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## SAN BERNARDINO SUPERIOR COURT RELEASES ITS 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

**SAN BERNARDINO, CA**— The San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) is pleased to announce the release of its <u>2022 Annual Report</u>. The report highlights the reinvestment and steps towards transforming court services for the largest county in the lower 48 states.

2022 was the post-pandemic turning point for SBSC, with considerable reinvestment in the state's budget to increase access to justice. We saw the most significant funding investment locally, at 91% versus 47% only a decade earlier. With increased funding comes reporting requirements on expanded access to the state legislature.

In 2022, SBSC outfitted most courtrooms with video conferencing equipment and audio players, refined the Court Access Portal (CAP) for access to case information online, implemented SCRIPTA (judges' tool), and began preliminary work to implement eFile in 2023 (available in probate now). The judicial bench also grew in 2022, with nine judicial appointments from the California Governor, two elected judges who filled existing vacancies, and a commissioner. Despite these record numbers, SBSC continues to have the highest judicial need in the state.

During this investment period and change in access to justice, SBSC is cultivating a culture that enhances performance and accountability by investing in people, automation, data, technology, re-engineering processes, and training. With new out-of-the-box concepts, tackling the pandemic backlog continues to be a high priority.

"We thank our judicial officers and court staff for their resiliency and hard work this past year," said Presiding Judge R. Glenn Yabuno. "In 2023, we will continue to focus on expanding access to justice, with the needs of the community at the forefront."

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