

## Superior Court of the County of San Luis Obispo

This document contains the court's responses to the questions we included in a survey regarding the services that the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) indicates providing to the courts. Our survey asked each of the trial courts, the courts of appeal, and the Supreme Court to indicate which services that each court has used. In addition, our survey asked each court to indicate whether or not it values each service. Other questions in the survey asked about the quality of the services that AOC provides and the importance of the services to the court's operations.

After the courts responded to our survey, we identified, in consultation with the AOC, eight services in our survey that do not apply to the trial courts. We excluded these eight services from the analyses that support the survey-related tables and figures that appear in our audit report.

Finally, for a copy of the survey instrument please follow this [link](#).



**Q7: Audit Services**

11. Regular financial, operational, and compliance audits

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

13. Non-audit consultative reviews

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

14. Technical advice regarding audit, accounting compliance, and operational requirements

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

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**Q8: Please select the rating that best reflects the overall quality of service that you have received for this group of services. If you have not used any of the above services, please select the "no opinion" option.**

(no label)

Good

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**Q9: How important, overall, is this group of services to your trial court operations?**

(no label)

Somewhat Important

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**Q10: Have cuts to your budget made this group of services, overall, more important or less important to your operations?**

(no label)

No Change

**Q11: Capital Projects and Facilities Services**

<p>16. Fiscal management, oversight and accountability functions for the judicial branch capital outlay program including cash flow projections for various construction funds</p>	<p>Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable</p>
<p>23. Development and implementation of property and commercial insurance programs for judicial branch entities, and as requested assistance with their property and liability insurance needs</p>	<p>Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable</p>
<p>26. Operations and maintenance of court facilities which includes physical, financial, and contractual management and delivery of routine operations and maintenance services, and provision of utilities and insurance</p>	<p>Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable</p>
<p>27. Management of 24/7 call center for maintenance of branch facilities</p>	<p>Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable</p>
<p>29. Negotiation and administration of AOC and court-funded leases, licenses, and other occupancy, and renegotiation of leases to generate space reduction and rent savings</p>	<p>Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable</p>
<p>31. Provision of deferred maintenance and functional improvements</p>	<p>Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable</p>
<p>35. Administration of the delegated authority pilot project in which four courts are performing their own facilities maintenance</p>	<p>Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable</p>
<p>36. Maintenance and administration of the Computer Aided Facility Management (CAFM) System to dispatch Service Work Order requests and authorize lease payments</p>	<p>Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable</p>

**Q12: Delivery of professional project management and related services for capital projects, including:**

38. Architectural and engineering design services	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
40. Construction inspection services program for capital projects, facility modification, and facility management programs	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
41. Functional and space planning and programming	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
42. Approval by authorities having jurisdiction	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
44. Construction execution delivery including commissioning services	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
46. Preparation for and administration of all internal and external State (Judicial, Executive, and Legislative) and other approvals	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

**Q13: Establishment and implementation of policies for the judicial branch capital program, including:**

47. Program Management	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
48. Prioritization Methodology	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
49. Trial Court Facilities Standards	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
51. Contracting	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

**Q14: Please select the rating that best reflects the overall quality of service that you have received for this group of services. If you have not used any of the above services, please select the "no opinion" option.**

(no label) Satisfactory

**Q15: How important, overall, is this group of services to your trial court operations?**

(no label) Very Important

**Q16: Have cuts to your budget made this group of services, overall, more important or less important to your operations?**

(no label) Much more important



**Q21: Communications Services**

69. Coordination of Judicial Council Meeting communications activities, including the drafting and dissemination of pre- and post-meeting summaries to the judicial branch, drafting of leadership remarks, coordination of photography, video, and audio requirements, and web updates and tweets to promote the meeting	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
73. Management and content updates on the California Courts, Serranus, and AOC Intranet websites for programs, projects, and initiatives	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
74. Consultation and counsel on media strategies for programs, projects, and initiatives	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
75. Research and response to inquiries from the courts, media, and the public, as well as tracking and reporting on interactions	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
76. Input on strategy for news releases, drafting and dissemination and monitoring and reporting on coverage	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

**Q22: Please select the rating that best reflects the overall quality of service that you have received for this group of services. If you have not used any of the above services, please select the "no opinion" option.**

(no label) Satisfactory

**Q23: How important, overall, is this group of services to your trial court operations?**

(no label) Neutral

**Q24: Have cuts to your budget made this group of services, overall, more important or less important to your operations?**

(no label) No Change

**Q25: Criminal Justice Services**

79. Technical assistance, training, legal advice, and subject matter expertise on criminal justice realignment including data collection, analysis, and information dissemination	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
80. Written and oral legal advice provided to individual trial courts on a case-by-case basis on a wide array of criminal law and procedure issues, including new statutory requirements and responsibilities	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
81. Resource identification and liaison activities with outside justice partners (which include sheriffs, probation departments, District Attorneys, public defenders, county supervisors, the legislature, the Governor's office, the Department of Finance, CDCR, and the Department of Justice) on criminal justice realignment implementation	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
82. Defining outcome-based criminal justice related metrics in collaboration with justice partners	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
83. Data collection and reporting on probation revocations, sentencing outcomes, and other criminal law related issues (California Corrections Performance Incentive Act and criminal justice realignment)	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
84. Subject matter expertise, legal advice, and technical assistance with issues relating to traffic related matters	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
86. Legal advice and technical assistance with emerging statewide issues related to criminal law and procedures (e.g., implementation of pretrial programs, Affordable Care Act, and prohibited and armed persons with mental illness reporting requirements)	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
87. Fulfillment of mandates related to the evaluation of certain criminal justice programs	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

**Q26: Please select the rating that best reflects the overall quality of service that you have received for this group of services. If you have not used any of the above services, please select the "no opinion" option.**

(no label) Excellent

**Q27: How important, overall, is this group of services to your trial court operations?**

(no label) Very Important

**Q28: Have cuts to your budget made this group of services, overall, more important or less important to your operations?**

(no label) Much more important

**Q29: Education and Training Services**

88. Judicial ethics training as required for participants in the Commission on Judicial Performance Insurance Program	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
89. Institute for Court Management certification program for court managers	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
90. Court Clerk Training Institute	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
91. Court manager and supervisor training	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
92. ADA Annual Statewide Training and consulting for ADA coordinators	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
93. Statewide broadcasts for Trial and Appellate Court judicial officers, CEOs and court staff	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
94. Statewide and regional education (i.e., Beyond the Bench)	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
95. Development of customized training for the courts (e.g., judicial education, management training, cultural competency training)	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
96. Collaborative statewide, regional, and distance education and multi-disciplinary programs with state and national partners	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
97. Training on use of the Computer Aided Facility Management (CAFM) application for requesting, monitoring, and evaluating building services	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
98. Development of online educational resources for judges, court staff, supervisors and managers	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
100. Judicial publications: Benchguides, Bench Handbooks, Benchbooks, Civil Proceedings Benchbooks	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
101. Development of online benchtools for judges to use, including scripts, flow charts and checklists	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
102. Development of public guides for children in court, victims' services, and court proceedings for families	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
103. Job Aids for court staff, supervisors, and managers	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

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104. Web Ex programmatic instructional support	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
105. Faculty development program, webinars and online resources to prepare and support statewide and local court faculty	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
106. Meeting planning, registration and conference services for all education programs, Judicial Council meetings and other AOC meetings	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
107. Audio visual support for education and meetings in conference centers, off-site education and outreach, including audio for public broadcast of Judicial Council	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

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### **Q30: Statewide training for new Judicial Officers, including:**

109. New Judge Orientation	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
110. Primary Assignment Orientations (civil, criminal, probate, dependency, delinquency, family)	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
111. B.E. Witkin Judicial College	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

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### **Q31: Statewide education for experienced Judicial Officers and Judicial Attorneys, including:**

113. Criminal Assignment Courses	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
114. Qualifying Ethics Training	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
115. Complex Civil and Advanced Civil	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
116. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
117. Domestic Violence courses	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
118. Institutes (in civil, criminal, juvenile, family, probate, and rural courts)	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

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### **Q32: Statewide Education for Judicial Leaders, including:**

120. PJ/CEO Court Management Program	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
121. Supervising Judges Institute	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

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**Q33: Please select the rating that best reflects the overall quality of service that you have received for this group of services. If you have not used any of the above services, please select the "no opinion" option.**

(no label) Excellent

**Q34: How important, overall, is this group of services to your trial court operations?**

(no label) Very Important

**Q35: Have cuts to your budget made this group of services, overall, more important or less important to your operations?**

(no label) No Change

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**Q36: Family Services**

122. AB 1058 Legal, Program Support and Funding and Administration for Child Support Commissioners and Family Law Facilitators	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
123. Access to Visitation Program	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
124. Information and technical assistance to Family Courts	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
125. Family and Juvenile court judicial and staff workload study and needs assessment	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
126. Family Law websites (including Families Change and Parent Orientation video) content, maintenance and administration	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
127. Family Dispute Resolution support, technical assistance, and education	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
128. Domestic Violence Courts	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
129. Domestic Violence Safety Planning Project	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
130. Violence Against Women Education Program	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
131. California Courts Protective Orders Registry	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

**Q37: Please select the rating that best reflects the overall quality of service that you have received for this group of services. If you have not used any of the above services, please select the "no opinion" option.**

(no label) Excellent

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**Q38: How important, overall, is this group of services to your trial court operations?**

(no label) Very Important

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**Q39: Have cuts to your budget made this group of services, overall, more important or less important to your operations?**

(no label) No Change





**Q48: Information Technology Services**

152. California Courts Protective Order Registry (CCPOR)	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
153. Judicial Branch Statistical Information System (JBSIS)	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
154. Phoenix Financial, procurement and HR/Payroll System	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
155. Computer- Aided Facilities Management System (CAFM)	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
156. Uniform Civil Fees System (UCFS)	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
159. California Courts Technology Center (CCTC) including disaster and security services and data integration services	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
160. Network hosting, security, and support	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
161. Technology hardware updates program	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
163. Support to California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS)	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
164. Development and maintenance of the judicial branch public website, Serranus, and other judicial branch websites	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
166. Programmatic, technical and logistical support for WebEx programs	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

**Q49: Please select the rating that best reflects the overall quality of service that you have received for this group of services. If you have not used any of the above services, please select the "no opinion" option.**

(no label) Excellent

**Q50: How important, overall, is this group of services to your trial court operations?**

(no label) Very Important

**Q51: Have cuts to your budget made this group of services, overall, more important or less important to your operations?**

(no label) Much more important





**Q60: Legal Services**

189. Legal support with claims including investigations and responses	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
190. Management of labor-related matters (such as Public Employment Relations Board hearings and arbitrations)	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
191. Management of affirmative litigation	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
192. Litigation management, including selection and direction of outside counsel to defend courts, judicial officers, court employees, and council members	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
193. Legal advice and guidance to courts and education of court staff regarding evolving law affecting employment and labor issues	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
194. Legal advice and consultation on a broad spectrum of judicial administration matters	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
195. Legal advice and consultation on transactional business issues, including real estate transactions, solicitations, contracting and the procurement of goods and services, and Court/County MOUs	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
196. Legal advice and representation regarding external audits/investigations	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
197. Assistance with responding to subpoenas and disqualification statements	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
201. Provision of legal support for acquisition, financing, construction, renovation, operation, and maintenance of court facilities	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
202. Management of the Commission on Judicial Performance Insurance Program	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

**Q61: Subject matter expertise and technical assistance with issues, including:**

203. Access and fairness	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
205. Alternative Dispute Resolution	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
210. Judicial administration	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
211. Judicial ethics	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
212. Subject matter expertise	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

**Q62: Please select the rating that best reflects the overall quality of service that you have received for this group of services. If you have not used any of the above services, please select the "no opinion" option.**

(no label) Excellent

**Q63: How important, overall, is this group of services to your trial court operations?**

(no label) Somewhat Important

**Q64: Have cuts to your budget made this group of services, overall, more important or less important to your operations?**

(no label) Somewhat more important

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**Q65: Legislative and Budget Advocacy Services**

215. Advocacy for Judicial Council positions on pending legislation and technical assistance to legislators, staff, and justice partners, on court-related legislative issues

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

216. Expertise and assistance with strategy, advice, and recommendations on judicial branch budget discussions

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

217. Tracking of statutory mandates on the Judicial Council to adopt rules, forms, and reports to the legislature

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

**Q66: Please select the rating that best reflects the overall quality of service that you have received for this group of services. If you have not used any of the above services, please select the "no opinion" option.**

(no label) Excellent

**Q67: How important, overall, is this group of services to your trial court operations?**

(no label) Somewhat Important

**Q68: Have cuts to your budget made this group of services, overall, more important or less important to your operations?**

(no label) Somewhat more important

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**Q69: Mandated Reporting**

223. Trial Court Interpreters Program Expenditure Report	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
227. Judgeship Needs in the Superior Courts	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
228. Standards and Measures of Judicial Administration	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
231. Phoenix System Status Update Report	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
232. Purchase and Lease of Electronic Recording Equipment	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
233. Trial Court Revenue, Expenditure, and Fund Balance Constraints	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
234. 2 Percent Trial Court Trust Fund State-Level Reserve Funding Requests	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
235. Statewide Collections of Court-Ordered Debt	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
236. Receipts and Expenditures from Local Courthouse Construction Funds	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
239. 5-Year Language Use and Needs Study	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
240. Criminal Justice Realignment Data	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
241. California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009: Findings from SB 678 Program	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
242. Quarterly & annual reports on facility modification budgets, projects, and expenditures	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

**Q70: Please select the rating that best reflects the overall quality of service that you have received for this group of services. If you have not used any of the above services, please select the "no opinion" option.**

(no label) Good

**Q71: How important, overall, is this group of services to your trial court operations?**

(no label) Somewhat Important

**Q72: Have cuts to your budget made this group of services, overall, more important or less important to your operations?**

(no label) No Change





**Q82: Security Services**

276. Threat and incident coordination and consultative services	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
277. Emergency planning and preparedness/continuity of operations planning	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
278. Physical security consultation, assessment, site surveys and risk analysis	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
279. Screening Equipment Replacement Program	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
280. Trial Court Security Grant Program	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

**Q83: Please select the rating that best reflects the overall quality of service that you have received for this group of services. If you have not used any of the above services, please select the "no opinion" option.**

(no label) Excellent

**Q84: How important, overall, is this group of services to your trial court operations?**

(no label) Very Important

**Q85: Have cuts to your budget made this group of services, overall, more important or less important to your operations?**

(no label) Much more important

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**Q86: Were you aware that the AOC provides to the trial courts all of the services included in this survey?** No

**Q87: Are there any services that the AOC does not provide that you believe would be useful to the trial courts?** No

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**Q88: Please list any additional services, not currently offered by the AOC, that you believe would be useful to the trial courts.** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q89: So that we can better understand the extent to which trial courts are currently obtaining support services from entities other than the AOC, please tell us: do you contract with other courts, or have any other working relationships with other courts, in order to receive services?**

No

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**Q90: Please list all of the services that you receive through a contract, or other working relationship, with another court(s):**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q91: The following is an alphabetized list of all AOC offices. Please evaluate the services that each office provides according to their overall importance to the operations of your court.**

Center for Families, Children & the Courts	Very Important
Center for Judiciary Education and Research	Very Important
Court Operations Special Services Office	Neutral
Criminal Justice Court Services Office	Neutral
Executive Office	Neutral
Fiscal Services Office	Very Important
Human Resources Services Office	Somewhat Important
Information Technology Services Office	Neutral
Internal Audit Services	Very Important
Judicial Branch Capital Program Office	Neutral
Judicial Council Support Services	Neutral
Legal Services Office	Very Important
Office of Administrative Services	Neutral
Office of Appellate Court Services	Unaware of this office
Office of Communications	Unimportant
Office of Governmental Affairs	Very Important
Office of Real Estate and Facilities Management	Neutral
Special Projects Office	Somewhat Unimportant
Trial Court Administrative Services Office	Neutral
Trial Court Liaison Office	Neutral

**Q92: Additional Comments**

*Respondent skipped this question*