

Report to the Judicial Council and the Legislature

Annual Report of Special Funds Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2007–2008

Pursuant to reporting requirements set forth in the
Government Code Section 77209(j)
(Trial Court Improvement Fund)
And
Supplemental Report of the 2000 Budget Act
(Judicial Administration Efficiency and Modernization Fund)

December 3, 2008

V. Statewide Administrative Infrastructure Initiatives (SAII) Support and Additional Initiatives

In FY 2007–2008, allocated funds were expended to pay for the statewide administrative infrastructure AOC staff costs (\$7.048 million) and additional initiatives that support courts in various areas (\$3.291 million).

implementation and deployment, and continuous maintenance to the many projects.

2. Additional Initiatives

- *California Law Enforcement Telecommunication Network (CLETS)*

The allocated funds were for one position at AOC to support the system. CLETS Access, as provided via the California Department of Justice, was enabled during FY 2006–2007 through the CCTC by the implementation of hardware, software, and telecommunications services. Five courts are now using the statewide network to access and update various California and federal databases, including the Domestic Violence Restraining Order System.

- *Trial Court Reengineering*

In September 2007, the AOC's Northern/Central Regional Office (NCRO) established a Reengineering and Process Improvement Unit that focuses on reengineering the business processes and systems of the trial courts to help achieve improvement in business performance. The Reengineering Unit is comprised of a Re-engineering Manager and Senior Court Services Analyst who work with trial courts at the Court's request to participate in this program. The Reengineering Unit travels to the trial courts to observe the trial courts workflow and business processes, to meet and collaborate with the Court Judicial Officers, executive management, management team, and line staff to identify and recommend efficient and streamlined processes. Ultimately, it is the Reengineering Unit's goal to identify and share these best practices with other courts across the State. The unit designed its Charter and finalized its Reengineering Methodology, marketed the newly established program, and initiated reengineering programs for two trial courts in the Northern/Central Region.

- *Enhanced Collections*

The Enhanced Collections Unit (ECU) engaged a consultant to develop collections performance measures and benchmarks, best practices, and reporting template, as required by AB367. ECU conducted four AB367 workshops at the three regional offices to inform the 58 collection programs statewide of the bill's requirements. ECU assisted 38 courts with improving their collections program. In conjunction with the AOC Business Services Unit, ECU established a committee to prepare and release the 2008 Request for Proposals (RFP) for statewide collection services. In collaboration with the AOC Finance Division and on behalf of the Franchise Tax Board (FTB), ECU obtained council approval to allow the FTB to utilize an estimated \$4.3 million, available in the FTB Court

**Trial Court Improvement Fund
FY 2007-2008 Expenditures and Encumbrances
Category I - Ongoing Statewide Programs**

Description	Amount
Trial Court Security Grants	\$ 6,784,682
Litigation Management Program	4,607,435
Commission on Judicial Performance Defense Insurance	780,193
Subscription Costs - Judicial Conduct Reporter	28,770
Trial Court Transactional Assistance Program	739,069
Self-Represented Litigants - Strategic Planning	300,230
Family Law Interpretive Program for Domestic Violence Cases	1,762,332
Self-Help Centers	2,434,410
Online Training	24,194
Branchwide Strategic Planning	319,659
California Courts - Connecting with Constituencies	385,331
Employee Assistance Program for Bench Officers	51,949
Trial Court Benefits Program - Legal Advice	115,000
ADP Master Contract	100,000
Statewide Administrative Infrastructure Initiatives ¹	122,258,402
Statewide Administrative Infrastructure Initiatives and Other Initiatives Support ¹	10,338,341
Total Ongoing Statewide Programs	\$ 151,029,997

¹ See Addendum 1 for the list of projects.