The Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles (the Court) is one of 58 superior courts created by Article VI of the California Constitution. It is the only court for the County of Los Angeles, an area which encompasses 88 cities, 140 unincorporated areas and more than 90 law enforcement agencies. It serves a population of over 10 million, an increase of almost 500,000 since 2000. The Court includes 37 courthouses located in 12 judicial districts throughout the county’s 4,752 square miles.

The Court’s judicial officers hear every case type under state law – criminal, civil, family law, juvenile dependency and delinquency, probate, mental health, and traffic. Cases range from simple traffic infractions to murders; landlord/tenant disputes to multi-million dollar lawsuits; guardianships to involuntary commitments.

The Court provides interpreter services for 200 languages including rare and indigenous dialects. Combined, from March 2020 to February 2021, the Office of the Family Law Facilitator and Self-Help Centers provided over 145,000 instances of assistance to unrepresented litigants. Handling tens of millions of customers each year, and with a budget of more than $900 million, if the Court were a business, it would be one of the largest in the county. With more than 550 judicial officers and over 4,600 permanent employees, it is the largest trial court in the nation.

The Court has been a recognized leader in programs such as Drug Court, Veterans’ Court and Homeless Court. It provides self-help centers in each of the 12 judicial districts. It is the originator of the JusticeCorps program, an AmeriCorps program that trains college student volunteers to provide assistance to unrepresented litigants.

The Court’s innovative projects and programs such as Teen Court and SHADES (Stop Hate and Delinquency by Empowering Students) have received numerous awards and the Court’s adoption program was the model for what is now National Adoption Day.

The Court is the coordinator of the annual California Association of Youth Courts Conference. These programs, along with the Court’s other innovations, have been recognized by the National Association of Counties, National Association of Court Management and the Los Angeles Quality and Productivity Commission.

The Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles is dedicated to serving our community by providing equal access to justice through the fair, timely and efficient resolution of all cases.