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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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Dear Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye and Council Members,

Among the Judicial Council's agenda items for its scheduled meeting on Friday, October 28, 2011 are a number of "Rules, Forms, and Standards" that are part of the Council's consent agenda. (Agenda items A1-A27). I recognize that these various rules, forms and standards were developed in response to statutory changes, including the enactment of new statutes which require the Council to promulgate a rule of court and/or forms and standards. However, it is important that the Council acknowledge there will be increased cost to the trial courts as a result of these new requirements.

The new mandates are not fiscally neutral and they come at a time when trial courts have suffered severe budget cuts. Sacramento Superior Court, as I am certain all of other trial courts, has been making reductions, including to our staff levels in order to be in line with the reduction to our funding allocation. As I have reminded the Council on other occasions, Sacramento remains one of the historically underfunded trial courts and thus any budget reduction compounds the "underfunded" effect on our operations. More burden at a time of dramatically reduced resources presents an obvious dilemma.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve White", is written over a horizontal line.

Steve White
Presiding Judge
Sacramento Superior Court