
Superior Court of the County of Inyo

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](#).

Q3: Access Services

1. Self-Help legal, training, program, education support	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
3. Self-Help Center, Family Law Information Centers, Model Self-Projects Funding	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
5. Judicial Branch Self-Help Website and resources	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
6. On-line Document Assembly/Forms Completion Programs	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
7. American with Disabilities Act subject matter expertise provided in response to individual court requests for assistance with resolving a specific ADA issue, and ADA training specialized for individual trial courts	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
9. Plain language forms and instructions	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

Q4: 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

Q5: How important, overall, is this group of services to your trial court operations?

(no label) Somewhat Important

Q6: 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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Q7: Audit Services

11. Regular financial, operational, and compliance audits	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
15. Whistleblower Hotline responsibility	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

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) Excellent

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

(no label) Very Important

Q10: 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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Q11: Capital Projects and Facilities Services

16. Fiscal management, oversight and accountability functions for the judicial branch capital outlay program including cash flow projections for various construction funds

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

17. Site selection, due diligence and negotiation of acquisition agreements for capital projects and staff services to Project Advisory Groups comprised of court and justice partner stakeholders

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

18. Management of California Environmental Quality Act responsibilities to comply with regulatory statute, including community hearings on capital project impacts

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

19. Creation, management and implementation of related procedures reflecting best practices for new courthouse design and construction

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

20. Preparation of fiscal data for Five Year Infrastructure Plan and fiscal documents

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

21. Selection of capital building systems and equipment based on life-cycle analysis of long-term costs

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

22. Development and implementation of risk management for capital projects and court facilities

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

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

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

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25. Subject matter expertise on health and safety issues and technical assistance relating to fire prevention	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
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	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
28. Monitoring of ongoing compliance with state and local environmental regulations which pertain to the operational life of a facility	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
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	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
31. Provision of deferred maintenance and functional improvements	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
36. Maintenance and administration of the Computer Aided Facility Management (CAFM) System to dispatch Service Work Order requests and authorize lease payments	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

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
39. Environmental analyses of potential courthouse construction sites	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
43. Sustainable design and design approval	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
49. Trial Court Facilities Standards	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
50. Site Selection and Acquisition	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) Good

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

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Q17: Collaborative Courts Services

57. Legal, training, and program assistance to support Adult and Juvenile Justice Drug Courts	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
65. Substance Abuse Focus Grants funding	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
66. Research and analysis assistance	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

Q18: 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

Q19: How important, overall, is this group of services to your trial court operations?

(no label) Very Important

Q20: 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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Q21: Communications Services

68. Communications support to the Chief Justice in her Supreme Court, Judicial Council, Judicial Branch, and Commission on Judicial Appointments roles

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

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

70. Research, drafting and distribution of the weekly email briefing (Court News Update) on judicial administration and related topics, and urgent updates and briefings as requested (Court News Alerts, Court News Briefs) to the judicial branch

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

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

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)

Excellent

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

(no label)

Somewhat Important

Q24: 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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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

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

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

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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

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

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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
98. Development of online educational resources for judges, court staff, supervisors and managers	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
99. Technical support and video production for Supreme Court outreach and oral argument, Commission of Judicial Appointments hearings, Chief Justice or judicial argument, Commission of Judicial Appointments hearings, Chief Justice or Judicial Council communications, and provision of AV signals to rooms for the public and media	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
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
108. Jury education materials in support of successful jury participation	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

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

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
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

Q32: Statewide Education for Judicial Leaders, including:

120. PJ/CEO Court Management Program	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
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Q34: How important, overall, is this group of services to your trial court operations?

(no label)	Very Important
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Q35: 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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Q40: Fiscal Services

132. Budgeting	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
133. Centralized Treasury	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
135. Master contracts/procurement assistance	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
136. Financial Management - accounting and reporting	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
137. Accounts Payable support	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
138. Trust Accounting support	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
139. Financial policies and procedures	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
140. Fiscal training and assistance	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
141. Grants Administration	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
142. Enhanced Collections guidelines and assistance for courts and counties	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
143. Provision and maintenance of financial information available through the judicial branch website	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

Q41: 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

Q42: How important, overall, is this group of services to your trial court operations?

(no label) Very Important

Q43: Have cuts to your budget made this group of services, overall, more important or less important to your operations?

(no label) Much more important

Q44: Human Resources Services

144. Labor relations and collective bargaining services	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
145. Employee relations/investigations/progressive discipline/leave management	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
150. Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation program oversight and administration	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

Q45: 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

Q46: How important, overall, is this group of services to your trial court operations?

(no label) Very Important

Q47: 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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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
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

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) Good

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

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Q52: Juvenile Services

167. Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program administration, funding and education

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

168. Local Blue Ribbon Commissions training and technical assistance

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

169. Court appointed dependency counsel funding, budgeting, and program management

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

172. Psychotropic Medication Orders program

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

176. Chief Justice's Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court Initiative

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

177. California Dependency Online Guide (CalDog)

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

Q53: 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

Q54: How important, overall, is this group of services to your trial court operations?

(no label)

Very Important

Q55: 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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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
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
198. New and amended Local Court rules review and assistance with requests for alternative effective dates	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
209. Family and juvenile law	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
210. Judicial administration	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
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Q63: How important, overall, is this group of services to your trial court operations?

(no label)

Very Important

Q64: 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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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

218. Liaison and strategic advice assistance on facilities issues, court construction and maintenance

Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

219. Coordination of legislative information and investigatory hearings that impact branch programs and projects

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)

Very Important

Q68: 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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Q69: Mandated Reporting

221. Access To Visitation Grants Program	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
222. Semi-Annual Report on Contracts for the Judicial Branch	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
223. Trial Court Interpreters Program Expenditure Report	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
224. Court Reporter Fees Collected & Expenditures for Court Reporter Services in Superior Court Civil Proceedings	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
225. Demographics of the Bench	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
229. Annual Special Funds Expenditure Report	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
230. Annual Trial Court Allocations Report	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
237. Judicial Branch AB 1473 Five-Year Infrastructure Plan	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
238. Special facilities program reports requested by the legislature	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
240. Criminal Justice Realignment Data	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) Excellent

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

(no label) Very Important

Q72: 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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Q73: Operations Support Services

243. Assigned Judges Program	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
245. Preparation and distribution of Oral Argument Calendar, Summary of Cases Accepted, Conference List, and Notice of Forthcoming Filings for Supreme Court	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
249. Tribal/State court coordination support	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
250. Vexatious Litigants List administration	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
251. Jury improvements in support of initiatives that enhance the utilization of jurors and the jury process	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
252. Federal, state, and private foundation fund development and grant administration	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
255. Data gathering and recommendations for court operational and administrative issues	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
256. Assistance to court leaders with addressing internal governance, management and operational issues	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
257. Information-sharing through meetings of court leaders	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

Q74: Analytical and administrative support to:

259. Presiding Judges	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
261. Trial Court Presiding Judge Advisory Committee	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
262. California Court Clerk Association	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable
264. Court Executives Advisory Committee	Have used this service, Consider service to be valuable

Q75: 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

Q76: How important, overall, is this group of services to your trial court operations?

(no label) Very Important

Q77: Have cuts to your budget made this group of services, overall, more important or less important to your operations?

(no label) Much more important

Q82: Security Services

275. Judicial Online Privacy Protection Program	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
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? Yes

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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):

Mono County Superior Court:
Joint Grand Jury Training
Jointly Employ Part-time Family Support Commissioners

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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	Very Important
Fiscal Services Office	Very Important
Human Resources Services Office	Very Important
Information Technology Services Office	Very Important
Internal Audit Services	Very Important
Judicial Branch Capital Program Office	Very Important
Judicial Council Support Services	Very Important
Legal Services Office	Very Important
Office of Administrative Services	Very Important
Office of Appellate Court Services	Neutral
Office of Communications	Very Important
Office of Governmental Affairs	Very Important
Office of Real Estate and Facilities Management	Very Important
Special Projects Office	Neutral
Trial Court Administrative Services Office	Very Important
Trial Court Liaison Office	Neutral

Q92: Additional Comments

Respondent skipped this question