



Judicial Council of California

Legislation Committee

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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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Date: May 23, 2024
Time: 4:30 p.m.
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Agenda items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in the indicated order.

I. OPEN MEETING (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(C)(1))

Call to Order and Roll Call

II. PUBLIC COMMENT (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(K)(1))

Written Comment

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III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Item 1

Invitation to Comment: Proposal for Judicial Council–Sponsored Legislation (Action Required)

Juror and Prospective Juror Oaths Using Plain Language

The proposal would amend the language for juror and prospective juror oaths in Cal. CCP § 232, subdivisions (a) and (b). The proposal would replace them with new plain language oaths developed by Judicial Council staff and subject matter experts. As noted above, while all other jury instructions use plain language, these oaths do not and there has been no update to them since 1989. This proposal would increase access to justice by ensuring jurors and prospective jurors are able to fully understand the oaths they take during jury selection and before commencing with a jury trial.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Stephen Tow

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to Closed Session

V. CLOSED SESSION (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(D))

Approval of Minutes

Approve minute(s) of the following Legislation Committee meeting(s):

- April 25, 2024

Item 1 (Action Required)

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 10.75 (d)(3). Negotiations concerning legislation.

Action on Pending Legislation

Consent:

- a) [AB 2281](#) (Soria), as introduced February 8, 2024, Tribal judges. (Tracy Kenny)

Discussion:

- a) [AB 2283](#) (Pacheco), as amended May 2, 2024, Civil actions: electronic service. (Heather Resetarits)
- b) [AB 3049](#) (Bryan), as amended April 17, 2024, Dependency: court hearings. (Tracy Kenny)

A Legislation Committee member who wishes to request that any item be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda is asked to please notify the Governmental Affairs advocate on that item at least 48 hours before the meeting at 916-323-3121.

Adjourn Closed Session