# Welcome to the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual AB 1058 Child Support Training Conference

We will get started in a few minutes. Please make sure you are on mute.

If you have any technical issues, please e-mail kelly.ragsdale@jud.ca.gov.



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#### Housekeeping

Zoom Speaker View

Rename yourself with your full name and court

- One link for all sessions unless concurrent session
- Evaluation links
- Conference materials
- Recorded sessions
- Tech issues contact William Cervantes or Kelly Ragsdale in the chat





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## Plenary Session: Judicial Council Updates

Anna L. Maves

Program Manager/Supervising Attorney 25th Annual AB 1058 Child Support

**Training Conference** 

October 13, 2021

## Congratulations on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the AB 1058 Program!





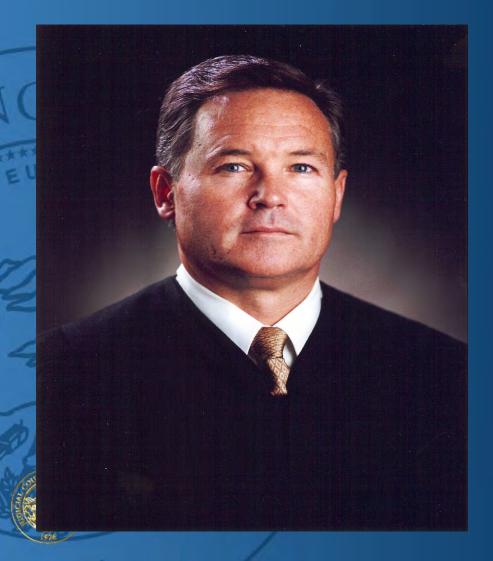
# How long have you been a part of the AB 1058 Family?

LINK IN THE CHAT!

### In Memoriam of Commissioner Connie Jimenez



## In Memoriam of Commissioner Randy Magnuson





#### Remote Hearings

- SB 241 2021
   California Court
   Efficiency Act
- AB 177 Evaluation om the Use of Technology

How is your court conducting AB 1058 hearings?

LINK IN THE CHAT!

How is your court providing self-help and FLF services?

LINK IN THE CHAT!



#### **Statewide Remote Services Data**

#### **Remote Hearings**

#### In-person only Remote

#### Not reported

- conducting
  - remotely
  - conducting
  - report

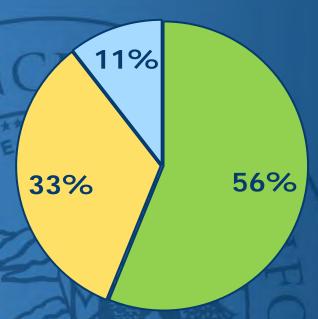
#### E-filing

- E-filing Fax filing None
- 54 courts are proceedings
  - **3** courts proceedings inperson only
  - 1 court did not
- Powered by Bind © GeoNames, TomTom
- **33** courts allow e-filing
  - 5 courts allow fax filing
  - **20** courts do not have efiling



#### **Child Support Commissioner Remote Hearing Data**

November 2020

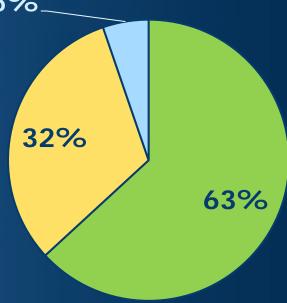


- Both remote and in-person
- Remote only
- In-person only

• **51** courts hear IV-D cases remotely







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• **54** courts

- 3 inperson only
- Both remote and in-person
- Remote only
- In-person only

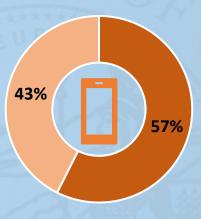


#### **Self-Help Center Remote Services**

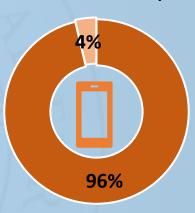
Percentage of Courts
Providing Services by Phone

Percentage of Courts
Providing Services by <u>Email</u>

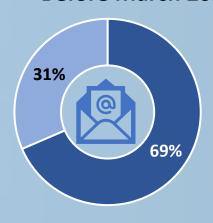
**Before March 2020** 



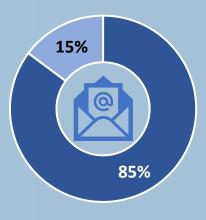
As of June 30, 2020



**Before March 2020** 



As of June 30, 2020



Data from Impact of Self-Help Center Expansion in California Courts, January 2021 report to the Legislature.



## Quadrennial Review of Child Support Guidelines

45 Code of Federal Regulations § 302.56



States must review guidelines every 4 years

FC § 4054: JCC must review and make recs to Legislature

Ensure guidelines result in appropriate child support orders

Limit deviations from the guidelines

Ensure guidelines are in compliance with federal law



## Review of Statewide Uniform Child Support Guidelines 2021

The 2022 report to the Legislature will include:

- New data analysis required by federal regulations.
- Case data from 11 representational courts.
  - Calaveras
  - Fresno
  - Kings
  - Los Angeles

- Merced
- Orange
- San Diego
- Santa Clara

- Santa Cruz
- Stanislaus
- Yolo

Data from focus groups with:

**Parents** 

DCSS/LCSAs

Judicial Officers

**FLFs** 



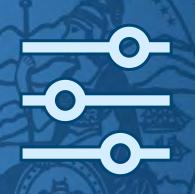
## Focus of the Child Support Guideline Study

Low Income Families

CS=K[HN-(H%)(TN)]

The K Factor in the formula

Low Income Adjustment



- Does it meet the basic subsistence needs?
- Whether the annual adjustment is sufficient to provide adequate protection



#### LIA Threshold and Minimum Wage History

Year	LIA	LIA % increase	Minimum Wage	Minimum Wage % increase
March 2013	\$1533	2.15%	\$8	
2014	\$1556	1.48%	\$9	12.5%
2015	\$1584	1.77%	\$9	
2016	\$1607	1.43%	\$10	11.1%
2017	\$1644	2.25%	\$10*	
2018	\$1692	2.84%	\$10.50*	5%
2019	\$1755	3.59%	\$11*	4.54%
2020	\$1807	2.88%	\$12*	8.33%
2021	\$1837	1.63%	\$13*	7.69%
2022	-	-	\$14*	7.14%
2023	-	-	\$15	6.67%



#### LIA example for 2021

2021 minimum wage\* = \$13/hour net income\*\* = \$1,912 gross income\*\* = \$2,253

The LIA operates to provide an adjustment to child support for parents whose income is under the threshold adjusted annually based on the CPI. For 2021, the figure is \$1,837. The closer the net income is to the threshold, the lower the adjustment.

2021 LIA:

CS – [CS x <u>1837 - net income</u>]1837

Guideline child support = \$478
 NO LIA application because net income exceeds LIA

\*25 or fewer employees

\*\*Net and gross income based on full time minimum wage, Single filing status, no dependents (presumed income order)



#### Looking to the Future

- Build on past successes
- Continue strong relationships with program partners
- Adapt to meet needs of CA families
- Ensure accurate child support calculations
- Acknowledge implicit bias



