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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Ronald M. George
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RE: Status of 2009 legislation considered by the Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee—FINAL

Following is the final status report on 2009 legislation considered by the Judicial Council's Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee (PCLC) during the 2009-2010 legislative session. The bills are listed in numerical order by house (Assembly and Senate) and are indexed by subject matter. The second column, "description" summarizes the relevant portions of the bill—and the version of the bill—on which the PCLC position is based. The description column also includes an updated summary to reflect the most current version of the bill. The "Judicial Council position" column tracks the council's initial position and any subsequent change to that position.

The text of all versions of a bill, committee analyses, vote information, history, and bill status can be found on the Legislature's website (including past session information) at: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html

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AB 5 (Daniel Pone)	AB 5 (Evans) – Civil discovery: Electronic Discovery Act As introduced Among other things, adds definitions of "electronic" and "electronically stored information" to the Civil Discovery Act. Amends the act to expressly authorize the discovery of electronically stored information, and authorizes the "copying, testing or sampling" of such information. Allows a party to specify the form in which electronically stored information is to be produced, and if no form is specified, the responding party must produce the information in the form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a form that is reasonably usable. Establishes procedures for motions to compel and motions for protective orders relating to the discovery of electronically stored information. Sets forth a procedure for handling disputes over the production of electronically stored information that is subject to claims of privilege or attorney work-product protection.	Sponsor	Judicial Council, California Defense Counsel and Consumer Attorneys of California	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 5)
AB 12 (Tracy Kenny)	AB 12 (Beall) – California Fostering Connections to Success Act As amended April 29, 2009 Sets forth the procedures for transitioning the Kin-GAP program to a program with federal financial participation. Requires that new guardianship assistance payment agreements be negotiated with current and future guardians. Sets forth procedures for providing foster care support to youth ages 18-21.	Sponsor	Judicial Council, Children's Law Center, California Alliance of Child & Family Services, California Youth Connection Youth Law Center, County Welfare Directors Association, John Burton Foundation for Children without Homes, and SEIU	Assembly Appropriations Committee 2-year bill
AB 32 (June Clark)	AB 32 (Lieu) – Public officials: personal information As amended June 17, 2009 Requires a person, business, or association, within 48 hours of receiving a written demand from an elected or appointed official, to remove the official's home address or telephone number from public display on the Internet and to continue to ensure that information is not re-posted on the Internet or any subsidiary Web site. Allows an elected or appointed official to designate in writing the official's employer, a related governmental entity, or any voluntary professional association of similar officials to act as that official's agent with regard to making a written demand or seeking enforcement of these posting requirements.	Support	Judge James Brandlin, Superior Court of Los Angeles County	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 403)

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status as of October 14, 2009
AB 82 (Tracy Kenny)	AB 82 (Evans) – Dependent children: psychotropic medications As amended September 2, 2009 Implements on a pilot basis in 3 counties enhanced oversight of administration of psychotropic medications in dependency cases.	Support	Children's Law Center of Los Angeles	Vetoed
AB 131 (Tracy Kenny)	AB 131 (Evans) – Juvenile proceedings: costs As amended September 1, 2009 Authorizes the Judicial Council to implement a cost recovery program to collect reimbursement from parents for the cost of dependency counsel, and directs that the recovered funds be used to reduce caseloads for attorneys. Requires the Judicial Council to develop a statewide standard for determining the ability of parents to pay.	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 413)
AB 154 (Tracy Kenny)	AB 154 (Evans) – Adoption assistance: federal law As amended September 2, 2009 Enacts changes necessary to allow California to take advantage of enhanced adoption incentive payments and increased eligibility of children and families for adoption assistance payments, under federal law. Ensures that any state savings resulting from eligibility for adoption assistance under the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (H.R. 6893 / P.L. 110-351) are invested in the child welfare system, and that all parents considering adopting dependent youth are aware of the availability of state and federal tax credits for their adoption-related expenses.	Support	Author	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 222)
AB 170 (Donna Hershkowitz)	AB 170 (Mendoza) – Court reporters: rough draft transcript As introduced Treats "real time" transcripts (referred to in the legislation as "the instant visual display of testimony") in the same manner as rough draft transcripts by providing that real time transcripts cannot be used, cited, distributed, or transcribed as the official certified transcript, and cannot be used or cited to rebut or contradict the official certified transcript. Sunsets January 1, 2017, reverting to the now-existing law unless the sunset date is removed or extended by subsequent legislation.	Support	California Court Reporters Association	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 87)
AB 250 (June Clark)	AB 250 (Miller) – Criminal procedure: withdrawal of plea waivers As amended May 7, 2009 Requires a criminal defendant's withdrawal of a waiver of his or her speedy trial time limits to be done in open court.	Support	California District Attorneys Association	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 424)

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status as of October 14, 2009
AB 273 (Janus Norman)	AB 273 (Anderson) – Collections As introduced Requires the superior courts to submit all unpaid court-ordered debt to the Franchise Tax Board, regardless of the amount, if the debt is at least 90 days delinquent. Allows the Franchise Tax Board to include in the total amount owed by the debtor that is subject to collection, the "actual and reasonable cost of collection."	Oppose	Author	Assembly Judiciary Committee 2-year bill
AB 447 (June Clark)	AB 447 (Nestande) – Criminal procedure: trial counsel: inability to pay As introduced Makes mandatory on the court and defendant several provisions permissive under current law relating to the court's determination of a defendant's ability to pay for counsel.	Oppose	Riverside County District Attorney	Assembly Public Safety Committee 2-year bill
AB 590 (Tracy Kenny)	AB 590 (Feuer) – Legal aid As amended September 4, 2009 Creates a pilot project to provide legal representation to indigent litigants in specified civil case types including domestic violence, civil harassment, probate conservatorship, elder abuse, child custody matters in which one parent is seeking sole legal or physical custody, and housing-related cases. The pilot project would be funded, beginning July 2011, with the revenue from recently enacted increases to a number of miscellaneous civil court fees that were included in the recently adopted revision of the budget. The project and funding sunset June 30, 2017. The Judicial Council would be responsible for selecting the pilots and awarding the funds to the selected pilots. Pilot projects would require a partnership between a trial court and a legal services agency, with the trial court responsible for improving self-help, case flow, and/or training in the selected case type(s) and the legal services agency taking the lead role in securing representation for eligible litigants.	Support	Author	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 457)
AB 612 (Tracy Kenny)	AB 612 (Beall) – Custody and visitation: nonscientific theories As introduced Prohibits the consideration of a "nonscientific theory" in a child custody matter, as defined, and disallows the admission into evidence of any child custody evaluation report which includes a nonscientific theory. ***UPDATE: As amended May 5, 2009*** ***Provides that courts may consider the significant hostility of a child to a parent as evidence corroborating allegations of abuse by that parent in a child custody dispute, and shall not make a determination that allegations of physical or sexual abuse are false based solely on the expression of significant hostility by the child to the allegedly abusive parent. Requires that training for child custody evaluators include this provision.*** ***UPDATE: As amended June 28, 2009*** ***Prohibits court from relying on or considering an unproven, unscientific theory and disallows acceptance into evidence of reports that rely on such theories***	Oppose Update: ***As amended May 5, 2009*** ***Neutral*** Update: ***As amended June 28, 2009*** ***Oppose***	Center for Judicial Excellence	Senate Judiciary Committee 2-year bill

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status as of October 14, 2009
AB 663 (Janus Norman)	AB 663 (Jones) – Legal aid: court interpreters As amended June 15, 2009 Requires the Judicial Council to establish a working group to identify and develop best practices to expand the use of interpreters in civil proceedings and to implement a three-year pilot project in up to five courts to provide interpreters in civil proceedings. Also requires the Judicial Council to enter into one or more master agreements with telephonic appearance providers to provide uniformity in the fees charged and requires fifteen dollars per appearance to support the cost of the civil interpreter pilot project. Limits the use of the term legal aid.	Sponsor interpreter related provisions; no position on legal aid provision	Judicial Council	Senate Appropriations Committee 2-year bill
AB 712 (Daniel Pone)	AB 712 (Evans) – Small claims court: equitable relief As amended April 13, 2009 Specifies that a small claims court has jurisdiction over an action for an injunction or other equitable relief when a statute expressly authorizes a small claims court to award that relief. Expressly provides that this legislation does not expand and is not encouraging the expansion of the jurisdiction of the small claims court.	Support	Author	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 468)
AB 839 (Daniel Pone)	AB 839 (Emmerson) – Medi-Cal providers: remedies As amended August 18, 2009 Requires Medi-Cal service providers with a complaint or grievance concerning the processing or payment of money that the provider alleges is payable under the Medi-Cal program to follow specified Department of Health Care Services complaint procedures. In lieu of allowing providers to seek "appropriate judicial remedies" to appeal the department's decision, instead specifies that the provider who has complied with these procedures may, within the time period prescribed in existing law, file a petition for a writ of mandate pursuant to Section 1085 of the Code of Civil Procedure in the superior court.	Support	Department of Health Care Services	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 255)
AB 908 (June Clark)	AB 908 (Berryhill, T.) – Probation: cost of services As introduced Requires the court, if probation is granted, to order the payment of the reasonable costs of any probation supervision or conditional sentence as a condition of probation.	Oppose	Chief Probation Officers of California	Assembly Public Safety Committee 2-year bill
AB 938 (Tracy Kenny)	AB 938 (Committee on Judiciary) – Dependent children: relative caregivers and foster parents As amended September 3, 2009 Requires that social workers immediately investigate the identity and location of all adult grandparents and other relatives of a child after the child is detained, and notify the relatives that the child has been removed from his or her parents, and the means by which the relative might participate in the care of the child.	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 261)

Bill No. (Advocate)	Bill No. (Author) Description and Updates	Judicial Council Position	Sponsor	Status as of October 14, 2009
AB 942 (Donna Hershkowitz)	AB 942 (Committee on Judiciary) – Judgeships As amended April 13, 2009 Requires the Judicial Council to prepare and submit to the Legislature a Judicial Needs Assessment that revises the time study specifically for family and juvenile law, and thus re-evaluates the overall judicial need. Authorizes the Judicial Council to convert up to an additional 10 subordinate judicial officer positions (SJOs) to judgeships each year, upon vacancy, if the conversion of these additional positions will result in a judge being assigned to a family or juvenile law assignment previously presided over by a subordinate judicial officer.	Support	Author	Senate Appropriations Committee 2-year bill
AB 996 (Janus Norman)	AB 996 (Anderson) – Hours of operation As introduced Authorizes the courts to operate on a continuous and ongoing basis, 24 hours per day, seven days per week.	Oppose	Author	Assembly Judiciary Committee 2-year bill
AB 1163 (Daniel Pone)	AB 1163 (Tran) – Attorney-client privilege: decedents' estates As amended March 26, 2009 Clarifies that the attorney-client privilege is held by a deceased client's personal representative appointed for subsequent estate administration after the original personal representative has been discharged. Provides that no attorney-client privilege exists for communications relevant to issues between parties who all claim through a deceased client in a non-probate transfer.	Support	California Law Revision Commission	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 8)
AB 1325 (Tracy Kenny)	AB 1325 (Cook) – Tribal customary adoption As amended September 2, 2009 Establishes a new adoption procedure for Indian children who are in foster care, to be called tribal customary adoption, which would be an adoption by tribal custom without the termination of parental rights. Requires the tribe proposing the adoption to develop an adoption order that would describe the legal rights and obligations of the parents and the child's connection to the tribe, and file the proposed order with the juvenile court. Requires the court to afford that order full faith and credit to the same extent that it would an order from another state, and thereafter to issue an order of adoption. Requires the Judicial Council to report on the implementation of these provisions by January 1, 2013.	Support	Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 287)
AB 1338 (June Clark)	AB 1338 (Anderson) – Arraignment courts As amended April 28, 2009 Authorizes the presiding judge of the superior court, or a judge designated by the presiding judge, together with the district attorney and the public defender, to establish and conduct an arraignment court program. Also authorizes the presiding judge of the superior court to establish extended hours for the operation of an arraignment court program.	Oppose unless funded	Author	Assembly Appropriations Committee 2-year bill

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SB 59 (June Clark)	SB 59 (Huff) – Criminal procedure: trials: continuances As amended April 21, 2009 Adds cases involving the California Street Terrorism Enforcement and Prevention Act to the list of types of cases that are categorically eligible for a good cause continuance in criminal proceedings when the prosecuting attorney assigned to the case has another trial, preliminary hearing, or motion to suppress in progress in another case.	Oppose	Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, Gang Unit	Senate Public Safety Committee 2-year bill
SB 209 (Daniel Pone)	SB 209 (Corbett and Harman) – Civil actions: disabled access As amended July 2, 2009 Requires a Certified Access Specialist inspection report filed with the court to remain confidential and allows disclosure only to the parties to the action, the parties' attorneys, and others necessary to the settlement of the case. Requires the report to remain confidential throughout the stay issued by the court and until the conclusion of the claim, unless there is a showing of good cause by any party.	Support	Authors	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 569)
SB 210 (June Clark)	SB 210 (Runner) – Traffic violator schools: regulation As proposed to be amended Consolidates all traffic violator school programs under the licensing authority of the Department of Motor Vehicles.	Support	Author	In Senate 2-year bill
SB 259 (Daniel Pone)	SB 259 (Benoit) – Common interest developments: elections As introduced Provides that, if a court voids any results of a homeowners' association election for one or more Common Interest Development (CID) board members, the court shall not invalidate a decision of the board that was reached after the board was seated pursuant to that election unless the court finds that the action of the board was contrary to law or the governing documents.	Oppose	Community Associations Institute	Senate Judiciary Committee 2-year bill
SB 308 (Daniel Pone)	SB 308 (Harman) – Professional fiduciaries As amended June 15, 2009 Specifies how individuals are counted to determine whether a person is a professional fiduciary under the Professional Fiduciaries Act, including that those individuals related to the fiduciary would not be counted and that individuals or trustors who are related to each other would be counted as one individual.	Support	California Judges Association	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 348)
SB 319 (June Clark)	SB 319 (Harman) – Jury service As amended April 22, 2009 Eliminates the sunset and reporting requirement on provisions allowing courts to impose monetary sanctions for failure to appear in response to a jury summons. Decreases the amount of time that must elapse before a compliance action may be initiated.	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 44)

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SB 377 (Donna Hershkowitz)	SB 377 (Corbett) – Courts: judgeships As introduced Authorizes 50 new judgeships, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to be allocated to the superior courts pursuant to the methodology adopted by the Judicial Council.	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Senate Appropriations Committee 2-year bill
SB 431 (June Clark)	SB 431 (Benoit) – Probation jurisdiction: transfers As amended June 4, 2009 Requires a court, when granting probation to an individual who permanently resides in a county other than the county of conviction, to transfer legal jurisdiction of the case to the county in which that person permanently resides, unless the court determines on the record that the transfer would be inappropriate. Also requires the court in the county of the probationer's residence to accept legal jurisdiction over the case. Lastly, requires the Judicial Council to adopt rules of court identifying factors for the court's consideration when determining the appropriateness of a transfer.	Support	Chief Probation Officers of California	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 588)
SB 432 (June Clark)	SB 432 (Runner) – Crime victims' restitution As introduced Authorizes the court and the counties, when a person who has been ordered to pay restitution to a victim is also sentenced to a term of imprisonment in state prison, to provide the victim's contact information to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, along with the restitution order, to enable the department to distribute the restitution collected on the victim's behalf. ***UPDATE: As amended May 5, 2009*** ***Requires the probation officer of the county from which a person is committed to an institution under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to send to the department a victim's contact information, if the victim consents, when the court has ordered the defendant to pay restitution to the victim. States that the victim's contact information would remain confidential.***	Oppose unless amended to delete courts from the newly-created authority to provide victim contact information to California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Update: ***As amended May 5, 2009 Neutral***	California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 49)
SB 556 (Janus Norman and Daniel Pone)	SB 556 (Committee on Judiciary) – Courts As amended July 7, 2009 Makes several non-controversial changes to improve court operations. Clarifies the law governing post-judgment fees in small claims court. Also clarifies that a court is authorized to submit unpaid bail amounts to the Franchise Tax Board's Court-Ordered Debt program. In addition, makes a conforming change regarding the ability of courts to recover costs for court-ordered investigations.	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 596)

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SB 597 (Tracy Kenny)	SB 597 (Liu) – Child welfare services, foster care services, and adoption assistance As amended September 3, 2009 Seeks to implement federal foster care reform provisions contained in H.R. 6893, the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008. Specifically it (1) allows for foster care payments to include the cost of travel to allow a child to remain in school of origin; (2) requires that the case plan for a foster youth include ongoing oversight and coordination of health care for the child; (3) requires that information about the federal adoption tax credit be provided to those considering the adoption of a foster child.	Support	Author	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 339)
SB 678 (June Clark)	SB 678 (Leno and Benoit) – Criminal recidivism: community corrections program As amended September 12, 2009 Creates the California Community Corrections Performance Incentive Act to provide sustainable funding for improved, evidence-based probation supervision practices and capacities to improve public safety outcomes among adult felons who are on probation.	Support in concept	Chief Probation Officers of California	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 608)
SB 752 (Janus Norman)	SB 752 (Wiggins) – Retirement As amended May 28, 2009 Would remedy challenges experienced by courts in a joint California Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) contract with a county, when the county decides to issued a pension obligation bond to address its unfunded liability. The bill would improve communication between the court and county by requiring the following actions prior to the issuance of a pension obligation bond: (1) identify court employees as of January 1, 2001; (2) require an actuarial study to be performed by PERS; and (3) require the court and county to agree on the financial and legal impact of the issuance of a bond on the court's employer contribution rate. ***UPDATE: As amended July 13, 2009*** ***Amended to address a non-court-related matter.***	Support Update: ***As amended July 13, 2009*** ***No position***	County of Solano	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 362)
SBX2 11 (Curtis Child)	SBX2 11 (Steinberg) – Judges: employment benefits As introduced Preserves local supplemental judicial benefits as they were in place July 1, 2008. Provides immunity to judges who received the benefits in the past. Requires the Judicial Council to report to the Legislature by December 31, 2009, on benefit inconsistencies.	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 9)
SBX2 12 (Curtis Child/Janus Norman)	SBX2 12 (Steinberg) – Court facilities financing As introduced Provides for the continuous appropriation of fine and fee revenue created by SB 1407 (Stats. 2008, ch. 311) to support the cost of site acquisitions and preliminary drawings for new courthouse construction projects. Creates an expedited process for authorizing trial court capital outlay projects.	Sponsor	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 10)

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SB 319 (June Clark)	SB 319 (Harman) – Jury service As amended April 22, 2009 Eliminates the sunset and reporting requirement on provisions allowing courts to impose monetary sanctions for failure to appear in response to a jury summons. Decreases the amount of time that must elapse before a compliance action may be initiated.	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 44)
SB 377 (Donna Hershkowitz)	SB 377 (Corbett) – Courts: judgeships As introduced Authorizes 50 new judgeships, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to be allocated to the superior courts pursuant to the methodology adopted by the Judicial Council.	Judicial Council	Senate Appropriations Committee 2-year bill

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SBX2 11 (Curtis Child)	SBX2 11 (Steinberg) – Judges: employment benefits As introduced Preserves local supplemental judicial benefits as they were in place July 1, 2008. Provides immunity to judges who received the benefits in the past. Requires the Judicial Council to report to the Legislature by December 31, 2009, on benefit inconsistencies.	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 9)
SBX2 12 (Curtis Child/Janus Norman)	SBX2 12 (Steinberg) – Court facilities financing As introduced Provides for the continuous appropriation of fine and fee revenue created by SB 1407 (Stats. 2007, ch. 311) to support the cost of site acquisitions and preliminary drawings for new courthouse construction projects. Creates an expedited process for authorizing trial court capital outlay projects.	Judicial Council	Signed into law (Stats. 2009, ch. 10)