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Governmental Affairs

On behalf of the judicial branch, the Judicial Council's Governmental Affairs represents and advocates for the Judicial Council on legislative, policy, and budget matters. The office also works extensively on the judicial branch budget and related matters, meeting with legislators, committees, committee and leadership staff, as well as staff for the Governor and the state Department of Finance.

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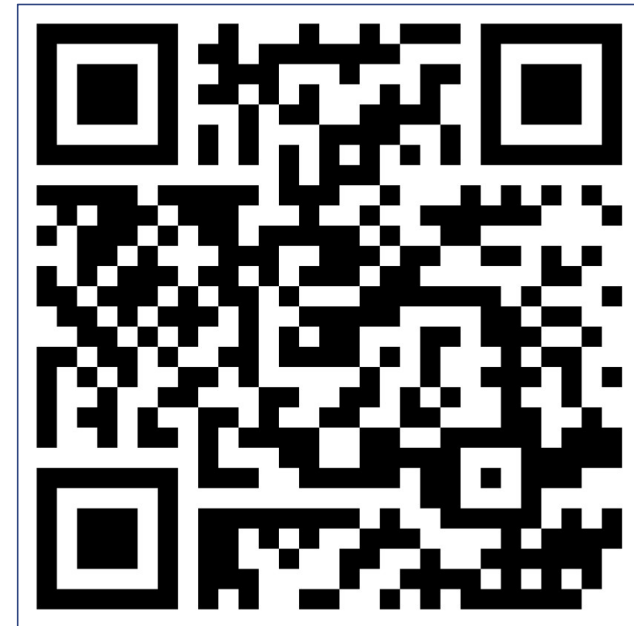
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Court-Related Legislation

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2024 Summary of Court-Related Legislation

The [2024 Summary of Court-Related Legislation](#) has brief descriptions of new laws, arranged according to subject matter, that affect the courts or that are of general interest to the judicial branch. The summary includes a statement for each new or amended statute that is determined to impact court operations and procedures, as well as a table summarizing new laws that create or expand crimes. Access the page numbers of specific bill summaries using an index at the back of the document.

[Current and prior-year summaries can be accessed below.](#)



2024 New Laws



NEW LAWS

NEW LAWS IN 2025

AB 81 (RAMOS) (Ch 656): Indian children: child custody proceedings

Codifies within state law certain provisions relating to Indian children currently codified in the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA) and renames the provisions of the Family Code, the Probate Code, and the Welfare and Institutions Code as the Californian Indian Child Welfare Act (CalICWA).

NEW LAWS IN 2025

AB 2224 (SANTIAGO) (Ch 955): Special Immigrant Juvenile Status: Court Orders and Guardianship

Among other things, clarifies that a parent may be appointed the guardian of a person between 18 and 21 years of age in connection with an SIJS application.

NEW LAWS IN 2025

SB 1106 (RUBIO) (Ch 455): **The Kasem-Nichols-Rooney Law**

Requires conservators provide notice for establishing residence of conservatees to individuals who have requested special notice, at least 20 days before removing conservatees from their personal residences.

Also requires conservators to provide notice to the individuals of the date, time, and location of any funeral, burial, or memorial arrangements for the conservatee.

NEW LAWS IN 2025

SB 1458 (ALLEN) (Ch 799): The Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act

Expands the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act to additionally apply to a fiduciary acting as a conservator or an agent acting under power of attorney.



NEW LEGISLATION

NEW LEGISLATION IN 2025

AB 586 (FLORA): **Professional Fiduciaries**

Authorize licensed professional fiduciaries to organize and operate as professional fiduciary corporations, thereby allowing such entities to be appointed by a court to serve in representative roles such as guardian, conservator, trustee, or personal representative.

NEW LEGISLATION IN 2025

AB 495 (RODRIGUEZ): **Family Preparedness Plan Act of 2025**

Expands caregiver's authorization affidavit to nonrelative extended family members, as defined. Authorizes courts to issue joint guardianships to a custodial parent and nominated individual while the parent is temporarily unavailable.

NEW LEGISLATION IN 2025

[AB 1025](#) (PELLERIN): **Standby Guardianships**

Establish the Standby Caretaker Act to allow a custodial parent to nominate another adult to assume care and responsibility of their child in the event that the parent is unavailable to provide care.

NEW LEGISLATION IN 2025

AB 1105 (QUIRK-SILVA): **Conservatorships**

Expands facilities a conservator may authorize for a conservatee to other specified residential facilities.

NEW LEGISLATION IN 2025

AB 1525 (COMMITTEE OF JUDICIARY): Duties of limited conservator

Exempts a limited conservator appointed for a developmentally disabled adult from the determining the appropriate level of care for the conservatee if the limited conservator is a relative within the first degree of the conservatee.

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