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Sacramento County Judges and Court Employees Serve on State Judicial Council Committees

Sacramento, CA – More than a dozen Sacramento Superior Court judges, commissioners, managers, and employees have volunteered their time and been selected to serve on several Judicial Council committees.

“By participating in these committees, the Sacramento Superior Court team plays a critical role in shaping policies that uphold fairness, transparency, and access to justice for all Californians,” said Presiding Judge Bunmi O. Awoniyi. “These volunteers and their contributions help strengthen the state’s judiciary and set the standard for how our courts can better serve the public, ensuring that justice remains not only a right but a reality for everyone.”

- Presiding Judge Bunmi O. Awoniyi has been appointed as a voting member to the Judicial Council and the Family Law Curriculum Committee for two-year terms effective Sept. 15. She also serves on the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory and Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory committees.
- Assistant Presiding Judge Lawrence G. Brown was reappointed as chair of the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee for a one-year term effective Sept. 15.
- Commissioner Benjamin Cassady was appointed to the Civil Law Curriculum Committee for a two-year term and the Information Technology Advisory Committee for a one-year term, effective Sept. 15.
- Commissioner Ryan Davis was appointed as an advisory member of the Judicial Council for a two-year term effective Sept. 15.
- Judge Jeffrey S. Galvin was appointed to the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee for a three-year term effective Sept. 15.
- Commissioner Heath Langle was appointed to the Judicial Council Probate Law Curriculum Committee for a two-year term effective Sept. 15.

- Juvenile Presiding Judge Kristina Lindquist is serving a three-year term on the Tribal Court-State Court Forum, which ends Sept. 14, 2025.
- Director of Legal Research Kristina McMillen was appointed to the Civil Law Curriculum Committee for a two-year term effective Sept. 15.
- Commissioner James O. Morris was appointed to the Criminal Law Curriculum Committee for a two-year term effective Sept. 15.
- Human Resources Director Ashley Rico is serving a three-year term on the Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program Advisory Committee beginning Sept. 15, 2023.
- Court Executive Officer Lee Seale continues to serve on the Court Facilities Advisory Committee. He also serves on the Executive Committee of the Court Executives Advisory Committee.
- Probate File Examiner Nadia Simpson was appointed to the Probate Law Curriculum and Trial Court Operations Curriculum committees for two-year terms effective Sept. 15.
- Judge Julie Weng-Gutierrez was appointed to the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission for a four-year term and the Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness for a three-year term effective Sept. 15.
- Commissioner Marlene Clark serves on the Juvenile Law Curriculum Committee. She was appointed for a two-year term beginning Sept. 15, 2023.