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Re: Report to the Legislature on Purchase and Lease of Electronic Recording Equipment by
Superior Courts, as Required under Government Code Section 69958

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

Attached is the Judicial Council report on the purchase and lease of recording equipment by
superior courts for the period July 1 through December 31, 2010, as required under Government
Code section 69958 (Stats. 2004, ch. 227).

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If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Stephen Nash, Director, AOC Finance Division, at 415-865-7584 or Christine Patton, Regional Administrative Director, AOC Bay Area/Northern Coastal Region, at 415-865-4099.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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Report title: Report on Purchase and Lease of Electronic Recording Equipment by Superior Courts (July 1–December 31, 2010)

Statutory citation: Government Code section 69958

Date of report: February 22, 2011

The Judicial Council has submitted a report to the Legislature in accordance with Government Code section 69958.

Government Code section 69958 requires the Judicial Council to report to the Legislature, on a semiannual basis, regarding all purchases and leases of electronic recording equipment that will be used to record superior court proceedings. The report must specify 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.

The following summary of the report is provided under the requirements of Government Code section 9795.

Administrative Office of the Courts staff recently surveyed all 58 superior courts to obtain the information required for the period July 1 through December 31, 2010. Six courts indicated that they had purchased or leased electronic recording equipment or related items at a total cost of \$155,571 to create an official record in various court proceedings or to monitor subordinate judicial officers in certain types of cases during this period. Information about these transactions is discussed in the report.

The full report can be accessed here: www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/legislaturereports.htm.

A printed copy of the report may be obtained by calling 415-865-7553.

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Report on Purchase and Lease of Electronic Recording Equipment by Superior Courts (July 1–December 31, 2010)

Government Code section 69958 requires superior courts to provide information to the Judicial Council and for the council to report, on a semiannual basis, to the Legislature regarding all purchases and leases of electronic recording equipment that will be used to record superior court proceedings. For each purchase or lease of equipment, the report must specify 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.

Consistent with the statutory requirement, Administrative Office of the Courts staff recently surveyed all 58 superior courts to obtain the information required for the period July 1 through December 31, 2010. Six courts indicated that they had purchased or leased electronic recording equipment or related items for use in court proceedings during this period. Information about these transactions is discussed below.

The Superior Court of Alameda County spent \$22,446 to purchase two 4-channel Liberty digital recording systems, including software, mixers, audio encoder, microphones, and other equipment. The equipment is not an upgrade or replacement of existing equipment and will be used to create an official record in misdemeanor cases.

The Superior Court of Colusa County spent \$2,405 to purchase a Lanier LCR5D Advocate V recorder. The equipment is a replacement of existing equipment and will be used to create an official record in limited civil, small claims, and infraction cases. Although the court in the past had used this electronic recording equipment in other case types, the court intends to adhere to Government Code section 69957 going forward.

The Superior Court of Fresno County spent \$123,723 to purchase and install 16 FTR Touch 4-channel digital recording devices with FTR Log Notes software, Antex USB DMX-8 mixers, playback/monitor switches, and appropriate hardware and connections including audio and USB cables. One of the systems was an upgrade or replacement of existing equipment, and the other 15 were for use in a new facility. The devices will be used to make a record of proceedings in small claims, misdemeanor, and traffic infraction cases.

The Superior Court of Monterey County spent \$403 to purchase two Antex LX-44 sound cards. These items were upgrades of existing equipment and will be used to create an official record of misdemeanor cases.

The Superior Court of Santa Barbara County spent \$6,328 to purchase an FTR Reporter 2.2 digital recording system. This equipment replaces existing equipment and will be used to create an official record in limited civil, small claims, and misdemeanor cases.

The Superior Court of Santa Cruz County spent \$266 to purchase a Radio Shack 4-channel mixer and an Audio Buddy preamplifier. This equipment was an upgrade of existing equipment. It will be used to create an official record in traffic infraction cases.

The total amount spent by these four superior courts on the purchase or lease of electronic recording equipment during this reporting period was \$155,571.