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Re: Report on Purchase or Lease of Electronic Recording Equipment
by Superior Courts (January 1–June 30, 2013) as Required by
Government Code Section 69958

Dear Ms. Boyer-Vine, Mr. Schmidt, and Mr. Wilson:

The Judicial Council respectfully submits this report, as required by Government Code section 69958, to provide information to the Legislature regarding superior court purchases and leases of electronic recording equipment during the period of January 1, 2013, through June 30, 2013. As required by statute, for each purchase or lease of equipment, the report specifies the name of the court, the types of proceedings for which the equipment will be used, the cost of the equipment, and the types of equipment purchased or leased.

Government Code section 69957 requires the courts to obtain advance approval from the Judicial Council before purchasing or leasing any electronic recording technology or equipment. Approval for purchase or lease of the equipment is subject to the equipment's being used only in the manner and for the purposes authorized under that section. All 58 superior courts were surveyed regarding their purchase or lease of the equipment to ensure that all purchases were made with the required

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authorization. During the January 1 through June 30, 2013, period, 11 courts made purchases of electronic equipment or related items for use in court proceedings. Of these 11 courts, 8 submitted Request to Purchase forms between January 1 and June 30, 2013, received authorization for their purchases, and subsequently made purchases. Two courts received approval to purchase during the July through December 2012 period, but did not make those purchases until the current period. Finally, one court received approval subsequent to their purchase. Information about these transactions follows.

The Superior Court of Alameda County spent \$41,432 to purchase three complete Liberty Court Recorder 4-channel recorder systems. The purchase was not an upgrade or replacement of existing equipment. The equipment will be used to make an official record in small claims, infraction, misdemeanor, and limited civil cases.

The Superior Court of Glenn County spent \$4,557 to purchase one FTR Reporter 5.6 software license and one USB audio mixer. The purchase was an upgrade or replacement of existing equipment. The devices will be used to make an official record in traffic appeal, small claims, infraction, misdemeanor, and limited civil cases.

The Superior Court of Imperial County spent \$41,896 to purchase five BiAmp Nexia CS DSP mixers, five sets of four Audio Technica microphones, connectors, cables, and other items. The purchase was an upgrade or replacement of existing equipment. The devices will be used to make an official record in small claims, infraction, misdemeanor, and limited civil cases.

The Superior Court of Kern County spent \$12,373 to purchase two FTR recording units including PA switches and warranty, and three extended warranties for FTR units purchased previously. The purchase was an upgrade or replacement of existing equipment. The devices will be used to create an official record in small claims, infraction, misdemeanor, and limited civil cases.

The Superior Court of Merced County spent \$22,581 to purchase four FTR Gold with DMX-8 audio mixers. The purchase was not an upgrade or replacement of existing equipment. The devices will be used to make an official record in small claims, infraction, misdemeanor, and limited civil cases, and to monitor subordinate judicial officers in small claims and traffic.

The Superior Court of Monterey County spent \$2,730 to purchase two FTR USB DMX 8-channel mixers. The purchase was not an upgrade or replacement of existing equipment. The devices will be used to make an official record in small claims and limited civil cases.

The Superior Court of San Bernardino County spent \$143,326 to purchase 28 FTR Touch with DMX-4 digital recording systems reporter with an FTR USB external clock display. The purchase was not an upgrade or replacement of existing equipment. The devices will be used to

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make an official record in small claims, infraction, misdemeanor, and limited civil cases in various locations.

The Superior Court of San Luis Obispo County spent \$28,422 to purchase 17 FTR Reporter 5.6 audio-only upgrade for Windows 7 and 15 DMX-4 mixers with 4 input, 4-channel output for Windows 7. The purchase was an upgrade to existing equipment. The devices will be used to make an official record and to monitor subordinate judicial officers in small claims, infraction, misdemeanor, and limited civil cases.

The Superior Court of Santa Barbara County spent \$11,329 to purchase two FTR Reporter 5.6 LogNotes software. The purchase was an upgrade of existing equipment. The devices will be used to make an official record in small claims and limited civil cases, and an official record in misdemeanor readiness and settlement conferences, misdemeanor criminal trials, and infraction court trials.

The Superior Court of Santa Cruz County spent \$45,335 to purchase six FTR Touch recording units with DMX-8 USB mixers, Shure microphones, and extended warranties. The purchase was an upgrade or replacement of existing equipment. The devices will be used to make an official record in infraction, misdemeanor, and civil cases.

The Superior Court of Trinity County spent \$4,858 to purchase two FTR Reporter 5.6 audio-only upgrade for Windows 7 and 1 DMX-8 USB mixer. The equipment purchased will replace failing equipment in one department and be a new addition to a second department. The devices will be used to make an official record in small claims, infraction, misdemeanor, and limited civil cases.

The total amount spent by these 11 superior courts on the purchase of electronic recording equipment during the reporting period was \$358,839.

Attached to this report is an amended report for the period July 1 2012, through December 31, 2012. If you have any questions related to either of these reports, please contact Zlatko Theodorovic, Director, Fiscal Services Office, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), at 916-263-1397.

Very truly yours,



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