

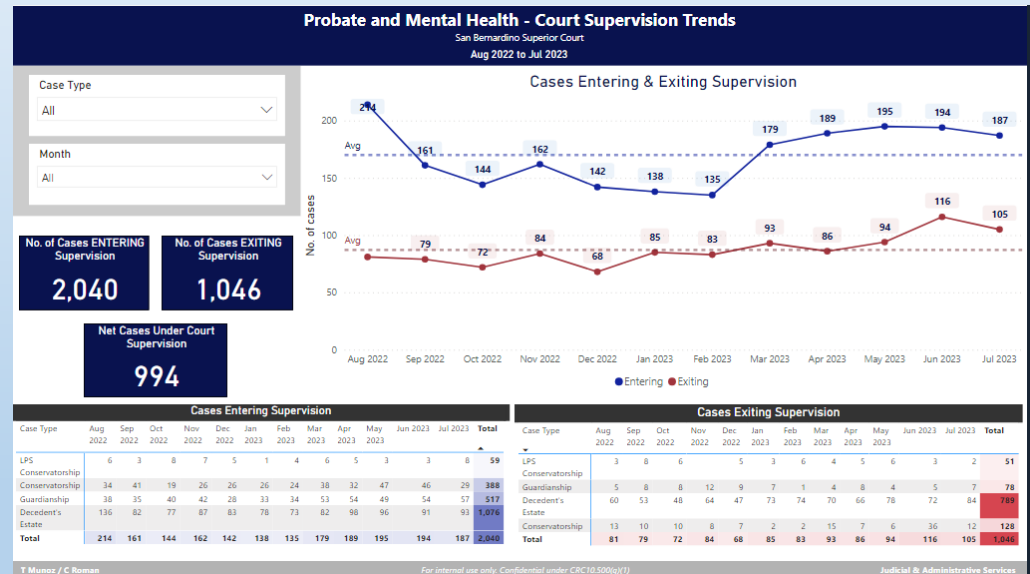


State of the Probate Court

2023

Some things *remain the same*

- Filings continue to increase
- Continue adding staff: third research attorney, additional examiners and court investigators
- Still have some backlog processing filings
 - Less severe if e-filing
 - Opening Victorville for filings should help



Ch-ch-ch-changes

2022

- Probate notes accessible to public without restriction
- Moving to the Annex at the historic court
- New probate manager Morgan Baxter (who was then promoted to Deputy Court Executive Officer, Operations)

2023

- Probate notes and sensitive case information available to parties in CAP
- Moved to Fontana and expanded to Victorville
- David Brewster has been hired into a new position, the Deputy Director of Operations for Probate

News

- Court CEO Anabel Romero
- E-File
 - Will become mandatory in the next 12 to 18 months
- Proposed new Local Rules
 - Request for Bond Waiver shall include declaration
 - Petitions relating to Real and Personal Property to require proof of owner/title
- Minor update to LR 20-908
 - Inventories and Accountings (Estates & Trusts) language expanded to include acceptable documents

EXPANSION

New Judicial Officers

Since January 1, 2023 we have retired one of our three probate judges *and* welcomed three new bench officers!

$$3 - 1 + 3 = 5$$

- Judge Michelle Gilleece
- Judge Douglas Mann
- Judge Candice Garcia-Rodrigo
- Judge Damian Garcia
- Commissioner Margaret Beare



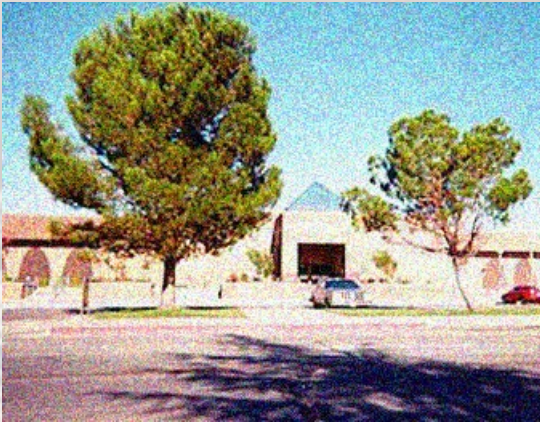
Fontana



- In February, 2023, Judge Garcia opened a guardianship department in Fontana, the first probate court expansion of services in over a decade
- This Tuesday, September 5, 2023, Judges Mann and Gilleece moved Departments 35 and 36 from SBJC to F2 and F3 in Fontana, joining Judge Garcia
- Commissioner Margaret Beare sits in Fontana, Victorville and at the behavioral health court located at ARMC

Victorville

- Judge Garcia-Rodrigo opened a new department in Victorville to serve our high-desert population. Under her leadership we will provide better access to our courts and expand services to the public



Probate Courtrooms Moved to Fontana and Victorville on September 5, 2023. For Additional Details, See [Public Notice](#).

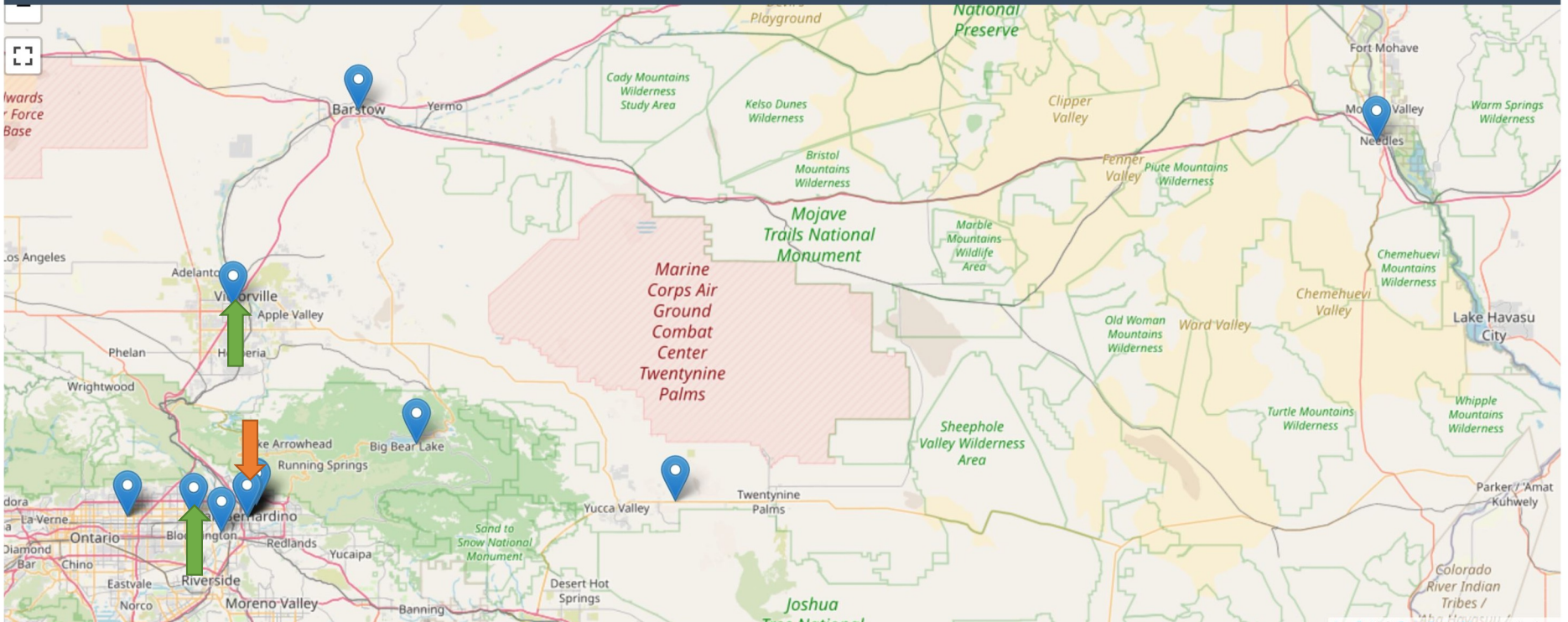
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Things to come

- CARE court implementation
- Trainings by the bench
 - Pro-tem
 - CAC and GAL
- Phase II of the expansion
 - Relocate clerks office from SBJC to Fontana next quarter
 - Provide full service in both Fontana and Victorville locations
 - Remote proceedings in Needles



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