



Superior Court of the State of California County of San Benito

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To: Workload Assessment Advisory Committee:

As the Workload Assessment Advisory Committee (WAAC) continues to review the 2018 Judicial Workload Study Updated Caseweights, I respectfully submit three brief comments for your consideration:

1. I commend the Judicial Council and WAAC for continuously and transparently reviewing and updating the mathematical formula that assesses judicial need as well as prioritization of judgeships.
2. I commend the Judicial Council and WAAC for amending policy to recognize that the workload need of a smaller court may exceed that of larger courts.
3. Insofar as the proposed updated caseweights calculate a need for 232 judgeships and none are for a Cluster 1 court, I urge the Judicial Council and WAAC to continue formulating policy that recognizes smaller courts have significantly less resources than larger courts to efficiently manage the same types of operational deficiencies.

Sincerely,

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