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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Ronald M. George
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RE: Final status of 2002 legislation considered by the Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee

Following is the final status report on legislation considered by the Judicial Council's Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee (PCLC) during the 2001-2002 legislative session, excluding bills that died or were chaptered or vetoed in 2001. The bills are listed in numerical order by house (Assembly and Senate) and are indexed by subject matter. The second column "description and updates" describes the bill on which the PCLC position was based and subsequent updates and amendments. The "Judicial Council position" column tracks the council's initial position and any change to that position.

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Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 74 (JC)	**Assembly Bill 74 (Washington) – Criminal procedure: dismissal of action** As introduced Lengthens the time in the case of felonies from 60 to 63 days and shortens the time in the case of misdemeanors from 30 to 28 days within which a defendant must be brought to trial. Absent a defendant's waiver of these time limits, the court is required to dismiss the action when the defendant is not brought to trial within the prescribed timeframe. ***UPDATE:*** ***As amended January 29, 2002*** ***Bill was gutted and amended to address wiretap issues.***	As introduced Oppose ***As amended January 29, 2002*** ***No position***	An individual judge	Chaptered, Chapter 605, Stats. of 2002

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 241 (JC)	**Assembly Bill 241 (Dickerson) – Traffic offenses: driving on a suspended license: striking of priors** As introduced Makes it a misdemeanor or felony if a person is convicted of driving without a valid driver's license or while driving privilege is suspended or revoked if the recent conviction occurred within seven years of three or more separate violations that resulted in convictions. Prohibits the court from striking any of those prior convictions, and requires the court to impose, as a condition of probation, a mandatory 270 days of confinement in county jail, and, if a person is convicted of a felony, order the forfeiture of the vehicle. ***UPDATE: As amended April 16, 2001*** ***Makes it a misdemeanor or felony if a person is convicted of driving without a valid driver's license or while driving privilege is suspended or revoked if the recent conviction occurred within seven years of three or more separate violations that resulted in convictions.***	As introduced Oppose unless amended to delete the prohibitions against the court striking prior convictions. ***As amended April 16, 2001*** ***Neutral***	Author	Died

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 267 (DP)	**Assembly Bill 267 (Steinberg) - Construction defects** As amended May 3, 2001 Substantially revises the Calderon pre-litigation process in construction defect suits to provide a process that brings all the relevant parties to the table and provides strong incentives and assistance to help the parties resolve their dispute through mediation prior to the need for the filing of a formal lawsuit. ***UPDATE: As amended September 7, 2001*** ***Addresses major concerns raised by the Judicial Council.*** ***Note: The contents of this bill were subsequently amended into AB 1700.*** ***Note: SB 800 (Burton & Wesson), as amended August 28, 2002, establishes a definition of a construction defect and creates a new pre-litigation process that gives a builder the absolute right to repair before the homeowner may sue.***	As amended May 3, 2001 Oppose unless amended to delete presiding judge filing and assignment provisions, and to recast mediation provisions. ***As amended September 7, 2001*** ***Neutral***	Author	Died
AB 299 (JC)	**Assembly Bill 299 (Rod Pacheco) – Criminal procedure: jurisdiction** As introduced Grants a court exercising jurisdiction over multiple offenses involving criminal sexual acts and stalking that occurred in more than one jurisdictional territory jurisdiction over properly joinable offenses.	As introduced Support	California District Attorneys Association	Chaptered, Chapter 936, Stats. of 2002
AB 329 (DP/RL)	**Assembly Bill 329 (Jackson) – Court proceedings** As introduced In counties of five or more judges, after a 170.6 disqualification, requires the reassignment to a different judge to be made on a random basis.	As introduced Oppose	Consumer Attorneys of California	Died

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 1345 (JC)	**Assembly Bill 1345 (Daucher) – Proposition 36: drug testing** As introduced AB 1345 requires persons ordered to undergo drug treatment pursuant to Proposition 36 to submit to drug testing. (See also SB 223.)	As introduced Support in concept	Author	Died
AB 1421 (DP)	**Assembly Bill 1421 (Thomson) – Mental health: involuntary outpatient treatment** As amended June 4, 2001 Expands California's mental health commitment law (the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act) by authorizing a new involuntary outpatient treatment scheme for certain mentally ill persons. Sets forth new court duties for implementing this program. ***UPDATE:* As amended April 4, 2002** ***Removes appropriation and makes program a county option.*** ***UPDATE*: As amended June 29, 2002** ***Requires director of outpatient treatment program to file written progress reports with the court every 60 days. Provides the person subject to the commitment order during each 60-day period with the right to a court hearing, as well as the right to file a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, on whether he or she still meets the criteria for commitment.***	As amended June 4, 2001 Oppose unless funded; neutral if funded ***As amended April 4, 2002*** ***Oppose unless funded; neutral if funded*** ***As amended June 29, 2002*** ***Oppose unless funded; neutral if funded***	Author	Chaptered, Chapter 1017, Stats. of 2002

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 1571 (RL)	**Assembly Bill 1571 (Shelley) – Supreme Court and court of appeal employees** As introduced Eliminates the statutory "at pleasure" status of Supreme Court and Court of Appeal employees. Establishes a new statutory scheme providing for the formation of employee organizations and collective bargaining for those employees. The labor relation's provisions are substantially similar to provisions in the Trial Court Employment Protection and Governance Act (TCEPGA).	As introduced Oppose	American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)	Died
AB 1660 (TW)	**Assembly Bill 1660 (McLeod) – Jury service excuse: pollworkers** As introduced Excuses an eligible person who serves as a pollworker at a national, statewide, or local election from jury service for a period of one year following the date of the election at which the pollworker serves.	As introduced Oppose	Author	Died
AB 1698 (KH)	**Assembly Bill 1698 (Assembly Judiciary Committee) – Legal document assistants** As introduced Spot bill for a proposal to permit the conversion of vacant subordinate judicial officer's positions to judgeships. ***UPDATE:* As amended January 18, 2002** ***Permits the conversion of eligible subordinate judicial officer positions to judgeships.*** ***UPDATE:* As amended August 20, 2002, provisions related to the conversion of subordinate judicial officer positions were removed from the bill; amendments related to the legal document assistant registration program were added.**	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Chaptered, Chapter 1018, Stats. of 2002

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 1784 (DP)	**Assembly Bill 1784 (Harman) – Probate: construction of instruments** As amended April 30, 2002 Implements the recommendations of the California Law Revision Commission for clarification of Probate Code provisions regarding the construction of trusts and other instruments.	As amended April 30, 2002 Support	California Law Revision Commission	Chaptered, Chapter 138, Stats. of 2002
AB 1819 (EO)	**Assembly Bill 1819 (Robert Pacheco) – Delinquent fines: collection** As introduced Removes the $100 minimum requirement to identify and collect delinquent fines and forfeitures with or without a warrant and provides that any county or court may establish a minimum base fine or forfeiture amount for inclusion in the program.	As introduced Support	Coalition of Trial Court Clerk Associations	Chaptered, Chapter 62, Stats. of 2002
AB 1832 (TK)	**Assembly Bill 1832 (Robert Pacheco) – Psychotherapist-client privilege in dependency proceedings** As introduced Creates an exception to the existing privilege for any communication made during an assessment, evaluation, or treatment in order to provide information to the juvenile court, the county child welfare worker, and the child's attorney to assist the court in determining the child's case plan and any other orders that are in the best interest of the child. Permits the holder of any of these privileges to petition the court in writing for a review hearing to preclude the disclosure of a communication on the ground that the benefit of disclosure is outweighed by its detrimental effect on the best interests of the child. ***UPDATE:* As amended April 18, 2002** ***Amendments narrow the scope of information psychotherapist can share. Clarifies that statements by the child or details of therapy may not be disclosed if privilege is invoked.***	As introduced Oppose unless amended to narrow and make consistent with existing law on confidential communications. ***As amended April 18, 2002*** ***No position***	Los Angeles County	Died

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 1861 (DP)	**Assembly Bill 1861 (Harman) – Vexatious litigants: incarcerated persons** As amended May 14, 2002 Prohibits a court clerk from accepting a civil action filed in pro per by a plaintiff, while he or she is incarcerated, against any person who submitted testimony or evidence at the plaintiff's parole hearing, without first obtaining permission of the presiding judge where the litigation is proposed to be filed. Specifies that the presiding judge may permit the filing only if it appears that the litigation has merit and has not been filed for purposes of delay or harassment. ***UPDATE*: As amended June 25, 2002** ***Authorizes new special motion to strike procedure for defendants in specified civil actions that are based on privileged testimony that the defendant provided against an inmate at the inmate's parole hearings.***	As amended May 14, 2002 Oppose ***As amended June 25, 2002*** ***Neutral***	Author	Died

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 1938 (TK/DP)	**Assembly Bill 1938 (Aroner) – Probate guardianships** As amended April 27, 2002 **Section 5:** Amends Family Code section 8804(c), which requires the court to restore the care and custody of a child to a parent who has refused or revoked consent to an adoption, to make it subject to Family Code section 3041, which provides for awarding custody to a non-parent. This section would codify the holding of *Guardianship of Zachary H.* (1999) 73 Cal.App.4th that the mandatory requirement in Family Code section 8804(c) is subject to the constitutional rights of the child to a stable placement. **Section 9:** Deletes from Probate Code section 1601 the requirement that a guardianship must be terminated if it is "no longer necessary," and require a termination only when termination is "in the ward's best interest." **Section 8:** Makes investigations of proposed guardianships mandatory unless waived by the court. **Sections 1, 2, and 3:** Subject family and probate court litigants to the vexatious litigant provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure. **Section 7:** Provides the court with the authority to require appointment of counsel for a minor that is the subject of a proposed or existing guardianship whenever necessary to protect that child's interests. **Sections 4 and 10:** Contains substantive policy changes on guardianship law issues that would make it easier for a non-parent who has been functioning as a parent for a substantial period of time to obtain or maintain a guardianship over the objection of a fit parent. **UPDATE: As amended August 13, 2002** **Deletes sections 8 (mandatory investigations) & 7 (appointment of counsel).**	As amended April 27, 2002 Support sections 5 and 9; Support section 8 if funded; Support sections 1, 2, and 3 and seek amendments to Section 2 to strike the requirement that the actions that would qualify as litigation would have to be for an order from which an appeal may be taken; Neutral on section 7; and No position on sections 4 and 10.	Author	Chaptered, Chapter 1118, Stats. of 2002

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 1970 (TW)	**Assembly Bill 1970 (Matthews) – Jurors: peace officer exemptions** As introduced Exempts parole, probation, and correctional officers from criminal and civil jury duty.	As introduced Oppose	California Correctional Peace Officers Association	Died
AB 2022 (EO)	**Assembly Bill 2022 (Longville) – Courthouse construction: filing fee surcharges** As introduced In San Bernardino County, extends the $35 filing fee surcharge in unlimited civil cases to include limited civil cases. Clarifies the intent language that established the filing fee surcharge.	As introduced Neutral	San Bernardino County	Chaptered, Chapter 367, Stats. of 2002
AB 2030 (TK)	**Assembly Bill 2030 (Goldberg) – Protective orders: service of process** As introduced Requires courts to arrange for service of process for any protective order, restraining order, or injunction that is based on a threat of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking at no cost to the protected person. ***UPDATE*: As amended April 2, 2002** ***By placing the duty on law enforcement directly, amendments address major policy concerns raised by the Judicial Council; funding concerns remain.***	As introduced Oppose unless amended to require the county sheriff to serve all of these orders without charging a fee. ***As amended April 2, 2002*** ***Oppose unless funded***	The Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP)	Chaptered, Chapter 1009, Stats. of 2002

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 2065 (EO)	**Assembly Bill 2065 (Nakano) – Confidential home addresses** As introduced Extends to retired judges and court commissioners the confidentiality of home addresses in records of the Department of Motor Vehicles. ***UPDATE: As amended June 24, 2002*** ***Provides that an assessee may request in writing that property address information maintained by the assessor, but not required to be part of the assessment roll, be made available for internal purposes and not subject to public disclosure. Authorizes the assessor to impose a fee for the actual costs of performing his or her duties under this subdivision.*** ***UPDATE: As amended August 31, 2002*** ***Bill was gutted and amended to address budget trailer issues.***	Co-sponsor with California Judges Association	Judicial Council/ California Judges Assn.	Chaptered, Chapter 488, Stats. of 2002
AB 2159 (JC)	**Assembly Bill 2159 (Cardoza) – Children of incarcerated parents: presentencing reports** As introduced Requires the probation officer's sentencing report to the court to include a discussion of whether or not a defendant over 18 years of age has a child, and if so, what arrangements exist for the care of the child if the defendant is to be incarcerated, and the location of the child and his or her caretaker. ***Update: As amended April 18, 2002*** ***Requires courts, after arraignment, upon conviction, and when a judgment has been pronounced, to determine if a defendant has custody of any child under the age of 18 years, and inquire as to the proper care of that child if the defendant is in custody or remanded to custody. Adds any judge of the superior court who has jurisdiction over a defendant in a criminal action or a minor in a juvenile delinquency proceeding with custody of a child under 18 years of age to the list of mandated reporters of child abuse under the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act.***	As introduced No position ***As amended April 18, 2002*** ***Oppose unless amended to require the arresting agency rather than the court to determine the status of an arrestee's dependents, and to eliminate the provision that designates judges as mandated reporters of child abuse.***	Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department	Died

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 2171 (JC)	**Assembly Bill 2171 (Cogdill) – Bail: forfeiture** As introduced Prevents an order of forfeiture from being vacated or bail from being exonerated when a defendant has been deported or removed from the United States under federal authority.	As introduced Support if amended to provide a good cause exception to the prohibition that bail not be exonerated in unusual circumstances.	Author	Died
AB 2211 (JC)	**Assembly Bill 2211 (Horton) - Criminal procedure: sentencing: community impact statement** As introduced Provides that a representative of the community affected by a crime may submit a Community Impact Statement in the same manner that a victim of crime may submit a victim impact statement pursuant to Penal Code Section 1191.1. ***UPDATE*: As amended August 15, 2002** ***Requires the Judicial Council to study the potential effects, implementation issues, and alternatives to a policy requiring the courts, prior to judgment and sentencing of misdemeanor crimes, to consider community impact statements. Requires the Judicial Council to report to the Legislature by December 31, 2004.***	As introduced Oppose ***As amended August 15, 2002*** ***Neutral***	Los Angeles City Attorney	Chaptered, Chapter 1092, Stats. of 2002

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 2240 (TK)	**Assembly Bill 2240 (Wright) – Paternity testing: DNA** As introduced Requires courts to vacate a paternity judgment in any action where it is shown that the previously established father is not the biological father of the child, unless the judgment resulted from a trial or contested hearing where the father was represented and the issue was or could have been raised. If the court grants a motion to vacate a judgment of paternity under the proposed article, it would then be required to modify any order for child support issued on the basis of the prior judgment. ***UPDATE: As amended May 20, 2002*** ***Provides court discretion to deny a motion where not in the best interest of the child and places a three year time limit to file from the time the moving party knew or should have known that the previously established father might not be the true biological father.*** ***UPDATE: As amended August 5, 2002*** ***Limits applicability to non-marital default judgments only. Requires personal service in action to establish paternity.***	As introduced Oppose unless amended to address the underlying issue in a more narrowly tailored manner. ***As amended May 20, 2002*** ***Neutral but seek clarifying amendments.*** ***As amended August 5, 2002*** ***Neutral***	Author	Vetoed by the Governor

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 2245 (TK)	**Assembly Bill 2245 (Wright) – Child support: incarcerated obligors** As introduced Requires the court to stay enforcement of child support orders against any obligor who has been incarcerated for more than 30 consecutive days. Provides that incarceration for a period in excess of 90 days is a change of circumstances upon which a motion to modify a child support order can be based. Requires the Judicial Council to develop simplified forms for the obligor to make the motion to modify, and the sheriff to distribute those forms to incarcerated obligors.	As introduced Oppose unless amended to require the incarcerated parent to make a motion to stay the enforcement of their child support orders.	Author	Died
AB 2263 (TK)	**Assembly Bill 2263 (Kehoe) – Family courts: Kids' Turn** As introduced Requires the Judicial Council to fund evaluations of Kids' Turn programs in the counties of Napa, San Diego, Shasta, Sonoma, Yolo, and San Francisco if funding for this purpose is provided in the Budget Act.	As introduced No position	Kids' Turn	Vetoed by the Governor
AB 2321 (MR/RL)	**Assembly Bill 2321 (Hertzberg) – Tort Claims Act** As introduced To be amended to clarify the process whereby tort claims are filed against judicial branch entities. ***UPDATE*: As amended April 16, 2002** ***Clarifies the process whereby tort claims are presented against judicial branch entities.***	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Chaptered, Chapter 1007, Stats. of 2002

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 2336 (TK)	**Assembly Bill 2336 (Negrete McLeod) – Prisoners: hearing notice** As introduced Provides that an order for the temporary removal of a prisoner from a prison to attend a proceeding affecting the adjudication of parental rights be issued at least no less than 12 days before the order is to be executed.	As introduced Support	Author	Chaptered, Chapter 65, Stats. of 2002
AB 2496 (JC)	**Assembly Bill 2496 (Steinberg) – Juvenile courts** As introduced In delinquency cases, requires that the minor, the minor's counsel, and a probation officer personally appear before the court during each periodic review of the minor's detention. ***UPDATE*: As amended May 23, 2002** ***In delinquency cases, provides that minors who have been ordered to non-secure, out-of-home placement, or who have been returned to the juvenile hall from a non-secure placement, may, upon request, appear with the minor's counsel and the probation officer before the court at the court's periodic detention review.***	As introduced Oppose unless amended to enhance probation accountability in a more efficient way. ***As amended May 23, 2002*** ***Neutral***	Youth Law Center	Vetoed by the Governor

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 2504 (DP)	**Assembly Bill 2504 (Jackson)– Arbitration** As amended April 17, 2002 Requires the disqualification of a judge who has engaged or participated in negotiations or discussions or has any arrangement concerning prospective employment with a private judging company. Prohibits a retired judge from serving as a neutral arbitrator in consumer arbitrations for a period of one year after leaving office. Prohibits a private judging company from engaging or participating in negotiations or discussions concerning prospective employment, or from making any arrangements for prospective employment, with a currently sitting judge. ***UPDATE: As amended May 28, 2002*** ***Requires judges to disclose to the parties any negotiations or discussions the judge has participated in during the prior two years regarding employment as an arbitrator or similar dispute resolution position when the proceeding involves an issue related to arbitration or when the source of prospective employment is a party to the case.***	As amended April 17, 2002 Neutral, but seek amendments. ***As amended May 28, 2002*** ***Neutral***	Author	Chaptered, Chapter 1094, Stats. of 2002
AB 2563 (JC)	**Assembly Bill 2563 (Vargas) – Domestic violence: modification of protective orders** As introduced Requires the agency discharging a person who posts bail on charges of domestic violence to serve that person with a protective order, without court involvement but enforceable as a court order. Requires a court modifying a protective order that had been a condition of probation in a domestic violence case to find that the defendant no longer poses a threat of harm to, or intimidation or dissuasion of, any subject of the protective order, and to find good cause to make the change on the record. ***UPDATE: As amended May 1, 2002*** ***Amendments eliminate provisions regarding emergency protective orders, and allow the court to modify protective orders after consideration of specified factors.***	As introduced Oppose ***As amended May 1, 2002*** ***Neutral***	San Diego City Attorney	Chaptered, Chapter 66, Stats. of 2002

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 2688 (JC)	**Assembly Bill 2688 (Alquist) - Public retirement systems: burial benefits** As introduced Establishes a burial benefit in the amount of $7,500, subject to cost-of-living increases, for all active and retired members of the retirement plans administered by CalPERS and the judicial retirement systems.	As introduced Support	California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)	Died
AB 2690 (EO)	**Assembly Bill 2690 (Cardoza) - Court financial statements: audits** As introduced Requires superior courts to prepare and transmit to the Legislative Analyst an annual financial statement showing the fines, forfeitures, penalty assessments, and civil assessments imposed for failure to appear, that are: outstanding at the beginning of that previous calendar year; imposed during that previous calendar year; collected during that previous calendar year; and, outstanding at the end of that previous calendar year. Requires the Legislative Analyst to audit the annual financial statements and report the results of the audit to the Legislature and Judicial Council.	As introduced Oppose	An individual judge	Died
AB 2764 (JC)	**Assembly Bill 2764 (Papan) – Criminal proceedings: discovery sanctions** As amended June 29, 2002 Authorizes a court in a criminal case to order a party's attorney who has violated discovery disclosure requirements to pay reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by another party as a result of that violation.	As amended June 29, 2002 Neutral	An individual judge	Died

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AB 2865 (DP)	**Assembly Bill 2865 (Koretz) – Interlocutory appeals** As introduced Creates a new interlocutory appeal procedure, modeled after the federal system. Provides that if a trial judge, in making an order in a civil action that is not otherwise subject to appeal under CCP section 904.1, believes that the order involves a controlling question of law to which there is substantial ground of difference of opinion and that an immediate appeal from the order may materially advance the termination of the litigation, the judge is required to state those beliefs in writing in the order. Authorizes the court of appeal, in its discretion, to permit an appeal to be taken from the order, if application is made to it within 15 days after the entry of the order. Also provides that an application for an interlocutory appeal does not stay proceedings in the trial court, unless the trial judge or the court of appeal or a justice thereof orders the stay. ***UPDATE*: As amended May 2, 2002** ***Amendments deleted the interlocutory appeal provisions that were the basis of the council's opposition.***	As introduced Oppose ***As amended May 2, 2002*** ***No position***	Beverly Hills Bar Association and the State Bar of California, Conference of Delegates	Chaptered, Chapter 708, Stats. of 2002

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 2879 (JC)	**Assembly Bill 2879 (Strom Martin) – Judges Retirement** As introduced Gives judges the same ability that other state employees have to select a "designated beneficiary" rather than limiting the selection to "surviving spouse." Eliminates the minimum age for service retirement requirement for judges with 20 years in service who die while in office prior to reaching the requisite age, thereby allowing surviving spouses to receive benefits. Conforms the compensation of a retired judge assigned to serve on a court of appeal or the Supreme Court to that of a retired judge assigned to serve on a trial court. ***UPDATE: As amended June 20, 2002*** ***Amendments added the following: In the event of the death of both the judge and the spousal survivor, provides a return of undistributed employee contributions and interest to the estate.*** ***UPDATE: As amended August 26, 2002*** ***Amendments deleted provisions eliminating minimum age for service retirement requirement for judge with twenty years who dies in office.***	Co-sponsor with California Judges Association	Judicial Council/ California Judges Association	Chaptered, Chapter 661, Stats. of 2002

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 2899 (JC)	**Assembly Bill 2899 (Migden) – Criminal procedure: homeless courts** As amended April 17, 2002 Creates the Homeless Court Pilot Project. Requires the Judicial Council to develop and promulgate procedures and guidelines for homeless courts.	As amended April 17, 2002 Support	Author	Vetoed by the Governor
AB 2925 (JC)	**Assembly Bill 2925 (Migden) - Juror mileage reimbursement** As introduced Eliminates reimbursement for the first day of travel to the court for jury duty. ***UPDATE: As amended April 18, 2002*** ***Eliminates reimbursement for the first day of travel to the court for jury duty, and increases the reimbursement rate for the second and subsequent days from 15 cents per mile to 34 cents per mile, one way.***	Support	Author	Chaptered, Chapter 144, Stats. of 2002
AB 2961 (DP)	**Assembly Bill 2961 (Wayne) – Summary adjudication** As introduced Authorizes a motion for summary adjudication of a legal issue or claim of damages other than punitive damages that does not completely dispose of a cause of action, an affirmative defense, or an issue of duty, if brought upon stipulation of the parties whose claims or defenses are put at issue by the motion. ***UPDATE: As amended April 11, 2002*** ***Amendments change bill to only allow such motions upon prior approval of the court.***	As introduced Oppose ***As amended April 11, 2002*** ***Neutral***	California Defense Counsel	Died

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 3027 (DP)	**Assembly Bill 3027 (Assembly Comm. On Judiciary) – Civil Practice** As introduced Requires parties seeking a jury trial to post advance deposit of jury fees at the same time. Extends the provisions regarding service of papers opposing a motion and all reply papers to opposition and reply papers regarding motions for summary judgment. Clarifies that independent contractors providing advise to small claims litigants have same immunity from liability that is provided to county or court employees and volunteers performing this same function. Extends deadlines for service of a claim and order on a defendant in small claims court. Deletes obsolete provisions regarding the transfer of cases between a municipal and superior court.	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Chaptered, Chapter 806, Stats. of 2002

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 3028 (EO/TK/KH)	**Assembly Bill 3028 (Assembly Comm. On Judiciary) – Court Operations** As introduced Makes numerous noncontroversial changes relating to court operations. ***UPDATE: As amended August 5, 2002*** ***Removes the sunset on the registration program for legal document assistant and adds new requirements on disclosures to clients. Eliminates "loss of hearing" as a basis for general disqualification of a prospective juror. Provides the court with needed flexibility and consistency in issuing and re-issuing protective orders, and conforms procedures in the family and juvenile courts. Clarifies the ability of counsel to receive relevant reports and have access to court files. Permits the Chief Justice of California to designate a deputy to represent the Chief on a state board, commission, or committee. Repeals a fee for a cross complaint or amended cross complaint, consistent with changes made in the Trial Court Funding Act of 1997. Permits courts to hold sessions outside of the county, pursuant to rules of court and with parties' consent in criminal cases. Makes clarifying, nonsubstantive changes relating to the disqualification of an arbitrator. Permits the judicial branch to offer a "golden handshake," consistent with the legislative and executive branches. Provides a 2% pay increase to PJs in courts with four or fewer judges. Permits the Judicial Council to pay bills directly for statewide trial court services. Permits the Administrative Office of the Courts employees to staff a nonprofit entity. Allows courts to recoup costs of guardianship and conservatorship investigations.*** ***UPDATE: As amended August 22, 2002*** ***Provisions on the following topics were removed: (1) legal document assistants; (2) fee for a cross complaint or amended cross complaint (3) AOC staff for non-profit entity. The amendments added a provision to allow a total civil fee that is subject to a surcharge to be rounded to the next whole dollar.***	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Chaptered, Chapter 1008, Stats. of 2002

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
AB 3036 (DP)	**Assembly Bill 3036 (Corbett) – Guardianships of minors: annual review** As amended April 24, 2002 Seeks to increase the accountability of guardians by assisting courts in overseeing guardianship cases and help ensure proper care and treatment for wards. ***UPDATE:* As amended August 26, 2002** ***Requires the court to the extent resources are available, to implement procedures to ensure that every guardian annually completes and returns a status report. Requires the Judicial Council to develop a form for the status reports, and report to the Legislature no later than December 31, 2004, regarding the costs and benefits of utilizing the annual status reports.***	As amended April 24, 2002 Oppose unless amended to address technical drafting issues and funded. ***As amended August 26, 2002*** ***Neutral***	State Bar of California, Conference of Delegates	Chaptered, Chapter 1115, Stats. of 2002

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
ACA 1 (JC)	**Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1 (Nation) – Judicial Officers: elections** As introduced Eliminates elections to fill judicial vacancies, providing instead that the Governor shall fill vacancies. Provides that all judges appear on the ballot uncontested, with the question presented whether the candidate shall be elected.	As introduced Oppose	Author	Died
SB 82 (JC/RL)	**Senate Bill 82 (Burton) – Judicial compensation** As introduced Operative January 1, 2002 increases the salaries of justices and judges of the Supreme Court, court of appeal, and trial courts as of December 31, 2001, by 8.5 percent.	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Died
SB 110 (DP)	**Senate Bill 110 (Ackerman) – Small claims court** As amended April 16, 2001 Authorizes the filing or maintenance of a claim in small claims court by an assignee, provided the assignee pays the same filing fee as in a limited civil case. Twenty dollars of this filing fee would be diverted to provide funding for the Small Claims Court Advisor Program. These claims would be limited to five claims per day, or a lesser number of claims, or no claims, as provided by Judicial Council rule or by local rule of court. Provides for the transfer of the claim to superior court upon motion of the defendant, without the payment of an additional filing fee, or by the court, and sets forth the rights of the parties in those circumstances. ***UPDATE: As amended June 18, 2001*** ***Study language narrowed and costs of conducting study funded.*** ***UPDATE: As amended August 31, 2002*** ***Gutted and amended to address a different subject matter.***	As amended April 16, 2001 Oppose unless study language narrowed and costs of conducting study funded; neutral if funded. ***As amended June 18, 2001*** ***Neutral***	California Asset Buyers Association	Died

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
SB 174 (TK)	**Senate Bill 174 (Kuehl) – Child support: computer software** As introduced Requires the California Child Support Automation System to contain the official state computer software for the calculation of child support. Prohibits the department from incorporating proprietary child support calculation software into the California system. Upon certification from the Director of the California Department of Child Support Services that the Child Support Automation System is operational in all 58 counties, deletes the requirement that the Judicial Council certify child support software. ***UPDATE: As amended January 14, 2002*** ***Provides that once the California Department of Child Support Services implements the California Child Support Automation System, they shall also assume responsibility from the Department of Justice for the California Parent Locator Service and Central Registry.*** ***UPDATE: As amended August 1, 2002*** ***Provides that at least four courts with family law filings in excess of 1000 be selected by the Judicial Council to implement confidential child custody mediation. Implementation could be contingent on sufficient funding in the Budget Act. Allows non-confidential mediation as a follow-up if parties fail to agree in initial confidential process.*** ***UPDATE: As amended August 22, 2002*** ***Includes the Judicial Council's requested amendments.***	As introduced No position, but communicate concerns, particularly about the need for the new system to include all of the functions available in the privately provided software. ***As amended January 14, 2002*** ***No position, concerns eliminated*** ***As amended August 1, 2002*** ***Neutral but amend to allow (1) exception for safety cases requiring expedited action; (2) mediator to provide a brief non-prejudicial description of areas of agreement/disagreement where parties fail to reach a full agreement.*** ***As amended August 22, 2002*** ***Neutral***	Author	Chaptered, Chapter 1077, Stats. of 2002
SB 177 (JC)	**Senate Bill 177 (Haynes) – Property seizures: notice to owners** As introduced Provides that, absent specific statutory procedures, property seized by a law enforcement agency that is not evidence or contraband shall be returned within a maximum of 30 days from the date the case concludes. Also provides that the individual or entity from whom the evidence is seized shall be advised of his or her right to request a hearing to determine whether or not the property that is subject to forfeiture is contraband.	As introduced Oppose unless amended to clarify that the bill only applies to law enforcement or, in the alternative, to clarify the court's role.	Author	Died

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
SB 238 (DP)	**SB 238 (Kuehl) - Bonds and undertakings** As introduced Gives the court discretion to waive bond requirements or undertakings in actions and proceedings brought in the public interest where the principal has no direct financial interest in the determination of the matter. ***UPDATE*: As amended August 31, 2002** ***Gutted and amended to address different subject matter.***	As introduced Neutral	Author	Chaptered, Chapter 967, Stats. of 2002
SB 371 (DP)	**Senate Bill 371 (Escutia) – Trial Court Interpreter Employment and Labor Relations Act** As amended August 28, 2002 Establishes the Trial Court Interpreter Employment and Labor Relations Act, providing for the employment and compensation of certified and registered trial court interpreters. Requires, by July 1, 2003, trial courts to appoint employees to perform spoken language interpretation for trial court proceedings, but allows a defined group of interpreters to continue to work as independent contractors. Creates a new class of court interpreters called "court interpreter pro tempore" who may be employed by one trial court but assigned to other courts through cross-assignments. Grants court interpreters collective bargaining rights and establishes four regions for purposes of developing employment terms and conditions and collective bargaining. Establishes minimum employment protections for court interpreters similar to those of other court employees	As amended August 28, 2002 Support	Bay Area Court Interpreters and California Federation of Interpreters	Chaptered, Chapter 1047, Stats. of 2002

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
SB 476 (DP)	**Senate Bill 476 (Escutia) – Summary judgment: burden of proof: appellate review** As amended May 10, 2001 Makes a number of changes to the law of summary judgment and summary adjudication at both the trial and appellate levels. Requires a reviewing court to allow the parties an opportunity to present their views by submitting supplemental briefs before the court affirms the judgment or order on a ground not relied upon by the trial court. Specifies that if the court fails to provide that opportunity, a rehearing shall be ordered upon timely petition of any party. Note: See SB 688 (Burton & Wesson).	As amended May 10, 2001 Neutral but seek amendments clarifying appellate review provisions.	Consumer Attorneys of California	Died
SB 518 (JP)	**Senate Bill 518 (Dunn) -- Trial court funding** As introduced Reduces the trial court funding maintenance of effort for specified counties by $45,926,934.	As introduced Oppose unless amended to appropriate funding in the amount of $45,926,934.	Orange County	Died
SB 623 (JC)	**Senate Bill 623 (Escutia) – Court facilities** As amended May 22, 2001 Appropriates approximately $2.1 million to the Trial Court Trust Fund for pre-construction planning and design costs to build court facilities in Calaveras, Lassen, Los Angeles (Southeast District), and Madera counties. Establishes a program that would allow a state-county-Judicial Council partnership with the private sector to construct courthouse facilities under a lease-with-option-to-buy financing structure.	As amended May 22, 2001 Support	Author	Died

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
SB 688 (DP)	**Senate Bill 688 (Burton & Wesson) – Civil actions: summary judgment** As amended August 28, 2002 Extends the statute of limitations in personal injury, wrongful death, and assault and battery actions from one year to two years, and applies this change retroactively to victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks. Increases from 28 days to 75 days before hearing the length of time required for notice of a motion for summary judgment. Provides that a party may make an ex parte motion to continue the hearing on a motion for summary judgment to obtain necessary discovery, at any time on or before the date the opposition is due. Mandates the court either to grant a continuance to permit the discovery to go forward, or to deny the motion for summary judgment if, after a motion for a continuance to allow specified discovery has been granted, the party seeking summary judgment has unreasonably failed to allow the discovery to be conducted. Requires a reviewing court to allow the parties to submit supplemental briefs before affirming an order grating summary judgment or summary adjudication on a ground not relied upon by the trial court. Provides that the supplemental briefing may include an argument that additional evidence relating to that ground exists, but that the party has not had adequate opportunity to present such evidence or to conduct discovery on the issue, and provides that the court may reverse or remand based upon the supplemental briefing to allow the parties to present additional evidence or to conduct discovery on the issue.	As amended August 28, 2002 Neutral	Consumer Attorneys of California	Chaptered, Chapter 448, Stats. of 2002
SB 791 (JC)	**Senate Bill 791 (McPherson) – Marijuana: possession: penalty** As introduced Reclassifies as an infraction the possession of not more than 28.5 grams of marijuana.	As introduced Support	An individual judge	Died

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
SB 820 (EO)	**Senate Bill 820 (Costa) – Tulare County: Revenue Remittance to Trial Court Improvement Fund** As amended January 29, 2002 Validates the incorrect distribution of fines, fees, forfeitures, and penalties made by the County of Tulare to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Trial Court Improvement Fund in the 1996-97 to 1999-2000 fiscal years.	As amended January 29, 2002 Oppose unless amended to include a general fund appropriation to backfill the loss to the Trial Court Improvement Fund.		Died
SB 927 (TK)	**Senate Bill 927 (Escutia) – Court interpreters in domestic violence proceedings** As introduced Requires that a certified or registered court interpreter be provided at court expense in any family law proceeding that involves allegations of domestic violence. ***NOTE: See SB 1780, introduced in 2002 to address the same issue.***	As introduced Oppose unless amended and funded; support if amended and funded. Amendments must acknowledge the limited pool of interpreter resources, and that full compliance is not possible until the supply of interpreters increases	California Alliance Against Domestic Violence	Died
SB 1034 (JC)	**Senate Bill 1034 (Vincent) – Bail: procedure** As introduced Provides that if an on-bail defendant pleads guilty, the defendant shall be remanded into custody unless the court finds on the record after consideration of specified criteria that the evidence supports the court's decision to allow the defendant to remain free on bail. Provides that if the court fails to remand the defendant or to make a finding on the record of the probability of the defendant failing to appear for the judgment of the court upon the verdict, or for sentencing, the bail would be exonerated.	As introduced Oppose	Acme Bail Bonds	Died

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
SB 1153 (EO)	**Senate Bill 1153 (Johannessen) – Court security costs: counties less than 103,000** As introduced Provides that costs directly related to court security in counties with a population of less than 103,000 shall be paid by the state.	As introduced Oppose unless amended to include an appropriation equivalent to the security costs that are currently paid by the county.	Siskiyou County	Died
SB 1271 (DP)	**Senate Bill 1271 (Ackerman) – Non-probate transfers: Uniform Transfer on Death** As amended March 13, 2002 Adds "cash equivalents" to those assets that may be transferred by a registered owner of a security account upon his or her death to a designated beneficiary under the Uniform Transfer on Death Security Registration Act.	As amended March 13, 2002 Neutral if amended to delete the phrase "including, but not limited to," in the definition of cash equivalents, and further specify any additional instruments that should be included as a cash equivalent.	California Bankers Association	Chaptered, Chapter 67, Stats. of 2002
SB 1325 (DP)	**Senate Bill 1325 (Kuehl) – Personal jurisdiction: general appearance** As introduced Permits a defendant or cross-defendant to move to quash service of summons and simultaneously answer, demur, or move to strike the complaint or cross-complaint. Specifies the circumstances under which a party is not deemed to have made a general appearance for purposes of a court exercising its jurisdiction. Declares the intent of the Legislature in enacting its provisions to conform California practice with respect to challenging personal jurisdiction to the practice under Rule 12(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.	As introduced Support	State Bar of California, Conference of Delegates	Chaptered, Chapter 69, Stats. of 2002
SB 1343 (EO)	**Senate Bill 1343 (Torlakson) – Trial Court Funding** As introduced Forgives retroactive payment of increased county Maintenance of Effort payments in Contra Costa County.	As introduced Neutral	Contra Costa County	Died

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
SB 1361 (JC)	**Senate Bill 1361 (Brulte) – Probation officers: appointment of chief probation officer** As amended March 28, 2002 Provides that in Riverside and San Bernardino counties, the chief probation officer shall be appointed and removed for good cause by a majority of the Riverside County and San Bernardino County Boards of Supervisors, respectively.	As amended March 28, 2002 Oppose	San Bernardino County Riverside County	Died
SB 1396 (EO/RL)	**Senate Bill 1396 (Dunn) – Court Security** As introduced Declares the Legislature's intent that all counties in California use a uniform framework for defining, reporting, billing, and auditing court security costs within the judicial branch	Co-sponsor with the California State Sheriffs' Association	Judicial Council/ California State Sheriffs' Association	Chaptered, Chapter 1010, Stats. of 2002
SB 1406 (TK)	**Senate Bill 1406 (Kuehl) – Child custody: mediation proceedings** As introduced Prohibits mediators in contested child custody cases from making recommendations to the court on disputed issues, and mandates instead that all child custody mediation sessions be confidential. (See SB 174.)	As introduced Oppose unless amended to address the significant staffing, implementation, timing, and other resource issues.	Family Equity Coalition	Died
SB 1449 (JC)	**Senate Bill 1449 (Senate Public Safety Committee) – Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000: drug treatment** As amended May 13, 2002 Defines new and revises existing Proposition 36 drug testing and mental health services provisions. Among other things, provides that under Proposition 36 defendants may be found to have successfully completed probation – generally limited to one year under the initiative – while remaining in physician-supervised opiate replacement therapy. ***UPDATE: As amended July 2, 2002*** ***Council amendments adopted.***	As amended May 13, 2002 Oppose unless amended to allow the court to require a defendant to discontinue narcotic replacement therapy when the treatment provider and the court agree that discontinuation is a necessary component of an effective treatment plan. ***As amended July 2, 2002*** ***Neutral***	Senate Committee on Public Safety	Died

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
SB 1497 (JC)	**Senate Bill 1497 (Polanco) – Parole: life prisoners: review by three-judge panel** As introduced Sets up a one-time review of the custody status of life prisoners who have been in prison beyond a date specified in certain regulatory matrices. Requires a three-judge panel from the sentencing jurisdiction to consider various matters as to each prisoner qualifying for the review, and either order the immediate release of the prisoner, set a fixed parole date, or order the inmate to remain in custody, pending the hearing process of the Board of Prison Terms.	As introduced Oppose	Author	Died
SB 1541 (TW)	**Senate Bill 1541 (Ackerman) – Traffic stops: evidence of identity: fingerprint** As introduced Provides that if a person is stopped for an infraction and does not have a driver's license or other satisfactory evidence of identification in his or her possession, the law enforcement officer must require the person to provide a thumbprint unless the officer is called away for an emergency or otherwise cannot perform the task. Also provides that when a person contests a charge by claiming not to be the person issued the written promise to appear and there is no thumbprint or fingerprint, the court, if it believes that sufficient identification is not apparent from the face of the promise to appear, may refer the promise to appear back to the issuing agency for further investigation. In this event, the court would be required to continue the case and the speedy trial period shall be tolled for 45 days. ***UPDATE:* As amended July 25, 2002** ***Gutted and amended to address different subject matter.***	As introduced Support ***As amended July 25, 2002*** ***No position***	Author	Died

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
SB 1627 (TK)	**Senate Bill 1627 (Kuehl) – Protective orders** As introduced Revises the provision requiring the clerk of the court to notify the Department of Justice, by electronic transmission, of the service of a protective order immediately upon service of process to require law enforcement to submit that proof of service into the Domestic Violence Restraining Order System (DVROS) directly if they serve the order. For orders not served by law enforcement, the court would be required either to enter the proof of service into DVROS, or send a copy of the proof of service to law enforcement within one business day of receipt for entry by law enforcement into DVROS.	As introduced Support if amended to clarify that the original proof of service must be sent to the court if law enforcement enters the information directly into DVROS.	California Department of Justice	Chaptered, Chapter 265, Stats. of 2002
SB 1677 (TK)	**Senate Bill 1677 (Alpert) – Surrogate parents** As amended May 1, 2002 Limits the local educational agencies requirement to appoint surrogate parents to make educational decisions for wards and dependent children entitled to special education services whose parents' rights to make those decisions have been limited to those cases where the child has no responsible adult to represent him or her. Requires the social studies and supplemental reports on dependent children prepared by the child welfare agency to include information on whether a responsible adult is available to make educational decisions for the child. Requires the juvenile court to consider whether the educational decision rights of a child's parent or guardian should be limited, and to appoint a responsible adult to make those decisions if the court opts to limit those rights.	As amended May 1, 2002 Support	Author	Chaptered, Chapter 785, Stats. of 2002

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
SB 1732 (EO)	**Senate Bill 1732 (Escutia) – Court Facilities** As introduced Outlines process and guidelines for transferring responsibility for court facilities from counties to state. Establishes new civil filing fee surcharges, increases penalty assessment for deposit in new State Courthouse Construction Fund. Outlines process for establishing County Maintenance of Effort payment for capped county costs of court facility operations and maintenance. Outlines responsibilities for the Administrative Office of the Courts for planning, oversight, and maintenance of court facilities.	Co-sponsor with California State Association of Counties	Judicial Council/ California State Association of Counties	Chaptered, Chapter 1082, Stats. of 2002
SB 1780 (TK)	**Senate Bill 1780 (Escutia) – Court interpreters in domestic violence proceedings** As introduced Requires that a certified or registered court interpreter be provided at court expense in any family law proceeding that involves allegations of domestic violence.	As introduced Oppose unless amended and funded; support if amended and funded. Amendments must acknowledge the limited pool of interpreter resources, and that full compliance is not possible until the supply of interpreters increases	California Alliance Against Domestic Violence	Died
SB 1956 (TK)	**Senate Bill 1956 (Polanco) – Dependency proceedings: notice** As introduced Recasts and reorganizes the statutes on notice in dependency proceedings, and places the responsibility for providing notice of the initial hearing directly on the court. In addition, it would define "actual notice" for some dependency proceedings to include an order by the court that a party who is present return for the next court date. ***UDPATE*: As amended April 1, 2002** ***Responsibility for notice placed on social worker or probation officer. Addresses major Judicial Council concerns.***	As introduced Oppose ***As amended April 1, 2002*** ***No position***	Los Angeles County Counsel	Chaptered, Chapter 416, Stats. of 2002

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status As of 10/02/02
SB 1969 (TW)	**Senate Bill 1969 (Machado) – Traffic violator schools: completion certificate fees** As amended July 3, 2002 Requires the court to collect the fees charged by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for certificates of completion issued by traffic violator schools (TVS) when the traffic violator submits the certificate to the court. Requires the court to transmit the fees to the DMV each quarter. Prohibits the court from dismissing complaints against traffic violators who attend traffic school unless the fee for the certificate is submitted to the court. If the fee is not paid to the court when the certificate is submitted, allows the court to recover costs for subsequent dismissal of the traffic complaint if the fee is ultimately submitted. Requires the court to revise their courtesy notices to include a statement informing the traffic violator of his or her responsibility to submit the completion certificate fee.	As amended July 3, 2002 Oppose	California Traffic School Association	Vetoed by the Governor
SB 2011 (EO)	**Senate Bill 2011 (Burton) – Workers Compensation** As introduced Defines the superior courts as the state for the purposes of workers' compensation coverage. Establishes the Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Fund.	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Chaptered, Chapter 905, Stats. of 2002
SB 2038 (TK)	**Senate Bill 2038 (Ackerman) – Juvenile courts: ombudsman** As introduced Requires the presiding or senior judge of the juvenile court in each county to appoint a county employee to serve as an ombudsman to assist parents, guardians, and children in the dependency court.	As introduced Oppose unless amended to clarify the role of the ombudsman in a manner that does not conflict with the role of counsel.	Author	Died