ 1901 et. seq.), including ICWA inquiry, and Assembly Bill 2929 (Stats. 2024, ch. 845), which addressed family finding in juvenile dependency cases, and to respond to two recent decisions from the Supreme Court of California—<i>In re. Kenneth D.</i>, 16 Cal.5th 1087, and <i>In re. Dezi C.</i>, 16 Cal.5 1112—regarding ICWA inquiry. h. Protective Orders: Changes to Domestic Violence and Juvenile Forms to Implement Assembly Bill 2759 Provided recommendation that, effective January 1, 2026, the council adopt two new forms and revise eight forms to implement Assembly Bill 2759 (Stats. 2024, ch. 535), which created new requirements for granting a firearm exemption to a restraining order that includes a firearm or ammunition prohibition.

3.	The committee provided recommendations to the Judicial Council on rules and forms changes within its purview to assist court operations and to improve access to and quality of justice to the public: a. Juvenile Law: A Revision to Form JV-915-INFO Provided recommendation that, effective January 1, 2026, the council correct legal inaccuracies in Information on Filing a Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex Offender Registration (form JV-915-INFO) by revising the existing form, which assists applicants seeking to terminate their juvenile sex offender registration requirement. b. Family Law: Rules and Forms to Determine Parental Relationship Based on Gestational Carrier Agreement. Provided recommendation that, effective July 1, 2026, the council adopt six forms and approve five forms for use in a new form series for parties (intended parents) who conceive a child with a surrogate under the terms of a gestational carrier agreement and then seek a judgment of parentage for that child. The committee also recommended that council also adopt a new rule of court, amend several rules of court, repeal one rule, and revise three forms specific to surrogacy cases.
4.	Provided oversight to implementation of new program to expand funding for court appointed counsel in dependency proceedings.
5.	Provided technical assistance and position recommendations on family and juvenile related proposed legislation via numerous legislative review meetings.
6.	Approved list of training providers for court connected child custody mediators, recommending counselors and evaluators as directed by the Judicial Council.
7.	AB 1058 Funding related activities: the committee continued to make recommendations to the council for ongoing funding allocations based on the approved funding methodologies for the program.
8.	Provided recommendations to the Judicial Council for allocation of the \$2.713 million in funding for CASA programs based on the approved methodology. Submitted and published a legislatively-mandated report entitled Report on California Court Appointed Special Advocate Association Funding Allocations and Program Development for Year Three .
9.	Provided support for the activities and meetings of the Violence Against Women Education Program.
10.	Provided recommendations to the Judicial Council for allocation and distribution of \$9.1 million to six trial courts for Cycle 3 Firearm Relinquishment Grant awards for 2024–25 through 2025–26.