

JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS
Administrative Office of the Courts
Malcolm M. Lucas Board Room
455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102-3688
February 26, 2010

9:00–9:30 a.m. **Executive Session—Rule 10.6(b)**
Closed Session—Discussion Protected by Attorney-
Client Privilege

JUDICIAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
9:45 a.m.–12:20 p.m.
Open to the Public

AGENDA

- 9:45–9:55 a.m. **Public Comment Related to Trial Court Budget Issues**
[Subject to requests]
*This time is reserved for public comment on Discussion Agenda
items relating to trial court budgets.
- 9:55–10:00 a.m. **Approval of Minutes**
Minutes of the January 21, 2010, business meeting.
- 10:00–10:15 a.m. **Judicial Council Committee Presentations**
Executive and Planning Committee
 Hon. Richard D. Huffman, Chair
Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee
 Hon. Marvin R. Baxter, Chair
Rules and Projects Committee
 Hon. Dennis E. Murray, Chair
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- 10:15–10:25 a.m. **Chief Justice’s Report**
Chief Justice Ronald M. George will report on activities in
which he has been involved since the last Judicial Council
business meeting.
- 10:25–10:35 a.m. **Administrative Director’s Report**
Mr. William C. Vickrey, Administrative Director of the Courts,
will make a report.

10:35–10:50 a.m. **BREAK**

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1–2)

A council member who wishes to request that any item be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda is asked to please notify Nancy Spero at 415-865-7915 at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Item 1 [Conflict of Interest: Code for the Administrative Office of the Courts \(Action Required\)](#)

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) recommends that the Judicial Council approve amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code for the Administrative Office of the Courts to bring the code up to date with the agency’s current classification structure. In accordance with Government Code sections 87303 and 87306, the code must be updated “when change is necessitated by changed circumstances, including the creation of new positions” (*id.*, § 87306), and the council must review proposed amendments to the code and approve the code as amended or direct that it be further revised and resubmitted for approval.

Staff: Ms. Mary M. Roberts
 Mr. Steven R. Crooks
 Office of the General Counsel

Item 2 [Access to Visitation Grant Program: Funding Allocation for Fiscal Year 2010–2011 \(Action Required\)](#)

Subject to the availability of federal funding, the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends the allocation and distribution of approximately \$770,000 statewide for the fiscal year 2010–2011 Access to Visitation Grant Program. The funding would be directed to 12 superior courts representing 22 counties and involving 24 subcontractor agencies (i.e., local community nonprofit service providers) to support and facilitate noncustodial parents’ access to and visitation with their children through supervised visitation and exchange services, parent education, and group counseling services. Family Code section 3204(b)(2) requires the Judicial Council to determine the final number and amount of grants to be awarded to the superior courts.

Staff: Ms. Shelly La Botte
 Center for Families, Children & the Courts

DISCUSSION AGENDA (Items 3–4)

Item 3 [Governance of the Judicial Branch Audit Program \(Action Required\)](#)
10:50–11:20 a.m.

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) recommends that the Judicial Council approve procedures concerning the public disclosure of final audit reports, formal reporting of audit results and audit activities to the council on a regular basis, and a process to report any impairment that would affect the independence of Internal Audit Services (IAS) to perform its function. These recommendations support branch governance and enhance accountability through reporting and review of the financial, compliance, and operational activities of the judicial branch.

Presentation/Discussion (15 minutes)

Speakers: Mr. Ronald G. Overholt
 Chief Deputy Director
 Mr. Stephen Nash
 Finance Division
 Mr. John Judnick
 Finance Division

Discussion/Council Action (15 minutes)

Item 4 **[Commission for Impartial Courts: Implementation Plan](#)**
11:20 a.m.– **(Action Required)**
 12:20 p.m.

The Implementation Committee of the Commission for Impartial Courts (commission) recommends that the Judicial Council endorse three recommendations in the commission’s final report pertaining to the disclosure of—and mandatory disqualification as a result of—certain campaign contributions received by judicial candidates and refer those recommendations to the California Supreme Court. The Judicial Council accepted the commission’s final report on December 15, 2009, and directed the Administrative Director of the Courts to provide an implementation plan and a prioritization of the commission’s recommendations for consideration at this meeting.

Presentation/Discussion (30 minutes)

Speakers: Hon. Ming W. Chin
 Chair, Commission for Impartial Courts Implementation Committee
 Hon. William A. MacLaughlin
 Chair, Task Force on Judicial Campaign Finance
 Ms. Christine Patton
 Regional Administrative Director

Discussion/Council Action (30 minutes)

Information Only Item

- **Trial Courts: Quarterly Investment Report for the Period of July 1, 2009, through September 1, 2009**

The Trial Court Quarterly Investment Report provides the financial results for the funds invested by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) on behalf of the trial courts as part of the judicial branch treasury program. The period covered by this report is from July 1, 2009, through September 1, 2009.

There have been no Circulating Orders since the last business meeting.

Appointment Orders since the last business meeting.

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