

Item 2

Judicial Council Governance Principles (Action Required)

[Tab 2]

Staff: Ms. Dale Sipes

AOC staff recommends formal adoption of the Carver governance principles discussed and approved by the Judicial Council at a special education session in November, 1997.

Item 3

Three Strikes Relief Team—Fiscal Year 1996–97 Report (Action Required)

[Tab 3]

Staff: Ms. Fea Jacobson

AOC staff recommends approval of a report on the three strikes relief team program for fiscal year 1996–97 for submission to the Legislature.

Discussion Agenda (Tabs Nos. 4–7)

Item 4

11:30–11:40 a.m.

**Telephone Appearances Rule (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 298)
(Action Required)**

[Tab 4]

The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee recommends amending rule 298 to give counsel the option of appearing by telephone in superior court in specific circumstances.

Presentation (11:30–11:35)

Speakers: Ms. Mary Lou Des Rochers

Staff: Ms. Wendi Berkowitz

Discussion/Council Action (11:35–11:40)

Item 5
11:40–12:40 a.m.

Trial Court Coordination Plans for Fiscal Year 1997–98 and 1998–99 and Criteria for Granting Pay Parity Pursuant to AB 233 (Action Required)

[Tab 5]

The Trial Court Coordination Advisory Committee recommends action on pending two-year trial court coordination plans for fiscal year 1997–98 and fiscal year 1998–99 and criteria for granting pay parity pursuant to AB 233.

Presentation (11:40–11:55)

Speakers: Hon. John Flaherty

Staff: Ms. Fran Jurcso

Discussion/Council Action (11:55–12:40)

12:40–1:15 p.m.

Lunch

Item 6
1:15–1:45 a.m.

Court Profiles Project Report (Action Required)

[Tab 6]

The AOC staff recommends postponing the development of simulation methodology to assess trial court judicial need pending an independent assessment which will be presented to the council in April 1998.

Presentation (1:00–1:10)

Staff: Mr. William Vickrey

Ms. Kiri Torre

Discussion/Council Action (1:10–1:30)

Item 7
1:30–1:45 a.m.

Trial Court Improvement Fund Allocation (Action Required)

[Tab 7]

The AOC staff recommends redirecting money in the Trial Court Improvement Fund to the one-half percent reserve for emergency needs of the trial courts.

Presentation (1:30–1:40)

Staff: Mr. William C. Vickrey

Ms. Kiri Torre

Discussion/Council Action (1:40–1:45)

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