



**Los Angeles Superior Court
2016/2017 Annual Report**



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDING JUDGE AND COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

We are proud of the work of our judges and staff. Ensuring access to justice to millions of people is a great and humbling responsibility. As you will see in this Annual Report, the Los Angeles Superior Court has a broad set of responsibilities:

- In dependency courtrooms, judicial officers watch over more than 30,000 children in foster care;
- Our criminal court judicial officers handle more than 200,000 criminal cases each year, meeting the challenges of ensuring public safety and constitutional rights;
- Billions of dollars are at stake every year in our civil courtrooms — from someone suing an auto repairman, to class action lawsuits worth hundreds of millions of dollars, to business-to-business disputes;
- Family law judicial officers decide legal disputes in more than 30,000 new divorce cases each year, sorting out fateful, complicated and often hotly contested issues of child custody and support;
- In probate courtrooms, judicial officers ensure that people who cannot take care of themselves are not taken advantage of by those who care for them.

The Court is funded at only 72 percent of the amount required for staff to do the work for all these cases (see the explanation of the WAFM funding model on page 39). Yet constitutional priorities, and the needs of millions of litigants and other Californians, cannot be compromised. That is why the search for more efficient ways of doing business has been a top priority of the Court, as is reflected in the pages that follow.

Over the past year, the Court has delivered on many promising innovations that have improved our service to the public and brought much-needed efficiencies.

- LASC now provides interpreters in all case types to all 600 courtrooms — including those where interpreters are not mandated by law.
- Online services have been greatly expanded in handling traffic tickets, obtaining court documents, scheduling hearings, and obtaining interpreter services. These innovations not only make it easier for litigants, attorneys and the public, they also save money.
- The Court continues to be a leader in *collaborative courts*, in which prosecutors, defense counsel and judges partner with community service agencies to provide appropriate help to criminal defendants plagued by drug addiction, homelessness, mental illness, and other problems — helping defendants avoid re-arrest and saving criminal justice resources.



These and other approaches have meant that the Court was able to shoulder much of the additional burdens placed on it by recent legislative changes, including a traffic ticket amnesty program through which 125,853 citations were resolved and 110,222 driver's license hold releases were sent to the DMV, in addition to 50,000 petitions for re-sentencing in the wake of Proposition 47.

In spite of our best efforts to create efficiencies through automation, we cannot make up for insufficient funding. The fund gap shows itself in the delays that continue to plague all areas of the system. Families typically wait for three months to schedule the next hearing in their cases. Nearly 40 percent of criminal cases languish beyond the time standards for disposition. Small claims courtrooms are backed up by nearly three months. More than 30,000 personal injury-related cases have waited more than two years for resolution.

This 2017 Annual Report is a catalog of innovation, as well as a testament to the creativity and perseverance of judicial officers and employees working together to achieve our mission:

The Los Angeles Superior Court is dedicated to serving our community by providing equal access to justice through the fair, timely and efficient resolution of all cases.

DANIEL J. BUCKLEY
PRESIDING JUDGE

SHERRIL R. CARTER
EXECUTIVE OFFICER/CLERK

Sept. 2017

ABOUT LASC



The Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) is one of 58 superior courts created by Article VI of the California Constitution. It is the only court for the County of Los Angeles, an area which encompasses 88 cities, 140 unincorporated areas and more than 90 law enforcement agencies. It serves a population of over 10 million, an increase of almost 500,000 since 2000. The Court includes 38 courthouses located in 12 judicial districts throughout the county's 4,752 square miles.

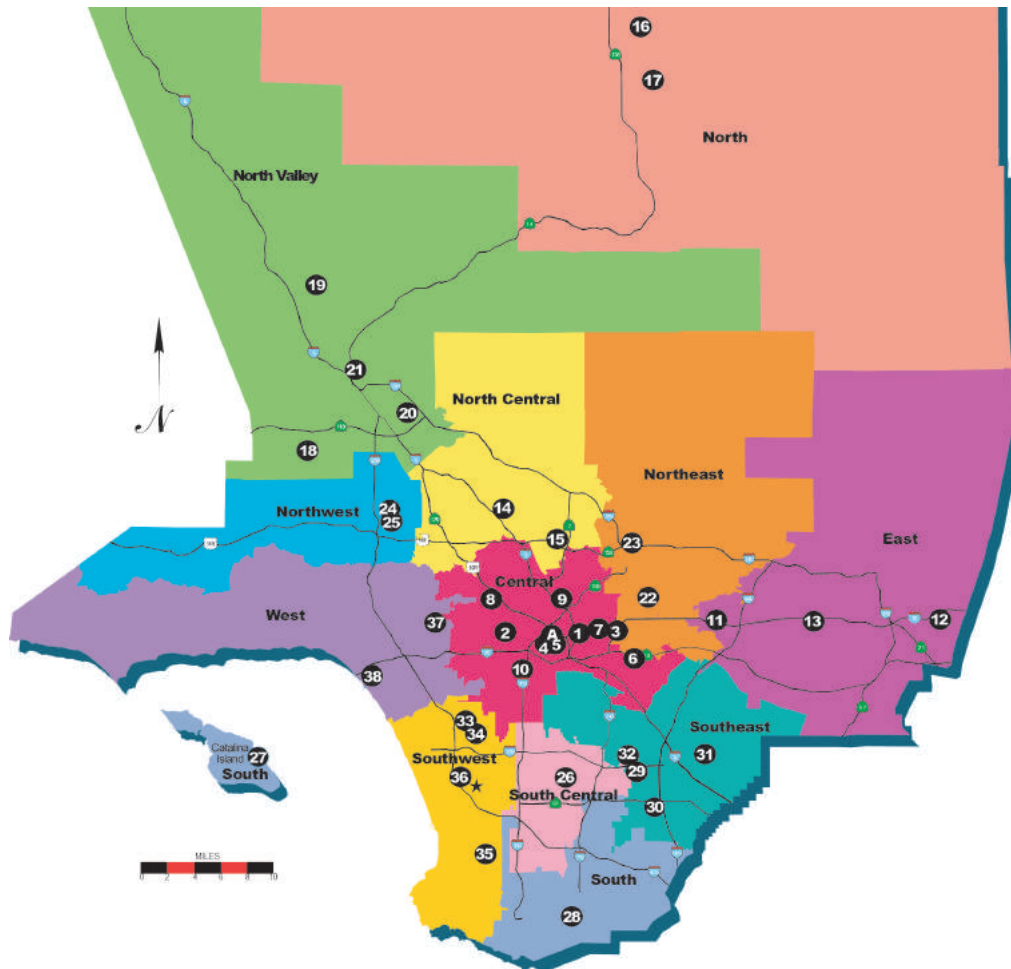
LASC judicial officers hear every case type under state law — criminal, civil, family law, juvenile dependency and delinquency, probate, mental health and traffic. Cases range from simple traffic infractions to murders; landlord/tenant disputes to multi-million dollar lawsuits; guardianships to involuntary commitments.

LASC provides interpreter services for 89 languages including rare and indigenous dialects. Combined, the Self-Help and Family Law Facilitator offices averaged over 23,000 instances of providing assistance to unrepresented litigants every month. Handling tens of millions of customers each year, and with a budget of more than \$700 million, if LASC were a business, it would be one of the largest in the county. With 580 judicial officers and more than 4,300 permanent employees, it is the largest trial court in the nation.

The Los Angeles Superior Court has been a recognized leader in programs such as Drug Court, Veterans' Court and Homeless Court. It provides self-help centers in each of the 12 judicial districts. It is the originator of the JusticeCorps program, an AmeriCorps program that trains college student volunteers to provide assistance to unrepresented litigants.

Our innovative projects and programs have been recognized annually and have received numerous awards. These programs include Parenting Without Conflict, the Non-Professional Conservatorship Training Program, and Veteran's Court.

LASC founded one of the first Teen Court programs and its path-breaking 'SHADES' program (Stopping Hate And Delinquency by Empowering Students). LASC is the coordinator of the annual California Association of Youth Courts Conference. These programs, along with the Court's other innovations, have been recognized by the National Association of Counties, National Association of Court Management and the Los Angeles Quality and Productivity Commission.



COURT DISTRICTS AND COURTHOUSE LOCATIONS

CENTRAL DISTRICT

- 1 Central Arraignment Courthouse
- 2 Central Civil West Courthouse
- 3 Edmund D. Edelman Children's Courthouse
- 4 Stanley Mosk Courthouse
- 5 Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center
- 6 East Los Angeles Courthouse
- 7 Eastlake Juvenile Courthouse
- 8 Hollywood Courthouse
- 9 Mental Health Courthouse
- 10 Metropolitan Courthouse
- A Court Archives and Record Center
- B Hall of Records (Court Technology Services, Jury Services)

EAST DISTRICT

- 11 El Monte Courthouse
- 12 Pomona Courthouse
- 13 West Covina Courthouse

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

- 14 Burbank Courthouse
- 15 Glendale Courthouse

NORTH DISTRICT

- 16 Alfred J. McCourtney Juvenile Justice Center Courthouse
- 17 Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley Courthouse

NORTH VALLEY DISTRICT

- 18 Chatsworth Courthouse
- 19 Santa Clarita Courthouse
- 20 San Fernando Courthouse
- 21 Sylmar Juvenile Courthouse

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

- 22 Alhambra Courthouse
- 23 Pasadena Courthouse

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

- 24 Van Nuys East Courthouse
- 25 Van Nuys West Courthouse

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

- 26 Compton Courthouse

SOUTH DISTRICT

- 27 Catalina Courthouse
- 28 Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

- 29 Downey Courthouse
- 30 Bellflower Courthouse
- 31 Norwalk Courthouse
- 32 Los Padrinos Juvenile Courthouse

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

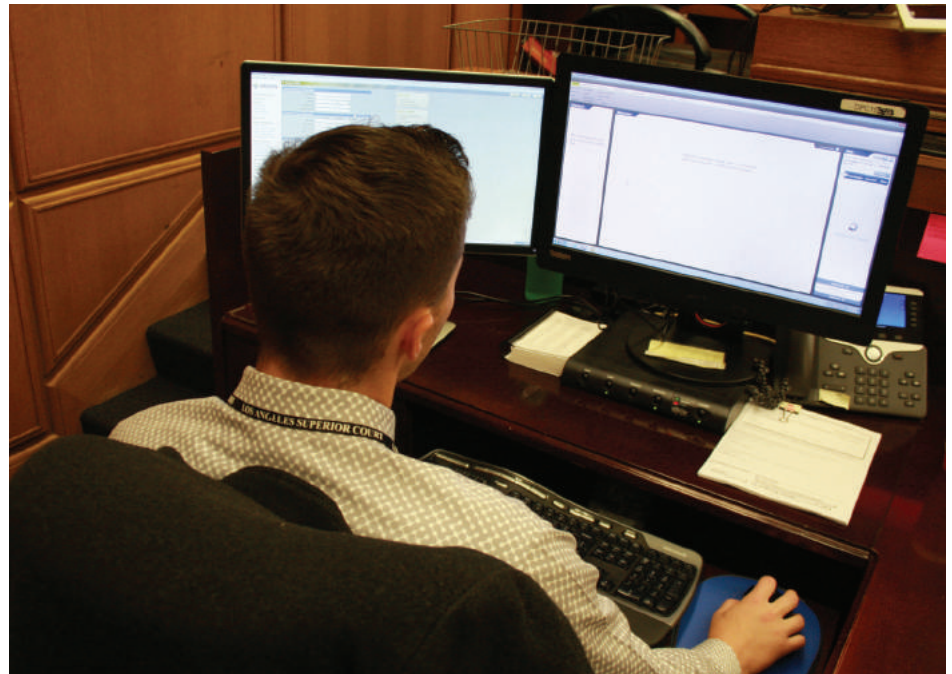
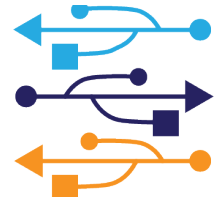
- 33 Inglewood Courthouse
- 34 Inglewood Juvenile Courthouse
- 35 Torrance Courthouse

WEST DISTRICT

- 36 Airport Courthouse*
- 37 Beverly Hills Courthouse
- 38 Santa Monica Courthouse

*Geographically located in the Southwest District.

ROLLOUT OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY



A judicial assistant completes a minute order using the new Odyssey case management system for probate.

CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

In 2016, LASC began the replacement of 11 case management systems in all litigation areas, some more than 30 years old, running on software no longer supported by vendors. With the introduction of the new, state-of-the-art technology, the Court will replace some functions still accomplished manually, integrate its financial data, improve records and exhibits management, and provide greater access to case information internally and remotely, thereby improving the level of service provided to court users and expanding access to justice.

One-time savings were used to purchase the new systems and pay for the conversion costs. Once fully implemented, the ongoing maintenance costs are expected to be substantially less than those of the legacy systems.

The enormous replacement effort began in May 2016 with the implementation of Odyssey for probate followed by eCourt for small claims. LASC's family law division transitioned to Odyssey in May 2017.

Odyssey and eCourt will be introduced in the Court's remaining case types by the end of 2018.

With the new technology, the Court is able to implement and expand functions not possible with the old systems, such as BenchView and eFiling.

BENCHVIEW

Benchview is a web-based application for judicial officers that provides easy access to case information and documents, as well as Lexis, the Court Date Calculator and other calendar-management tools. BenchView offers a custom environment developed by the Court Technology Services unit specifically for LASC judicial officer needs.

BenchView is accessible from desktop computers and mobile devices 24/7. The application was successfully launched in probate and small claims, as well as child support courtrooms at the Central Civil West Courthouse last year.

BenchView functionality includes the ability to access case information and online documents, calendar management tools and other functions.

The Court has established an ambitious schedule for BenchView implementation in other litigation areas.

EFILING

One of the most significant benefits to LASC's case management systems is the move to paperless files. Efiling has been available for small claims for many years, but only to file the initial petition. In June, eFiling became mandatory for attorneys and voluntary for self-represented litigants in probate, who may still present documents for filing at the Clerk's office.

Efiling has many benefits to the Court. The primary benefit to judicial officers is that efiled documents are typically ready for judicial review much sooner than paper pleadings. A study in Orange County determined that efiled documents were available for judicial review, on average, 12 hours sooner than those filed traditionally.

An efiled document is stored in the electronic management system, which means once the document is filed it is available simultaneously to the judicial officers, the research attorneys and the public (from within the courthouse). This also saves the Court money spent on storage and retrieval of paper documents.

Efiling will be introduced to the other case types soon, providing significant benefits to judicial officers, filers and court staff.

CIVIL

CIVIL CASE FILINGS FY 16/17

71,653
UNLIMITED CIVIL

68,414
LIMITED CIVIL

47,966
UNLAWFUL
DETAINERS

60,369
SMALL CLAIMS

248,402
TOTAL FILINGS

Burbank Courthouse
 Central Civil West Courthouse
 Chatsworth Courthouse
 Compton Courthouse
 Glendale Courthouse
 Governor George
 Deukmejian Courthouse
 Michael D. Antonovich
 Antelope Valley Courthouse
 Norwalk Courthouse
 Pasadena Courthouse
 Pomona Courthouse
 Santa Monica Courthouse
 Stanley Mosk Courthouse
 Torrance Courthouse
 Van Nuys East Courthouse

**COURTHOUSES THAT
HANDLE CIVIL CASES**

NEW CMS BRINGS INNOVATIONS TO SMALL CLAIMS

The launch of the eCourt case management system for small claims in May 2016 (see page 8) has provided efficiency and consistency that have been very beneficial to the public and staff (see graphic on opposite page).

Litigants can now visit an online portal to check the status and results of their cases, enhancing customer service and reducing phone calls to the court and lines in the Clerk's offices.

Small claims staff have expressed their appreciation for eCourt's faster processing speeds, modern and intuitive design, search and reporting abilities, and improved data integrity features. The new system supports a paperless courtroom, resulting in less cluttered desks and fewer missing case files and documents.

In Fiscal Year 2016/2017, more than 60,000 small claims cases were filed at LASC's six small claims courthouses, which include the Alhambra, Downey, Inglewood, Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley, Stanley Mosk, and Van Nuys East courthouses.



ONLINE IMPROVEMENTS ENHANCE COURT WEBSITE

LASC has continued to introduce a number of features and enhancements to the online services provided on its website, lacourt.org.

Court Reservation System

The Court's online Court Reservation System (CRS) allows attorneys to schedule civil motions via computer or smart phone, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This award-winning innovation has made the scheduling process easier for attorneys and courtroom staff. In 2016, CRS expanded to include most civil courtrooms countywide.

e-Delivery

In advance of the new paperless system, the Court introduced e-Delivery, a service that allows for the electronic submission of filing documents specifically for general jurisdiction personal injury cases through the Court's website. E-Delivery is simple and secure: the system generates a receipt verifying that the electronic documents have been received. Following the acceptance and filing of the documents at the appropriate courthouse, the submitting party is sent a filing confirmation and a conformed copy of the document.

However, as with all the Court's online services, in-person services will remain available in the courthouses.



ADDITIONAL COURTROOM OPENS FOR PERSONAL INJURY MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE PILOT PROGRAM

More than 30,000 personal injury-related cases are backlogged more than two years. To break the logjam, local Bar associations are sponsoring a program to provide settlement help. Selected cases are ordered to participate in a Mandatory Settlement Conference supervised by the judicial officers and staffed by volunteer attorneys skilled in settlement.

SHRIVER HOUSING PROJECT



Since 2012, the Shriver Housing Project, located in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse in downtown Los Angeles, has provided legal help to low income tenants and landlords with eviction cases.

The program represents a partnership between Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County, Inner City Law Center, the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, and Public Counsel.

CRIMINAL



A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO COMPLEX ISSUES

LASC, in partnership with other justice agencies, has initiated a new problem-solving approach for criminal cases called the Community Collaborative Courts (CCC). The CCC take a holistic approach to the needs of several at-risk and vulnerable populations. The CCC address cases with issues including: those related to veterans (e.g., post-traumatic stress disorder), mental illness, homelessness, substance abuse, and transition-aged at-risk youth (TAY). The individuals in these populations who enter the criminal justice system often present complex problems and multiple disorders that require multi-disciplinary solutions.

The CCC judicial officer can tailor case management, terms of probation and post-conviction monitoring to the needs of individual defendants and communities. The goal was to create a structure that is flexible and responsive to better meet the needs of the litigants and better ensure public safety in both the near and long term.

Although the CCC is located in designated courtrooms at the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Governor George Deukmejian (Long Beach), Compton, and Van Nuys West courthouses, the project is designed to provide services throughout Los Angeles County. If a qualifying case is identified in a district that does not have CCC, the case can be transferred to one of the CCC locations.



The Los Angeles Superior Court's Community Collaborative Courts project was recognized by the Compton City Council on June 28, 2016 (see photo on opposite page.)

**COURTHOUSES THAT
HANDLE CRIMINAL CASES**

Airport Courthouse
 Alhambra Courthouse
 Bellflower Courthouse
 Burbank Courthouse
 Catalina Courthouse
 Central Arraignment
 Courthouse
 Clara Shortridge Foltz
 Criminal Justice Center
 Compton Courthouse
 Downey Courthouse
 East Los Angeles Courthouse
 El Monte Courthouse
 Glendale Courthouse
 Governor George
 Deukmejian Courthouse
 Inglewood Courthouse
 Metropolitan Courthouse
 Michael D. Antonovich
 Antelope Valley Courthouse
 Norwalk Courthouse
 Pasadena Courthouse
 Pomona Courthouse
 San Fernando Courthouse
 Santa Clarita Courthouse
 Torrance Courthouse
 Van Nuys West Courthouse
 West Covina Courthouse



In June 2016, Judges Karen Ackerson Gauff (center) and Kelvin Filer (right) joined representatives from the Compton City Council when it recognized and passed a resolution in support of LASC's Community Collaborative Courts (CCC) project.

PROP 47

Passed in 2014, Proposition 47, also known as "The Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act," allows qualifying offenders currently serving felony sentences for specified crimes (outlined in the legislation) to petition the court to have their sentences reduced to those for misdemeanors. In addition, certain offenders who have already completed a sentence for a felony that qualifies under the law may apply to the sentencing court to have their felony conviction designated a misdemeanor.

To date, the Los Angeles Superior Court has received 66,000 petitions for resentencing.

AB 109

When the legislature passed Assembly Bill 109 (AB109) implementing criminal justice realignment, many responsibilities for the supervision of felons were passed from the state to the counties. Seeking to provide post-conviction programs and services in the local community, rather than in prison, the new laws require judicial officers to oversee the rehabilitation of thousands of felons. Judicial officers also took on many of the responsibilities of the parole board in setting conditions of supervision and determining when parolees have violated their paroles. AB 109 cases have become a major part of the workload of the criminal courts. Recent studies found that the work associated with the typical felony case has increased by 15 percent since 2011. In 2016, LASC handled 43 percent of all petitions to revoke or modify parole filed across the state under AB 109.

**CRIMINAL
CASE FILINGS
FY 16/17**

**38,513
FELONIES**

**97,152
MISDEMEANORS**

**44,146
NON-TRAFFIC
INFRACTIONS**

**948
HABEAS CORPUS**

**180,759
TOTAL FILINGS**

FAMILY LAW



RESOLVING DOMESTIC DISPUTES UNDER THE LAW

Child Custody: In family law cases that involve children, parents are required by law to attend a mediation orientation/parent education program and a mediation session prior to a hearing regarding the custody and visitation of their children. Through the programs, parents are encouraged to focus on their children’s best interests in developing a custody plan.

Our Children First: Each party is mandated to complete this parent education program. The program is available online and in person, in English and Spanish. It provides parents with information regarding the court process, child development, and how separating parents can work more effectively together.

Mediation: Mediation is provided at no cost and gives parents the opportunity to discuss with a neutral mental health professional the best plan for their children. If the parents reach an agreement, the mediator drafts a custody and visitation plan.

Child Custody Evaluation: The Court offers Child Custody Evaluation services for families who are unable to resolve their custody and visitation disputes. A child custody evaluation report is prepared by a neutral mental health professional about the parents and children and summarizes each parent’s ideas about what would be best for the children. The report may include information from teachers, doctors and other people who have contact with the children. The goal of the evaluation is to provide the judicial officers and the parties with objective information and recommendations about a family to assist a judicial officer in issuing orders in highly contested custody disputes.

Central Civil West Courthouse
Chatsworth Courthouse
Compton Courthouse
Governor George
Deukmejian Courthouse
Michael D. Antonovich
Antelope Valley Courthouse
Norwalk Courthouse
Pasadena Courthouse
Pomona Courthouse
Santa Monica Courthouse
Stanley Mosk Courthouse
Torrance Courthouse
Van Nuys East Courthouse

COURTHOUSES THAT
HANDLE FAMILY LAW CASES

RESOURCES... JUST A CLICK AWAY

In addition to the various programs the Court provides to litigants in family law cases, links to a variety of assistance resources are available on the Court's website, lacourt.org:

- Private Counselor and Evaluator Directory
- Find a Lawyer
- High Conflict Parents Referral List (provides a list of individuals and organizations that offer parent education)
- Domestic Violence Informational Documents
- Domestic Violence Programs and Agencies
- Family Law Resources/Assistance

INNOVATIONS IN CASE MANAGEMENT

As part of the case management system upgrade (see page 8), LASC's Family Law division transitioned to the Odyssey case management system in May 2017.

Data conversion was successfully completed for 2.8 million cases, 28 million case events, four million hearings, and 6.5 million documents. The rollout involved 54 courtrooms in 12 courthouses.

ANOTHER STEP CLOSER TO A PAPERLESS FUTURE

Last August, the Child Support Court Commissioner program made the move to paperless files. Cases filed between January 2003 and December 2014 (many of which remain open) were scanned and the electronic case file now constitutes the official court record. The new paperless process provides efficiencies for court staff and enhances the Court's ability to maintain complete and accessible records.

DIVISION LAUNCHES VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE PILOT PROJECT

In April, LASC rolled out its Voluntary Settlement Conference (VSC) pilot project to help litigants resolve their cases more quickly and effectively and with less expense. This no-cost program is available for all family law case types, including cases where one or both parties are self-represented. LASC family law judicial officers oversee the settlement conferences to assist with the early resolution of cases, and even if the case does not settle at the VSC, the case will be prepared for trial, saving time and money for all involved. The VSCs will take place at the Van Nuys East, Governor George Deukmejian (Long Beach), Central Civil West, and Stanley Mosk courthouses.

FAMILY LAW CASE FILINGS FY 16/17

33,316
MARITAL

21,731
CHILD SUPPORT

21,624
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE

8,028
PARENTAGE

933
ADOPTIONS

6,912
FAMILY LAW -
OTHER

92,544
TOTAL FILINGS

CHILDREN'S WAITING ROOMS



Perhaps the least known, but one of the most fundamental services the Los Angeles Superior Court provides to litigants is that of the children's waiting rooms. Any person conducting family law court business may leave their child in the care of staff at Kids' Place waiting rooms located at the Chatsworth, Compton, Governor George Deukmejian (Long Beach), Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley, Norwalk, Pomona, Santa Monica, Stanley Mosk, and Van Nuys East courthouses.

The Kids' Place waiting rooms are operated by the non-profit agency For the Child and offer drop-in, free child care and resource assistance. Staff working in the children's waiting rooms have years of experience and training in the field of early child education/child development.

All nine children's waiting rooms serve children ages two-and-a-half to 13 years old. Three locations (Long Beach, Antelope Valley and Mosk) also provide service for infants and toddlers. Each child leaves with a new book of their own on their first visit. (For The Child raises funds to support book donations to children.)



Five family law courtrooms will begin hearing cases at the Whittier Courthouse by January 2018.

WHITTIER COURTHOUSE TO BECOME A DEDICATED FAMILY LAW COURTHOUSE

In a continuing effort to make better use of available resources for litigants, LASC announced that five family law courtrooms will begin hearing cases at the Whittier Courthouse by January 2018. Due to the severe budget cuts imposed on the state courts during the recession, LASC was forced to curtail business in eight courthouses throughout the county in 2013, including the Whittier Courthouse, which has been shuttered since that time.

The five judicial officers who currently hear family law matters at the Norwalk Courthouse, along with supporting clerical staff, court reporters and interpreters, and service providers will relocate to the Whittier facility. The Whittier location will provide more room for self-help services and a more secure children's waiting room. The move will also free up space in the Norwalk Courthouse for future expansion in other case types.

JUVENILE



Judge Lisa Jaskol joins a new 'permanent' family for a photo during National Adoption Day 2016, held in November at the Edmund D. Edelman Children's Courthouse. Photo credit: Marcela Navarrete, NBC Universal-Telemundo.

LASC's juvenile court system oversees the safety and well-being of more than 30,000 children in 25 dependency courtrooms and more than 9,000 children in 18 delinquency courtrooms.

SHIFTS IN CASELOADS BRING REALLOCATION OF JUVENILE COURT SERVICES

Dramatic increases in filings have increased the number of foster children under the care of the juvenile dependency courts. At the same time, the number of juvenile delinquency cases has steadily decreased due to pre-filing diversion programs offered by the probation department.

To address these shifts in caseload, LASC reassigned two courtrooms hearing juvenile delinquency cases to handle dependency cases.

HELPING CHILDREN FIND PERMANENT FAMILIES

More than a decade ago, LASC helped launch the program known today as National Adoption Day. Since then, the Court has continued to raise awareness of the more than 110,000 children in foster care waiting to find "forever homes."

In November 2016 at the Edmund D. Edelman Children's Courthouse, 234 Los Angeles County foster children were adopted into new families.

The day's adoption proceedings were kicked off with a press conference — speakers included LA County Supervisor Hilda L.

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COURTHOUSES THAT HANDLE JUVENILE CASES

- Alfred J. McCartney Juvenile Justice Center Courthouse
- Compton Courthouse
- Eastlake Juvenile Courthouse
- Edmund D. Edelman Children's Courthouse
- Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse
- Inglewood Juvenile Courthouse
- Los Padrinos Juvenile Courthouse
- Pomona Courthouse
- Sylmar Juvenile Courthouse

**JUVENILE
CASE FILINGS
FY 16/17**

**13,054
DEPENDENCY -
ORIGINAL
PETITION**

**4,523
DEPENDENCY -
SUBSEQUENT
PETITION**

**2,272
DEPENDENCY -
REACTIVATED 300
PETITION**

**1,759
DEPENDENCY -
ADOPTIONS**

**3,908
DELINQUENCY -
ORIGINAL
PETITION**

**2,240
DELINQUENCY -
SUBSEQUENT
PETITION**

**27,756
TOTAL FILINGS**



A family participates in a media interview during Adoption Day 2016.

Solis and Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court Michael Levanas.

“Across this county, every year, over 22,000 children turn 18 without ever having a family to call their own,” said Judge Levanas to the crowd. “And here in Los Angeles County, we have hundreds and hundreds of children right now who have been freed for adoption by our courts who don’t yet have a permanent home. So to each of our prospective adoptive parents here today I say a big ‘bravo.’ The comfort and joy that you bring to a child your — child — is so precious and immense.”

Since 1998, more than 34,000 children have left the county’s foster care system to join new permanent families.

DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT REUNITES FAMILIES

Recognizing that drugs and/or alcohol abuse is a significant factor in many foster care cases, LASC has established five drug courts serving parents.

Dependency Drug Court is a collaborative process whereby team members — which include the judicial officer, social workers, attorneys, and substance abuse program operators — are actively involved in helping parents surmount the addiction challenges that led them to be declared unfit parents. Successful graduates may become part of the team or may mentor new participants.

In May, a graduation was held at Edelman Children’s Courthouse for 10 parents who had successfully completed one year of intense services as part of the Dependency Family Drug Court Program. “This is a very emotional day for me,” a graduate told a local news reporter. “This program gave me a better view of my life. Now I’m a better person. A better mother.”

Since its inception, more than 200 parents have successfully completed the Dependency Family Drug Court Program and reunified with their children.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY COURT PROGRAM

STAR COURT

Working in a juvenile delinquency courtroom at the Compton Courthouse, Judge Catherine J. Pratt (see photo, right) oversees the STAR (Succeeding Through Achievement and Resilience) Court. The program provides enhanced supervision and tailored services to the growing population of sexually exploited young people who are on probation for various charges.

There is growing awareness in this country and around the world that many people, especially children, involved in the sex trade should be treated as victims, not criminals, and this awareness is changing how the criminal justice system views, prosecutes and sentences individuals charged with prostitution. In fact, as of January 1, 2017, criminal charges of prostitution cannot be filed against anyone under the age of 18 in the State of California. Despite recent decriminalization, many youth arrested for other crimes are being commercially sexually exploited and specialized probation supervision is still necessary.

STAR Court provides these vulnerable young people with the tools and support they need to escape from a life involving prostitution — including mentoring and education, means for independent living, emotional support and counseling, and a variety of other services that help establish a healthy personal esteem.

STAR Court relies on the collaborative efforts of the Court, the Public Defenders' and Alternate Public Defenders' offices, attorneys, the LA County District Attorney's Office, and the County departments of Probation, Children and Family Services, Health Services, and Mental Health, as well as non-profit organizations including: Public Counsel, Saving Innocence and With Two Wings. Together, these organizations determine alternatives to incarceration and provide assistance that will enable these minors to avoid the repetition of the behavior and circumstances that have brought them before the court.

STAR Court was funded by a federal grant for the first three years. When that funding source expired, the Los Angeles County Board



of Supervisors worked with the Court to provide continued funding and has financially supported the program since 2015. The funding pays for educational advocacy services, school supplies, simple travel needs, the purchase of personal care items, and other professional services.

Since its inception, 450 youth have participated in the STAR Court program. Of the youth who participated, 73 percent have not been rearrested for prostitution in Los Angeles County since starting the program, either as a juvenile or as an adult. In 2015-2017, 65 percent of the participants graduated from high school by their 18th birthdays, despite having spent weeks or months disenrolled from school. In that same period, over 75 percent of the participants earned a dismissal of all of their juvenile charges when they completed probation.

In 2015 and 2016, Judge Pratt was invited by members of the Obama administration to speak at the White House regarding new approaches to working with minors in the juvenile justice system. Judge Pratt now trains judicial officers throughout the country about how to recognize and work with child victims of sexual exploitation.

MENTAL HEALTH

MENTAL HEALTH CASE FILINGS FY 16/17

739

LPS CONSERVATORSHIPS*

1,238 HABEAS CORPUS

8,263 MENTAL HEALTH - OTHER

10,240 TOTAL FILINGS

**The Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) ACT provides guidelines for handling involuntary civil commitments of individuals to mental health institutions in the State of California.*

Metropolitan Courthouse

COURTHOUSES THAT MENTAL HEALTH CASES

VIDEO CONFERENCE HEARINGS INTRODUCED AT TWIN TOWERS

Mental health placement hearings are now conducted by video conference from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

Transportation of in-custody defendants to and from Twin Towers is expensive and often results in missed hearings. Conducting mental health hearings remotely via video conference greatly reduces time and travel expenses for all of the agencies involved. The approach also provides a much less stressful appearance for defendants.

STRUCTURAL DAMAGE CLOSES MENTAL HEALTH COURTHOUSE

After many years of making due with the limitations of a facility ill-equipped to handle the challenges of providing assistance to people with cases related to their mental health issues, the Mental Health Courthouse was closed in November when part of the roof collapsed. The three mental health courtrooms as well as the Clerk's office and other support staff were temporarily relocated to the Metropolitan Courthouse near downtown L.A. The Hollywood Courthouse is being repurposed to be the new home of the mental health court and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2017.



The Mental Health Courthouse before its closure in November 2016.

PROBATE

It is likely that when most people hear the word “probate” they think of wills and the estates of people who have passed away. However, decedents’ estates account for only 40 percent of the types of cases filed in probate. Also heard in probate courts are conservatorships, guardianships, trusts, and other probate matters.

- A **conservatorship** is a court proceeding in which a judicial officer appoints a responsible person or conservator to care for another adult or conservatee. The judicial officer can appoint a conservator of the person, a conservator of the estate, or both, depending on the needs of the conservatee.
- In **guardianship** proceedings, a judicial officer appoints someone to care for a child when there is no parent able to do so. Being appointed as a guardian gives a responsible adult custody of a minor child, power over the child’s estate, or both, and the legal right to make decisions on behalf of the child.
- A **trust** sets the rules for what happens to property held in trust for named beneficiaries. It is an arrangement where property is transferred from one person to be administered by a trustee for another person’s benefit.

Probate investigators are court employees with special training and experience who are responsible for investigating conservatorship and guardianship cases. Based on their findings, they prepare reports and make recommendations to the judicial officers regarding the proposed petitions.

Judicial officers assigned to our probate courts oversee the welfare of thousands of conservatees and minor children annually. These vulnerable populations are dependent on the Court to protect them physically, mentally and financially.

HELPING NAVIGATE A COMPLICATED SYSTEM

Because many people who file petitions in probate are self-represented, the Court has established a Probate Volunteer Panel to help them navigate what can be a complicated system. The panel consists of attorneys who are appointed by the judicial officers to represent people in conservatorships, guardianships and other probate matters. To be considered as a panelist, attorneys must submit an application, meet the qualifications specified in the Los Angeles Superior Court Local Rules and file an annual compliance statement in which they attest that they are a member of the State Bar in good standing, carry the requisite insurance, etc.



PROBATE COURTS 100 PERCENT ELECTRONIC

In May 2016, the probate division implemented a new, state-of-the-art case management system (see page 8) which replaced a number of systems formerly in use. The Court has been able to build on this new technology in order to move to a paperless system by scanning new pleadings at the filing window, implementing mandatory efilings for attorneys, and to introduce a new program called “BenchView” (see page 9) for judicial officers’ use that links the electronic documents to hearings, provides customizable workflow management and other functions.

PROBATE CASE FILINGS FY 16/17

1,818
CONSERVATORSHIPS

2,166
GUARDIANSHIPS

4,271
ESTATES

1,486
PROBATE -
OTHER

1,939
TRUST

11,680
TOTAL FILINGS

COURTHOUSES THAT
HANDLE PROBATE CASES

Michael D. Antonovich
Antelope Valley Courthouse
Stanley Mosk Courthouse

TRAFFIC



PAYMENT PLANS REDUCE BURDEN

LASC has been leading the way in making it easier for people to resolve traffic tickets. Litigants can take advantage of partial payment plans to resolve their traffic citations by enrolling in the program online or at a courthouse that hears traffic matters.

TRAFFIC AMNESTY PROGRAM COMES TO AN END

On April 3, 2017, the statewide Traffic Amnesty Program ended. The program started in October 2015 to help people resolve delinquent unpaid tickets and suspended driver's licenses. Over the course of the program, more than 125,853 citations were resolved and 110,222 license hold releases were sent to the Department of Motor Vehicles.



ONLINE ENHANCEMENTS ADDED TO HELP LITIGANTS WITH TRAFFIC CITATIONS

In 2016, LASC made improvements to lacourt.org to help litigants resolve traffic citations online:

- Translations for traffic services such as paying and closing tickets, requesting a payment plan, requesting an extension, requesting traffic school, reserving a court date, and checking the status of the ticket are now available in six languages: English, Armenian, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
- The Interpreter Request Portal allows parties needing language assistance in traffic cases to request an interpreter, free of charge, in advance of their court hearing.
- Through the Traffic Clerk Appointment Scheduler application, people with traffic tickets can schedule appointments to meet

Bellflower Courthouse
Beverly Hills Courthouse
Burbank Courthouse
Chatsworth Courthouse
Compton Courthouse
Downey Courthouse
El Monte Courthouse
Glendale Courthouse
Governor George
Deukmejian Courthouse
Inglewood Courthouse
Metropolitan Courthouse
Michael D. Antonovich
Antelope Valley Courthouse
Pasadena Courthouse
Santa Clarita Courthouse
Santa Monica Courthouse
Torrance Courthouse
Van Nuys West Courthouse
West Covina Courthouse

**COURTHOUSES THAT
HANDLE TRAFFIC CASES**



A traffic kiosk outside the Beverly Hills Courthouse.

with a traffic clerk at one of the 18 courthouses that handle traffic matters to resolve their traffic cases during regular business hours and bypass having to wait in line.

OUTDOOR TRAFFIC KIOSKS FOR TRAFFIC TICKET SERVICES

Five courthouse locations (Beverly Hills, Chatsworth, Metropolitan, Van Nuys West, and West Covina) installed outdoor kiosks that are accessible around the clock and allow people to take care of most traffic transactions without having to enter the courthouse. Kiosks offer these services: check the status of a ticket, pay and close a ticket, request an extension, make a traffic payment, request traffic school, and reserve a court date. Instructions are available in English, Armenian, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

AWARDS

- *Avatar Assistance for the Traffic Web Page named to the 2016 National Association for Court Management (NACM) Top 10 Court Technology Solutions list – The Court’s multi-lingual, automated traffic avatar, Gina, shows users the available options for handling their particular traffic ticket, and can help users schedule a court date, register for traffic school, or pay a ticket.*
- *Traffic Payment Plan (TPP) Program and Avatar Assistance for the Traffic Web Page won the 2016 NACo Achievement Award – TPP enables clients with non-delinquent vehicle citations to manage payments by establishing payment plans and incremental payments through the Court’s website.*
- *30th Annual Los Angeles County Productivity and Quality Award Winner – Avatar assistance for the traffic web page named to “Top Ten” list.*

TRAFFIC CASE FILINGS FY 16/17

66,304
MISDEAMEANOR TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS

892,371
TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS

958,675
TOTAL FILINGS

AVATAR REPORT

Gina was invoked a total of 166,212 times in 2016.

English: 151,623
Spanish: 13,502
Chinese: 776*
Armenian: 155*
Korean: 78*
Vietnamese: 78*

**These languages were introduced in March 2016.*

TRAFFIC MATTERS ONLINE

There were over 3.5 million visits to the Traffic section of lacourt.org during the last fiscal year.

8,195 Traffic Fine Partial Payments

139,633 Traffic Fine Full Payments

89,206 Traffic School Payments



A JusticeCorps fellow assists a litigant at a self-help resource center at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse.

SELF HELP

Many of the litigants appearing in the Los Angeles Superior Court are self-represented.

With the assistance of grant funds and community organizations, the Court provides help to litigants with family law, probate, smalls claims, and unlawful detainer (eviction) cases who do not have legal counsel. These programs help parties avoid conflict and make the best decisions possible under difficult circumstances.

Due to the complexity of these cases and the lack of resources available to parties, LASC created several self-help programs. Self-help programs are just that: they give litigants the tools and information to help themselves.

Court staff cannot provide legal advice and do not represent litigants.

SELF-HELP CENTERS

The Court partners with legal aid agencies to operate self-help resource centers for self-represented litigants to provide education and assistance with family law matters, probate conservatorship and guardianship cases, landlord/tenant disputes, civil harassment, and name changes.

A new Self-Help Legal Access Center opened at the Chatsworth Courthouse to better serve the residents of the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys. The center is staffed with attorneys, paralegals and trained volunteers.

Self-help centers are also located in the Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley, Compton, Inglewood, Governor George Deukmejian (Long

Beach), Mosk, Norwalk, Pasadena, Pomona, Santa Monica, Torrance, and Van Nuys East courthouses.

All of these programs were established by a collaboration of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County, the California State Bar Equal Access Commission, and AmeriCorps.

JUSTICECORPS

Founded by the Los Angeles Superior Court and now in its seventeenth year, JusticeCorps presents an innovative approach to solving one of the more pressing issues faced by courts around the country today: providing equal access to justice.

Each year, JusticeCorps is funded by AmeriCorps through CalVolunteers and the Judicial Council, and matching funds provided by LASC. LASC recruits and trains 150 university students and 28 full-time graduate fellows to augment overburdened court staff and legal aid personnel who assist self-represented litigants in court-based self-help programs. These highly motivated and well-trained students each provide 300 to 1700 hours of in-depth and individualized services to these litigants. The program offers outstanding opportunities for students to learn about the law and to provide a much needed service to their community.

This year's incoming group of JusticeCorps volunteers speak 15 languages: Arabic, Armenian, ASL, Farsi, French, German, Hindu, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese; over 60 percent of JusticeCorps members and nearly 100 percent of the fellows are bilingual in Spanish.

FAMILY LAW FACILITATOR

As many as 80 percent of family law litigants proceed without an attorney at some point prior to the resolution of their cases.

Court staff provides legal information and education to help self-represented parties complete their paperwork in cases that involved the Department of Child Support Services.

2016 LASC SELF-HELP STATISTICS



282,238 Total Incidents of Self-Help Services Provided in LASC Courthouses

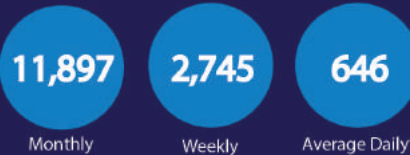
Countywide total includes incidents of service provided by Court staff and County and Legal Aid partners as follows:

142,764	Court staff operated Self-Help Resource Centers and Family Law Facilitator Offices
131,052	County DCBA/Neighborhood Legal Services operated Self-Help Legal Access Centers
4,981	Bet Tzedek Conservatorship Clinics
3,266	Public Counsel Guardianship Clinics
175	Norwalk Consumer Debt Case Clinics by Legal Aid Society of Orange County & L.A. DCBA

INCIDENTS OF SERVICE PROVIDED COUNTYWIDE



COURT STAFF OPERATED CENTERS PROVIDED 142,764 INCIDENTS OF SERVICE IN 2016



*Average daily = open 4.5 days per week, less 13 holidays = 221 days.





The new jury assembly room at the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center includes features such as interview windows for more privacy for conversations between staff and prospective jurors.

JURY

NEW JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM OPENS AT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

On May 11, 2017, the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center (CJC) opened the doors to a new jury assembly room. The 9,900 square foot space is conveniently located on the first floor and consolidates the previously existing fifth and eleventh floor jury rooms. The new room features high-quality public seating for up to 445 occupants, display monitors, charging stations, a computer area, interview windows designed for more privacy for conversations between staff and prospective jurors, a dining area with kitchenette, and a lactation room.

With approximately 9,700 new jurors reporting for jury duty at CJC each month, a larger, better-functioning space was needed. The new space has also helped to alleviate some of the courthouse's elevator congestion, as 400 less people are now using CJC's elevators each day.

"This room is a big step towards making jurors happy and brings the accommodations into the 21st century," said Presiding Judge Daniel Buckley to the crowd at the space's ribbon cutting ceremony.



NEW JURY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WINS AWARD

In 2016, LASC's new Jury Management Information System was the recipient of the Los Angeles County Quality and Productivity Commission's Silver Eagle Award. The new system was developed in house, is cost-efficient and includes state-of-the-art functionalities such as enhanced statistical tracking and reporting capabilities, ease-of-use, intuitive screens that are easy to navigate, and integration with other jury systems and jury-related technology projects. The design and configuration of the new system saves the Court hundreds of thousands of dollars each year and will allow for the expansion of the system in the future.

LASC JURY STATISTICS FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017

1,893,702

Total Jurors
Processed

621,561

Jurors Not
Responding



960,261

Jurors Responding

311,880

Summons
Undeliverable

411,835

Total Jurors
Served



1.49

Average Days Served Per Juror



\$4,642,658.20

Juror Fees and Mileage Paid

3,939

Total Jury
Trials



Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer addresses the audience at LASC's Diversity Summit held in June 2017 at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Court oversees hundreds of partnerships with schools, community-based organizations, agencies, and individuals throughout Los Angeles County that educate and help members of the public — of all ages and backgrounds — to better understand the system.

Programs for middle and high school students promote dialogues with young people on the law, civics and tolerance, and encourage youth to pursue a legal career and to serve as leaders in our community.

Programs are directed to adult audiences such as teachers who want a more in-depth look at the legal system to better educate their students or religious leaders who want to inform their congregants about legal processes.

COURT-CLERGY CONFERENCE

Court-Clergy Conferences bring together religious leaders of all faiths and judicial officers for a day-long structured dialogue about the justice system.

The Court's goal is to provide valuable information to religious leaders about the criminal, juvenile, drug, and family law courts, enhancing their ability to provide pastoral counseling to their congregations. Conferences are organized to accomplish this goal through formal panel presentations; by providing informational handouts that religious leaders can use as references; by answering questions raised during the conference; by socializing with the religious leaders during lunch and breaks; and by arranging information booths for other justice

partners, such as the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) in Dependency Court.

The Court has held eight Court-Clergy Conferences since 2002, with an average attendance of over 120 religious leaders.

COURTROOM TO CLASSROOM

Offered in partnership with the Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF), the Courtroom to Classroom program offers students an opportunity to interact personally with judicial officers and lawyers and to learn about constitutional issues.

As part of the program, judicial officers and lawyers visit eighth and eleventh grade U.S. History classrooms throughout Los Angeles County twice a year to present lessons that are part of the prescribed California History Social Science standards for U.S. history. At each visit, judicial officers and lawyers present a slide show prepared by CRF about an aspect of the Constitution and its place in U.S. history; students then participate in a mock argument on a U.S. Supreme Court case concerning issues of interest to them.

DIVERSITY SUMMIT

Recognizing that public trust and confidence in the Court is enhanced by a bench that reflects the diversity of the community it serves, LASC's Diversity Committee hosts the annual Diversity Summit to encourage local attorneys, especially minority attorneys, to consider careers on the bench.

The free event provides attendees with the ins and outs of California's judicial application process. A panel of experts involved with the judicial vetting process and newly appointed judges share their personal experiences regarding the appointment process and tips on how to get through it, as well as their experiences as new judges.

In 2017, 133 local attorneys attended the Diversity Summit. Past panelists have included Craig Holden, State Bar of California president, Josh Groban, senior advisor to Governor Jerry Brown, David Fu, chair of the Commission on Judicial Nominees, Helen Zukin, chair of

the LACBA Judicial Appointees Evaluation Committee, and Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas.

MOCK TRIAL

Each November, the Court partners with the Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF) to host the annual Mock Trial competition for middle and high school teams from throughout Los Angeles County at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse in downtown Los Angeles.

To promote students' working knowledge of the justice system, the Mock Trial competition has students play the roles of attorneys, witnesses and court staff in a criminal trial. Students learn to work in teams, practice public speaking and interact with positive role models from the legal community. For many students, this is their first exposure to the legal system. The mock trials are presided over by the Court's judicial officers with volunteer attorneys evaluating the students.

Every year, the Mock Trial competition serves more than 2,100 students across Los Angeles County and involves over 350 judicial officers and lawyers.

POWER LUNCH

As part of an ongoing effort to reach out to diverse groups, LASC's Power Lunch program provides local high school students with civic education, judicial mentorship and exposure to the judicial branch. Students visit courthouses throughout Los Angeles County for lunch with justice system professionals including judicial officers, lawyers, court reporters, interpreters, and members of law enforcement.

Power Lunch is the product of the Court's collaboration with bar associations, including Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Bar Association Barristers, Mexican American Bar Association, Langston Bar Association, South Asian Bar Association, and the American Board of Trial Lawyers. The program has featured presentations by community leaders such as former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, District Attorney Jackie Lacey, City Attorney Mike Feuer, Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts Jr., State Senator Holly Mitchell, Supervisor Hilda Solis, Pasadena Police Chief Phillip K. Sanchez, and Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell.



Commissioner Kristen Byrdsong meets with students to discuss her career as a bench officer.

The Court has hosted over 50 Power Lunches in the last 10 years. Over 2,400 students have attended the Power Lunch program.

COLOR OF JUSTICE

In 2017, the Court partnered with the National Association of Women Judges for a Color of Justice program for the benefit of 50 inner-city school students. Judges and attorneys, many of whom were the first in their families to go to college, made presentations, answered questions, and were paired with the students in small groups for mentoring sessions. The students were also given a tour of the courtrooms. The Court plans to hold the Color of Justice every year.

SPEAKERS PROGRAM

Through LASC's Speakers Program, community groups, colleges and universities can request judicial officers to speak at their events about the justice system and issues of concern to the

public. The program aims to provide a forum for judicial officers and community members to exchange views and gives college students, especially those from diverse backgrounds, the opportunity to learn how to pursue a career in the legal field.

TEACHERS COURTHOUSE SEMINAR

The Teachers Courthouse Seminar invites high school government teachers to a local courthouse for an all-day seminar about the justice system. Teachers observe court proceedings and meet with judicial officers, prosecutorial and defense staff and sheriff's deputies. The Court provides teachers with materials they can use in their classrooms to better educate students about the justice system.

It is the Court's hope that the Teachers Courthouse Seminar will have a "multiplier effect" in that the program can reach thousands of students by enabling their teachers to enhance the students' education about the Court. Over



Students are sworn in as jurors at a Teen Court hearing.

200 teachers have participated in the program.

The Teachers Courthouse Seminar is a pioneering program and has been recognized for its contribution to the administration of justice.

TEEN COURT


Recognized nationally as a model program, LASC's Teen Court is an alternative early-intervention program that allows eligible juvenile offenders to be questioned, judged and sentenced by a jury of their peers.

Teen Court incorporates students, teachers, parents, juvenile offenders, police officers, civic leaders, volunteer attorneys, the Los Angeles County Probation Department, and the Court in a collaborative justice effort to reduce recidivism and encourage juvenile offenders to accept responsibility for their actions and take advantage of an opportunity to avoid the criminal justice system.

Students have the opportunity to participate in

Teen Court as jurors between their freshman and senior years in high school.

Currently, over 50,000 students, 90 judicial officers and 50 volunteer attorneys and law school students participate in 41 high school-based Teen Courts throughout Los Angeles County.

 ***In August, Teen Court was named the 2016 recipient of the California State Bar Education Pipeline Award.*** Established by the State Bar's Board of Trustees in 2008, the Education Pipeline Award recognizes the efforts of law-related educational programs that train and support students who are interested in the judicial system and careers in the law. The Education Pipeline Award was presented to LASC in October at the 15th Anniversary Diversity Awards Reception in San Diego, Calif.

In April 2017, Teen Court celebrated its 25th year at its annual conference at the California Science Center. With the theme "We Are Better Together," the event brought 250 attendees,



Judges Gail Ruderman Feuer and David S. Wesley preside over a SHADES trial at the Museum of Tolerance.

which included Teen Court participants from more than 30 high schools throughout Los Angeles County, judicial officers, probation officers, and educators, among others, to discuss topics concerning the operations of the program. One of the highlights of the morning was the renaming of Teen Court to the Judge David S. Wesley LASC Teen Court Program to honor the program’s co-founder.

“To say that Judge Wesley is a force of nature may be the biggest understatement that I make today,” said Presiding Judge Daniel J. Buckley to the crowd. “. . . We, in the Court, struggled and struggled about how to recognize . . . Judge Wesley’s contribution to the Court and the community, but, very specifically, to [Teen Court]. We would not be in this room without Judge Wesley. I am confident that those students who faced Teen Court jury trials five, 10, or 15 years ago are in better spots and are better people because of this program.”

“[Teen Court] is a passion,” said Judge Wesley, “and to have Teen Court in Los Angeles named

after me makes me very, very proud and so appreciative of all of my colleagues who show up at our schools around the county — week after week and year after year.”

SHADES

SHADES, an acronym for Stop Hate And Delinquency by Empowering Students, is a specialized program that is part of Teen Court.


SHADES cases specifically involve juvenile offenders who have engaged in bias-motivated crimes and hate incidents, due to a victim’s race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or gender.

Student jurors who hear SHADES cases undergo an intensive, week-long training at the Museum of Tolerance to develop an understanding of issues and problems related to diversity, prejudice, hate, and bullying. Students also learn questioning and listening skills to help them effectively adjudicate these crimes and hate incidents.



Judge Yolanda Orozco and young students during a Young Women's Leadership Conference small group session.

As an innovative and alternative model for juvenile justice, SHADES has received several awards for its contributions to the community. Los Angeles County is one of the most diverse populations in the world, presenting more than 3.5 times the number of hate crimes per person than any other state. One third of those incidents are committed by young people under the age of 18. Eleven percent are committed in a school setting. Through SHADES, the Court provides an important resource for the community by steering youth away from violent acts committed out of ignorance and hate.

 ***In August 2016, the Los Angeles City Council honored LASC and the Museum of Tolerance for their partnership and work concerning the SHADES program.*** Non-profit group Parents, Educators & Students in Action (PESA) was also honored for its support of SHADES. As an innovative and alternative model for juvenile justice, SHADES was previously named an LA County Quality and Productivity Commission's Top Ten and Best Teamwork project, and has been recognized by the National Association of

Court Management.

FOREIGN JUDICIAL DELEGATIONS AND COURT TOURS

The Court regularly hosts delegations of judicial officers from around the world, as well as local high schools, colleges and other student and adult groups.

The visitors observe courtroom proceedings and learn about the workings of the American justice system. The Court has hosted many delegations from countries including Bulgaria, Burma, China, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Micronesia, Mongolia, South Korea, and Turkey, among others.

YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Young Women's Leadership Conference provides an opportunity for young women, particularly young women of color, to learn about the legal profession and possibly a career



Students erupt in triumphant smiles at a staging of the Harry Potter Mock Trial at the East Los Angeles Courthouse.

on the bench. During the invitation-only event, students hear from a number of distinguished speakers, participate in question-and-answer sessions with speakers and panelists and take part in breakout sessions with judicial officers and attorneys. Representatives from various diversity bar organizations also attend.

The program has featured guest speakers and panelists who include Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court Leondra Kruger, California Court of Appeal Associate Justice Audrey B. Collins, United States District Court, Central District of California Judge Consuelo B. Marshall, Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey, Los Angeles County Alternate Public Defender Janice Y. Fukai, and Supervisor Sheila James Kuehl.

The conference celebrated its second year in 2017.

HARRY POTTER MOCK TRIAL

The Harry Potter Mock Trial, the work of Judge

Serena Murillo, is based on J.K. Rowling's now-legendary children's book series. In it, Potter is forced to stand trial before the Ministry of Magic for using a spell in front of a muggle (human). The mock trial is set in present-day Los Angeles County and fifth graders play the roles of judge, Potter, attorneys, jurors, witnesses, and others.

The jury trial furthers fifth graders' awareness of the significance of the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights and jury duty.

SKID ROW RUNNING CLUB

The Skid Row Running Club was founded in 2012 by Judge Craig Mitchell to provide a running program for Los Angeles' Skid Row community, as well as to involve the larger community in supporting members in overcoming alcohol and drug abuse and achieving positive life goals. Each year, 25 runners take part in the Los Angeles Marathon and an international marathon. Runners will participate in upcoming marathons in Berlin and Jerusalem.

SPOTLIGHT ON SHADES

THE CASE OF CARLOS G.

The most sought-after seats at a SHADES Teen Court trial are in the jury box, which explains why breaths were held and fingers were crossed when Judges Elizabeth Lippitt, Susan Speer, and David S. Wesley called to order the SHADES trial at Van Nuys East's Department W. More than three dozen students from Anahuacalmecac International University Preparatory, John Burroughs High School, Downey High School, Highland High School, McBride High School, Rancho Dominguez Preparatory School, Redondo Union High School, South Gate High School, William Howard Taft Charter High School, and Warren High School gathered to hear the case of Carlos G., a middle school student charged with committing hate crimes against Alexis R., his transgendered classmate. The 14 who filled the jury box would decide his fate.

Alexis R. testified that at a school dance, Carlos G. walked up to her, used his left shoulder to "smash into" the victim, and referred to her as "Caitlyn Jenner" before walking off in the opposite direction. While on the witness stand, Alexis R. said the incident at the dance had left her upset and scared for her safety. This was not the first time Alexis R. had been subjected to physical abuse at school. In addition, Alexis R. had been subjected to offensive comments from classmates for years and would find derogatory notes placed on her locker. Although Alexis R. notified the school counselor about her classmates' behavior, she felt the counselor was not genuinely concerned. Because of her experiences, Alexis R. became suicidal and was twice hospitalized.

When Carlos G. took the stand, the teenager denied ever smashing into or saying anything to Alexis G. at the dance. While he may have heard about a transgendered classmate, he said, he couldn't remember ever seeing Alexis G. on campus. He was confused as to why she — a stranger — would accuse him of any wrongdoing.

The jury had a tough case in front of them.

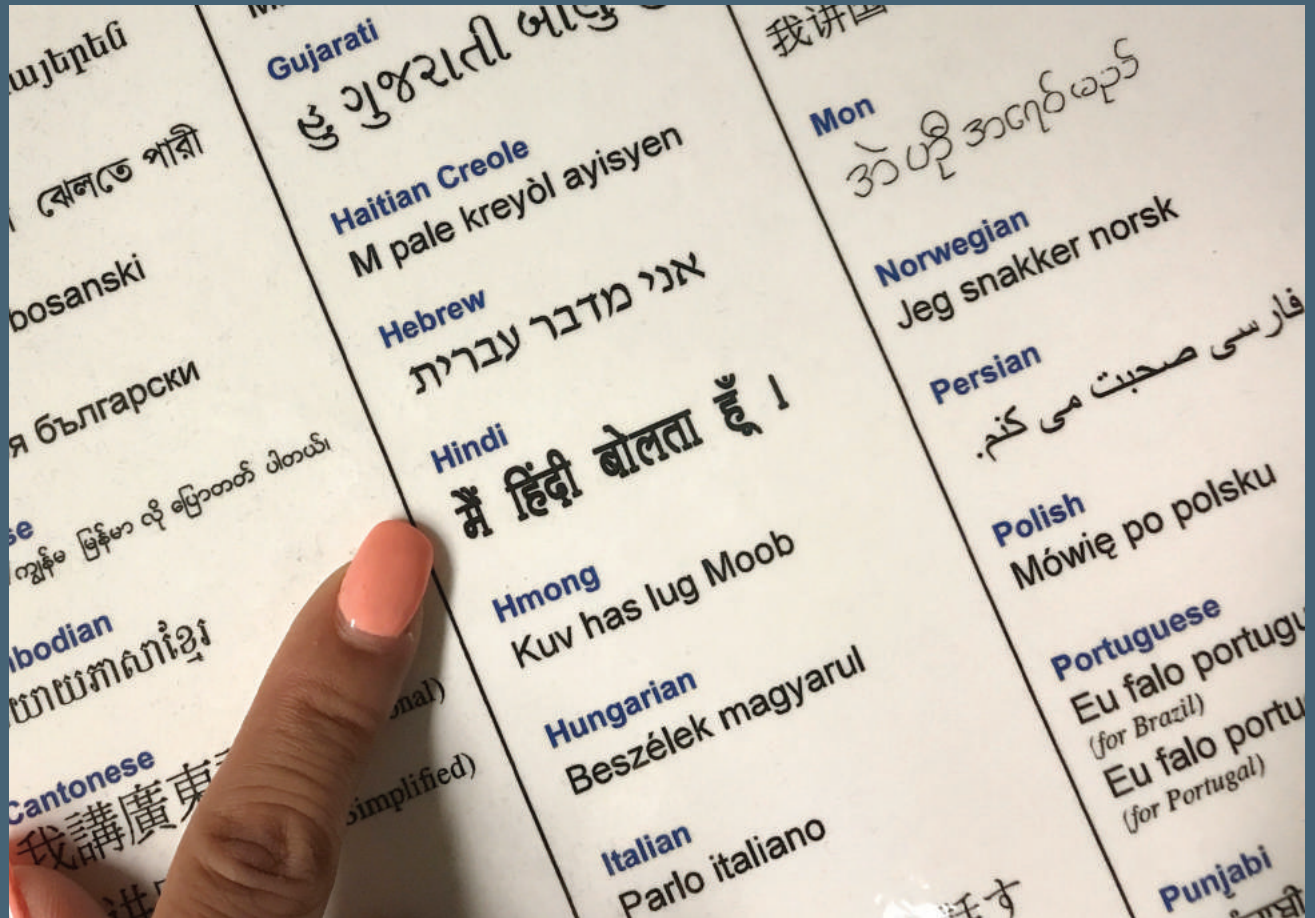


Using their SHADES training, they persevered in their examination of Carlos G., exploring his upbringing, his relationship with his parents, and his life experiences both at and away from school. They remained open minded when they asked Carlos G. to share his opinion about the LGBTQ community. The bench officers in the courtroom were very impressed.

Ultimately, the jury returned with a verdict of guilty and Carlos G. was placed on probation for a period of six months with terms and conditions that included 25 hours of community service at an LGBTQ program and an essay about transgendered people and identity. He was also assigned a judicial mentor to help monitor his progress on probation.

As the teens left the courtroom, they took the opportunity to pass along words of support and encouragement to Alexis R. in the hallway. For the first time that afternoon, Alexis R. had a smile on her face.

Alexis R., now 17 years old, is home schooled. Her future plans include college and writing about her experiences as a transgendered teen.



ARI helps customers receive service instantly in the language of their choice using an “I Speak” card.

LANGUAGE ACCESS

LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE SERVICES EXPAND


In May 2016, LASC launched a new web portal that allows parties in need of language assistance in small claims cases to request an interpreter, free of charge. Via the Interpreter Request Portal, any party with a small claims matter needing assistance in a language other than Spanish may request an interpreter at any time prior to their hearing by submitting an online form, which is made available in English, Armenian, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese. Spanish language interpreters are permanently assigned to courtrooms hearing small claims matters.

 In June 2016, the Court received a National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award for a similar web portal for unlawful

detainer (eviction) hearings launched in 2015.

In FY 2016/2017, 47,966 unlawful detainer cases were filed. These cases are heard at nine courthouses in Los Angeles County.

Since the launch of the Interpreter Request Portals, the Court has received more than 800 requests for language assistance in small claims hearings and over 270 requests for unlawful detainer hearings.

 Another language services program honored with a 2016 NACo award was the Court's Audio Remote Interpreting (ARI) Assistance at Public Counters, which was a Best of Category winner.

ARI enables court clients who lack English language proficiency to receive service instantly

in the language of their choice. When one of these customers visits a public counter and bilingual service is not available, a staff member will hand the customer an “I Speak” card (see photo, left). Once the person identifies the language he or she speaks, staff call the ARI language vendor and in less than a minute, an ARI interpreter is on the line. ARI ensures equitable access to the judicial system starting at the Clerk’s window, regardless of English language proficiency. Between September 2015 and June 2017, the Court received more than 1,500 ARI requests.

PROVIDING MULTILINGUAL INTERPRETATION

Los Angeles County has the largest population of any **county** in the nation and exceeded by only eight states. With more than 140 cultures and as many as 224 languages, Los Angeles County is one of the most diverse areas in the world. It is estimated that 56.8 percent of the county population speaks a language other than English at home.

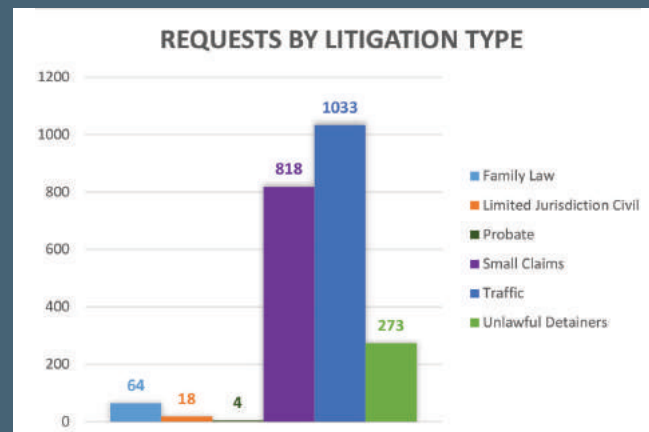
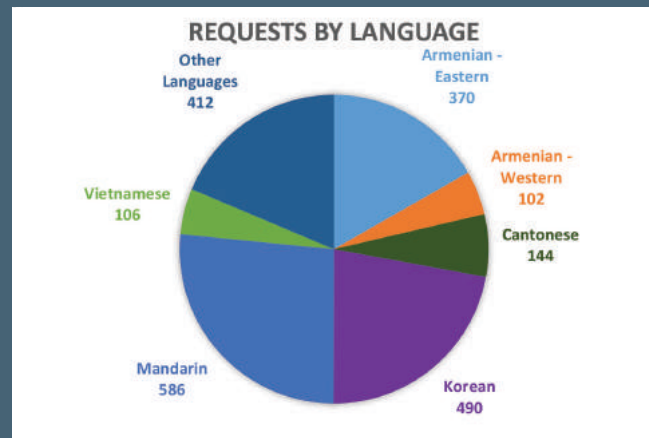
The Court provides non-English speaking litigants with language assistance in over 89 languages with the assistance of more than 380 certified or registered interpreters and 200 independently contracted interpreters.

In LASC, language assistance is most frequently requested in Armenian, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

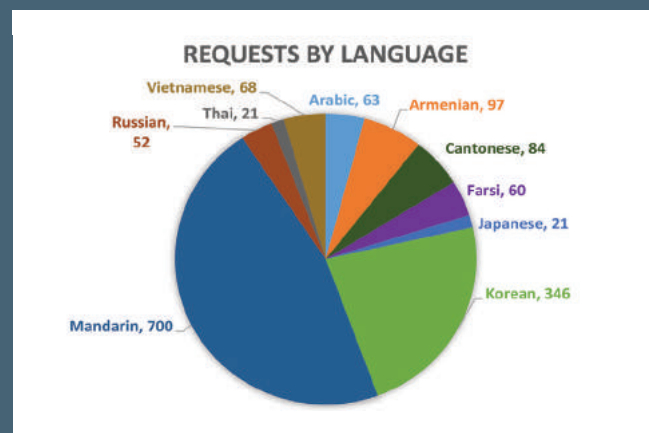
Qualified court interpreters are assigned to court proceedings at no cost in the following areas: criminal, juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency, probate, mental health, family law, civil harassment, unlawful detainer (eviction), traffic, small claims, and other limited civil cases.

The Court spends more than \$35 million on the services of certified interpreters annually, and also provides bonuses to seven percent of the Court’s workforce to provide language assistance to the public outside of the courtroom. The Court also provides language assistance through its JusticeCorps volunteers, who speak 15 different languages.

WEB PORTAL FOR INTERPRETER REQUESTS (July 2016 - June 2017) 2,210 total requests during period



AUDIO REMOTE INTERPRETING CALLS (September 2015 - June 2017) 1,512 total requests during period



EVENTS INTERPRETED IN COURT EACH WEEK 11,000 (approximately)



WORKLOAD AND FINANCIAL DATA

Fiscal Year 2016/2017

THE WORKLOAD-BASED ALLOCATION AND FUNDING METHODOLOGY (WAFM) FOR THE CALIFORNIA TRIAL COURTS

Each year, the California Budget Act makes an appropriation for “support for operation of the trial courts.” A portion of that appropriation is subsequently allocated among the 58 trial courts by the California Judicial Council.

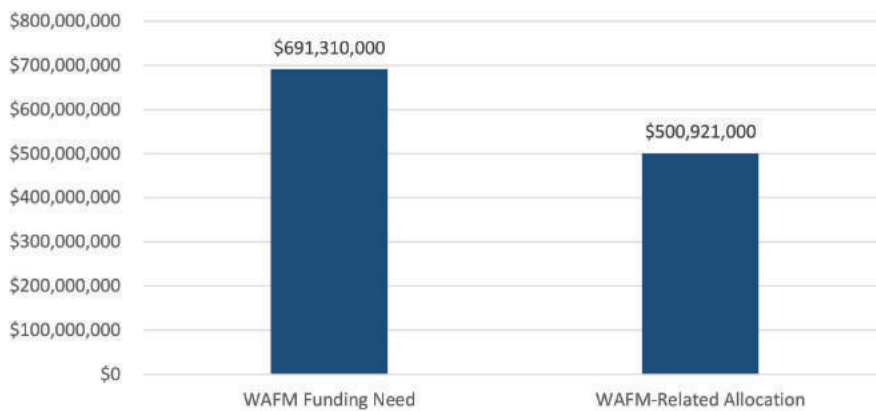
That allocation decision — the way the budget “pie” is sliced — is determined by formula: the Workload-based Allocation and Funding Methodology (WAFM). WAFM calculates each court’s share of the allocation on the basis of its workload relative to the workloads of all other courts.

Recognizing that it takes more time and resources to handle a felony case than a traffic ticket, WAFM weighs each case category differently. The weights are based on time studies of thousands of court employees, in dozens of courts, and are refreshed every few years to recognize changing circumstances. Based on the time required to handle each type of case, WAFM calculates the funding required to support the requisite staff.

For the upcoming fiscal year (FY17/18), WAFM estimates that LASC’s workload will require \$691 million in WAFM-related state funding. But LASC anticipates that only \$501 million will become available. This leaves a funding shortfall of \$190 million — 28 percent of need.

FY 17/18 WAFM Funding Gap

LASC Funding is 72% of Need



Statewide Funding is 75% of Need



LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT BY THE NUMBERS

FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017	
Authorized judicial positions	494
Authorized subordinate judicial officers	86
Courthouses	38

ANNUAL FILINGS CASE SUMMARY	
CIVIL	
Civil Unlimited	71,653
Civil Limited	68,414
Small Claims/Other Civil	60,369
Unlawful Detainer (eviction)	47,966
CRIMINAL	
Felonies	38,513
Misdemeanors	97,152
Infractions (Non-Traffic)	44,146
Criminal Habeas	948
FAMILY LAW	
Dissolutions, Nullity, Legal Separation, and Family Law Adoptions	92,544
JUVENILE	
Juvenile Delinquency	6,148
Juvenile Dependency	21,608
MENTAL HEALTH	
PROBATE	11,680
TRAFFIC	958,675
APPELLATE	776
TOTAL FILINGS	1,530,832

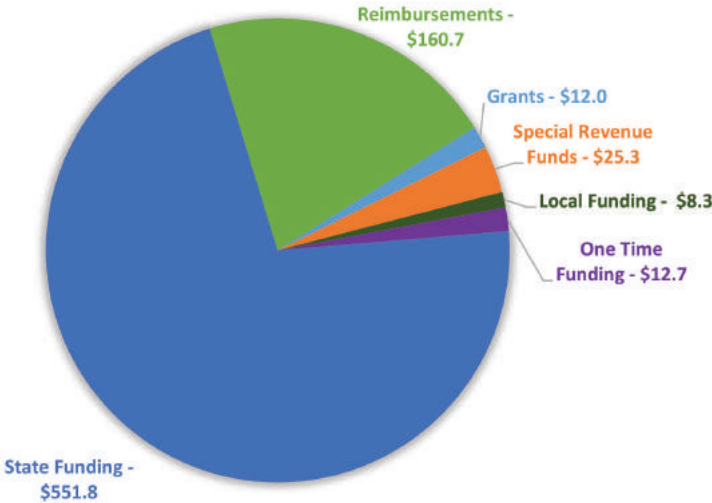
FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017	
Jury Trials	3,939
Total Jurors Processed	1,893,702
Jurors Responding	621,561
Average Days Served	1.49
<i>*Reflects the numbers of trials where a jury verdict was reached</i>	

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017 TOTAL BUDGET: \$770.8 MILLION

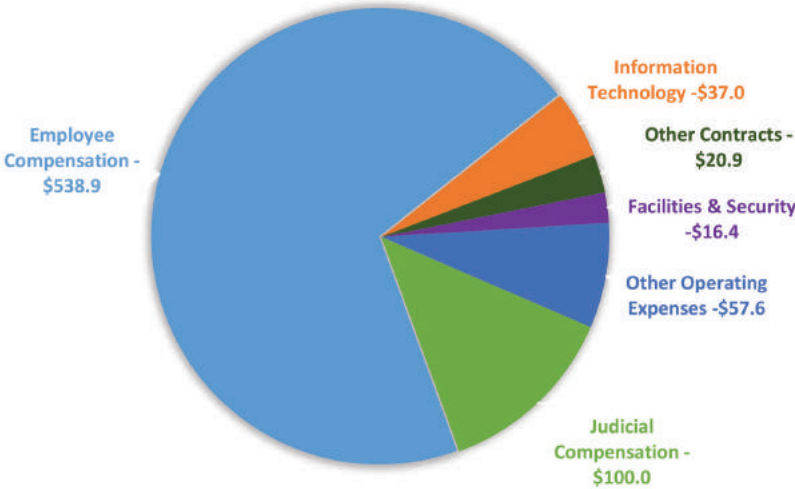
REVENUES

(all figures in millions of dollars)



EXPENDITURES

(all figures in millions of dollars)



LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT COURT SERVICES LOCATIONS AND CONTACTS

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Central Arraignment Courthouse 429 Bauchet St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

homeless court program, parole violation hearings, postrelease community supervision (PRCS) violation hearings
Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
information line: (213) 617-5699

Central Civil West Courthouse 600 S. Commonwealth Ave., Room 314, Los Angeles, CA 90005

civil - including complex litigation cases, family law including Los Angeles County Child Support Services Department cases
Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
civil (including complex litigation): (213) 351-7599
family law (including government enforced domestic support cases): (213) 351-7598

Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center 210 W. Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

felonies, misdemeanors
Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
felonies/misdemeanors/bail/bonds: (213) 628-7900
juror services - 1st floor: (213) 680-7625

East Los Angeles Courthouse 4848 E. Civic Center Way, Los Angeles, CA 90022

misdemeanors
Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
misdemeanors: (323) 780-2025

Eastlake Juvenile Courthouse 1601 Eastlake Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90033

juvenile delinquency
Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
juvenile delinquency: (323) 227-4399

Edmund D. Edelman Children's Courthouse 201 Centre Plaza Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91754

adoptions, juvenile administration, juvenile dependency
Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
administration: (323) 307-8095
appeals: (323) 307-8098
adoptions: (323) 307-8099
juvenile dependency: (323) 307-8096
petition for disclosure: (323) 307-8080
presiding and supervising judge's office: (323) 307-8030

Metropolitan Courthouse 1945 S. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90007

felonies, misdemeanors, traffic and other infractions
Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
felonies/misdemeanors: (213) 745-3202
traffic (not for payments): (213) 745-3201

Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

appellate division, civil - limited and unlimited, court administration, family law, probate, restraining orders, small claims, unlawful detainers (evictions)
Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
appellate: (213) 633-1070
civil - limited and unlimited/small claims/unlawful detainers (evictions): (213) 830-0803
family law/restraining orders: (213) 830-0830
probate: (213) 830-0850
resource center for self-represented litigants: (213) 830-0845

EAST DISTRICT

El Monte Courthouse 11234 E. Valley Blvd., El Monte, CA 91731

felonies, misdemeanors, traffic
and other infractions

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
felonies/misdemeanors: (626) 401-2298
traffic: (626) 401-2299

Pomona Courthouse 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766

civil - unlimited, family law,
felonies, juvenile delinquency,
misdemeanors, restraining orders,
unlawful detainers (evictions)

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
civil - unlimited/restraining orders: (909) 802-1198
family law: (909) 802-1197
felonies/misdemeanors: (909) 802-1199
juror services: (909) 802-1196
juvenile delinquency: (909) 802-1195
unlawful detainers (evictions): (909) 802-1194

West Covina Courthouse 1427 West Covina Parkway, West Covina, CA 91790

felonies, misdemeanors, traffic
and other infractions

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
felonies/misdemeanors: (626) 430-2598
juror services: (626) 430-2597
traffic: (626) 430-2599

NORTH DISTRICT

Alfred J. McCourtney Juvenile Justice Center Courthouse 1040 W. Avenue J, Lancaster, CA 93534

juvenile delinquency, juvenile
dependency

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
juvenile delinquency/dependency: (661) 483-5924

Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley Courthouse 42011 Fourth St. West, Lancaster, CA 93534

civil - unlimited including
personal injury, family law,
felonies, misdemeanors, probate,
restraining orders, small claims,
traffic and other infractions,
unlawful detainers (evictions)

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
civil - unlimited/small claims/unlawful detainers (evictions): (661) 483-5797
family law/probate: (661) 483-5796
felonies/misdemeanors: (661) 483-5798
juror services: (661) 483-5795
traffic: (661) 483-5799

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Burbank Courthouse 300 E. Olive Ave., Burbank, CA 91502

civil - unlimited, felonies,
misdemeanors, traffic and other
infractions

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
civil - unlimited: (818) 260-8497
felonies/misdemeanors: (818) 260-8498
traffic: (818) 260-8499

Glendale Courthouse 600 E. Broadway, Glendale, CA 91206

civil - unlimited, restraining
orders, felonies, misdemeanors,
traffic and other infractions

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
civil - unlimited (excluding PI cases): (818) 265-6497
felonies/misdemeanors: (818) 265-6498
traffic: (818) 265-6499

NORTH VALLEY DISTRICT

Chatsworth Courthouse 9425 Penfield Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311

civil - collections and unlimited,
family law, restraining orders,
traffic and other infractions

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
civil - unlimited: (818) 407-2269
civil collections: (818) 407-2270
family law/restraining orders: (818) 407-2271
juror services: (818) 407-2214
traffic: (818) 407-2268

San Fernando Courthouse 900 Third St., San Fernando, CA 91340

felonies, misdemeanors

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
felonies: (818) 256-1215
juror services: (818) 256-1896
misdemeanors: (818) 256-1898

Santa Clarita Courthouse 23747 W. Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA 91355

misdemeanors, traffic and other
infractions

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
misdemeanors: (661) 253-5698
traffic: (661) 253-5699

Sylmar Juvenile Courthouse 16350 Filbert St., Sylmar, CA 91342

juvenile delinquency

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
juvenile delinquency: (818) 256-1099

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Alhambra Courthouse 150 W. Commonwealth Ave., Alhambra, CA 91801

felonies, misdemeanors, small
claims

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
felonies/misdemeanors: (626) 293-2199
small claims: (626) 293-2198

Pasadena Courthouse 300 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, CA 91101

family law, felonies,
misdemeanors, restraining orders,
traffic and other infractions,
unlawful detainers (evictions)

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
family law/restraining orders: (626) 396-3396
felonies: (626) 396-3393
misdemeanors: (626) 396-3398
self-help resource center: (626) 369-3392
traffic (not for payments): (626) 396-3399
unlawful detainers (evictions): (626) 396-3397

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Van Nuys East Courthouse 6230 Sylmar Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91401

civil - unlimited, family law,
restraining orders, small claims,
unlawful detainers (evictions)

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
civil - unlimited: (818) 901-4799
family law: (818) 901-4797
juror services: (818) 901-4796
small claims: (818) 901-4798
unlawful detainers (evictions): (818) 901-4795

Van Nuys West Courthouse 14400 Erwin Street Mall, Van Nuys, CA 91401

felonies, misdemeanors, traffic
and other infractions

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
felonies/misdemeanors: (818) 989-6998
traffic: (818) 989-6999

SOUTH DISTRICT

Catalina Courthouse 215 Sumner Ave., Avalon, CA 90704

restraining orders, misdemeanors **Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.**
general information: (562) 256-3100
criminal: (562) 256-2314

Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse 275 Magnolia Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802

civil - limited and unlimited, family law, felonies, juvenile delinquency, misdemeanors, restraining orders, traffic and other infractions, unlawful detainers (evictions) **Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.**
general information: (562) 256-3100
civil – limited/unlawful detainers: (562) 256-2316
civil - unlimited: (562) 256-2315
family law: (562) 256-2317
felonies/misdemeanors: (562) 256-2314
juror services: (562) 256-2318
juvenile delinquency: (562) 256-2312
traffic: (562) 256-2313

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Compton Courthouse 200 W. Compton Blvd., Compton, CA 90220

civil - unlimited, family law, felonies, juvenile delinquency, misdemeanors, restraining orders, traffic and other infractions **Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.**
civil - unlimited/family law: (310) 761-8657
felonies/misdemeanors/juvenile delinquency: (310) 761-8658
traffic: (310) 761-8659

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Bellflower Courthouse 10025 Flower St., Bellflower, CA 90706

felonies, misdemeanors, traffic and other infractions **Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.**
felonies/misdemeanors: (562) 345-3398
juror services: (562) 345-3397
traffic: (562) 345-3399

Downey Courthouse 7500 E. Imperial Highway, Downey, CA 90242

felony arraignments, misdemeanors, small claims, traffic and other infractions **Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.**
criminal - arraignments/misdemeanors: (562) 803-7050
small claims: (562) 803-7054
traffic: (562) 803-7046

Los Padrinos Juvenile Courthouse 7281 E. Quill Drive, Downey, CA 90242

juvenile delinquency **Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.**
juvenile delinquency: (562) 658-0799

Norwalk Courthouse 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650

civil - limited and unlimited, family law, felonies, misdemeanors, restraining orders, unlawful detainers (evictions) **Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.**
civil – limited collections: (562) 345-0898
civil - unlimited: (562) 345-0899
family law: (562) 345-0895
felonies/misdemeanors: (562) 345-0896
juror services: (562) 345-0894
civil – limited unlawful detainers (evictions): (562) 345-0897

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Inglewood Courthouse 1 Regent St., Inglewood, CA 90301

felonies, misdemeanors,
restraining orders, small claims,
traffic and other infractions

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
felonies/misdemeanors: (310) 419-1398
restraining orders: (310) 419-1397
small claims: (310) 419-1396
traffic: (310) 410-1399

Inglewood Juvenile Courthouse 110 Regent St., Inglewood, CA 90301

juvenile delinquency

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
juvenile delinquency: (310) 412-8343

Torrance Courthouse 825 Maple Ave., Torrance, CA 90503

civil - unlimited, family law,
felonies, misdemeanors,
restraining orders, traffic and
other infractions

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
civil - unlimited/family law: (310) 787-3697
felonies/misdemeanors: (310) 787-3698
traffic: (310) 787-3699

WEST DISTRICT

Airport Courthouse 11701 S. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045

felonies, misdemeanors

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
felonies: (310) 725-3025
juror services: (310) 725-3033
misdemeanors: (310) 725-3099

Beverly Hills Courthouse 9355 Burton Way, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

traffic and other infractions

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
traffic: (310) 281-2499

Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401

civil - unlimited, family law,
restraining orders, traffic and
other infractions, unlawful
detainers (evictions)

Telephone hours 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.
civil - unlimited/unlawful detainers (evictions): (310) 255-1963
family law/restraining orders: (310) 255-1962
traffic: (310) 255-1964



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