

Invitation to Meet with LASC Judges About 2018 Court Funding

Over the past five years, each of your organizations has conducted your own impressive efforts and/or participated in coordinated fronts to protect and restore California trial court funding. Many of your organizations also worked with the Los Angeles County Bar Association as supporting groups in generating volunteers for meetings with the legislators.

Thanks in part to your impactful and unrelenting efforts, the Governor's proposed fiscal year 2018–19 budget proposes significant and increased funding for the judicial branch, including increased allocations for operating funds, construction and a variety of branch needs, including trial court workload.

This is good news for the courts, BUT it doesn't stop there. We are asking for your support again to ensure that the final budget, passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor, is at least as favorable as the budget proposed by the Governor.

You, your officers and Board members, and interested members of the Bar are invited to a meeting with Los Angeles Superior Court Presiding Judge Dan Buckley, Assistant Presiding Judge Kevin Brazile, Judges of the LASC, and other Bar leaders for a report on the Governor's proposed fiscal year 2018–19 budget and its impact on the Courts. This is the fifth consecutive year we are holding this meeting, and we anticipate that, as in prior years, it will be well attended, and everyone involved will be impressed with, and genuinely moved by, the show of support for our Courts.

Please join us:

Wednesday, March 7, at 3:30 to 5 pm at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Room 222.

Court funding has had a critical impact on Los Angeles Superior Court operations. While we have made progress, it is imperative to keep the momentum going, as this must be viewed as a long-term project. *We encourage you to share this message and invitation with your Boards, Section Executive Committees, and members.*

We are also in the process of scheduling meetings with gubernatorial candidates, and local members of the Senate and Assembly. Each of our meetings includes at least one lawyer and one Superior Court Judge. Often, we have several of each. Please let us know if you or any of your members wish to be contacted to participate in the legislative meetings.

We welcome your support and look forward to seeing you or a representative of your organization on March 7. We encourage you to arrive early and use the opportunity to meet and network with each other.

RSVP not required, but requested by March 6 to:

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Thank you,

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