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**New and Changed Fees, Penalties, and Assessments
to Support New Court Facilities ~ Effective January 1, 2009**

The Judicial Council of California has announced that new and changed fees, penalties, and assessments will go into effect in the state's trial courts effective January 1, 2009.

The changes result from the enactment of Senate Bill 1407 (Perata), Stats. 2008, ch. 311, on September 26, 2008. The legislation authorizes up to \$5 billion in lease-revenue bonds to finance the construction, rehabilitation, renovation, and replacement of court facilities. The legislation increases civil filing fees and increases or establishes new criminal and traffic fees, penalties, assessments and parking penalties.

Each Superior Court will begin collecting the new and increased fees effective January 1, 2009.

The new civil fees will be stated on the revised statewide civil fee schedule. The final version of the fee schedule will be posted to the California Courts Web site at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/civilfees.htm and will also be available at the clerk's office.

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