

$428 M
DISTRIBUTED



DISTRIBUTIONS OF COURT FINES & FEES
by Agency in Fiscal Year 2024-25

State of California
68%

Los Angeles County
16%

Superior Court
8%

Cities & Special Agencies*
(In LA County)
8%

*Special agencies include school districts with separate police agencies

WHERE DO COURT PAID FINES AND FEES GO?

In Fiscal Year (FY 2024-25), the Court collected and distributed approximately $428 million in fines and fees. What you may not know is that very little of these monies are retained by the Court directly. Rather, these monies are distributed to the State of California, County of Los Angeles, and Cities and Special Districts. Depending on the type of case payment (criminal, traffic, family law, civil, for example), payments collected by the Court are distributed in accordance with various statutes to agencies or special funds that help to fund some of the following programs: victim restitution programs, courthouse construction, modernization of court technology, drug and rehabilitation programs, and legal aid services. Fees paid in civil cases are largely distributed to the Judicial Council to help provide one of the sources for trial court funding (although the majority of funding comes from the State's General Fund and County Maintenance of Effort payments).

SCLAC
BY THE NUMBERS FY 2024-25

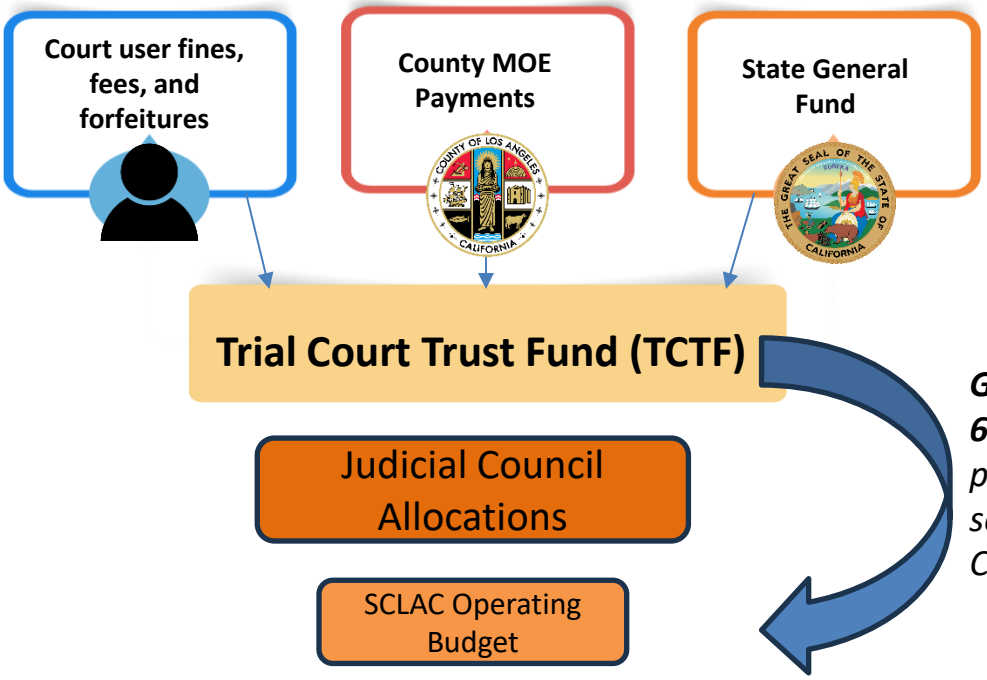
$100M Average Dollars Held in Trust

4.8M Number of Payments Made to the Court

29K Number of Refunds Issued by the Court



TRIAL COURT TRUST FUND AND CALIFORNIA STATUTES GOVERNING TRIAL COURT DISTRIBUTIONS OF FINES, FEES AND FORFEITURES



Court staff reconcile, report, and distribute payments received from court litigants in accordance with various statutes. The two statutorily required monthly state reports/remittances are split between uniform civil fees (including small claims, family law, and probate) and criminal and traffic: 1) TC-145 and 2) TC-31.

AB 145, Statutes of 2005, GC section 68085, various/other

Due **45 days** after the month ends

TC-145 Report
Uniform Civil Fees

GC sections 24353,68101, various/other

TC-31 Report
Criminal & Traffic

Due **35 days** after the month ends



SAMPLE REQUIRED TRAFFIC TICKET DISTRIBUTION: $100 BASE FINE RED-LIGHT VIOLATION

The sample below depicts a sample distribution of a red-light violation with a base fine of $100. The Court's case management systems are configured to determine the statutory distributions of all user payments, including traffic tickets. Traffic tickets are illustrative of a court user payment with a more complex statutory distribution, with monies being remitted to the State of California, County of Los Angeles, and various Cities or Special Districts, depending upon the agency who issued the citation and the jurisdiction.

The sample below is illustrative of fines, fees, and forfeitures that would be reported/remitted on the monthly TC-31 Report, in accordance with statutory requirements.

Red Light Violation - $100 base fine distribution example

Fine	Statute	Amount
Base Fine (City & County)	VC 42001.5	$ 100.00
State Penalty	PC 1464	$ 100.00
County Penalty	GC 76000	$ 70.00
State Court Facilities Construction Fund (SCFCF) Penalty	GC 70372(a)	$ 50.00
SCFCF Criminal Conviction Assessment	GC 70373	$ 35.00
State Surcharge	PC 1465.7	$ 20.00
Court Operations Assessment	PC 1465.8	$ 40.00
DNA Penalty (County)	GC 76104.6	$ 10.00
DNA Penalty (State)	GC 76104.7	$ 40.00
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Penalty	GC 76000.5	$ 20.00
Night Court	VC 42006	$ 1.00
	Total	**$ 486.00**