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## Executive Summary

As outlined in the California Rules of Court, rule 10.11, the Executive and Planning Committee (E&P) oversees the council's meeting process and operating procedures, including agenda setting for council meetings, development of the council's long-range strategic plan for the judicial branch, and development of policies and procedures related to court facilities and communications with the branch. The committee is also charged with directing the nominations process for vacancies on the council and its advisory bodies and overseeing specific advisory bodies. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the last Judicial Council internal committee presentations during the council's October business meeting.

## Overview of Committee Meetings

Since the October 27–28, 2014, council meeting, the committee has met once by conference call on November 20, which was a joint meeting with the Rules and Projects Committee (RUPRO). The committee also had one action by e-mail, which commenced and concluded on December 4. Additionally, the committee will meet in person on December 11, prior to the council's business

meeting, to 1) review the annual agendas of the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee and the Court Executives Advisory Committee, 2) discuss the committee's upcoming review of the progress of Judicial Council Directives on Staff Restructuring, and 3) develop recommendations to be sent to the Chief Justice regarding advisory body appointments.

## Agenda Setting and Other Business

During its meeting on November 20 and its e-mail action on December 4, the committee set the consent, discussion, and informational agendas for the council's December business meeting. Additionally, the council members below confirmed liaison reports to deliver to the council during the December business meeting agenda.

- Judge David Rosenberg will report on the Superior Court of California, County of Colusa.
- Judges James R. Brandlin and Joan P. Weber will report on the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego.
- Judge Morris D. Jacobson will report on the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco

The committee also conducted additional business as summarized below during its November 20 meeting.

#### Proposed New and Amended Rules for Advisory Groups

E&P and RUPRO jointly reviewed and approved a proposal 1) adopting California Rules of Court for the Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee, the Workload Assessment Advisory Committee, and the Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee, 2) amending the existing rule 10.50 for the Governing Committee of the Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER), and 3) amending rule 10.2 relating to Judicial Council membership and terms. The item appears as Item A5 on the consent agenda of the council's December business meeting.

#### Workload Assessment Advisory Committee: Formation of Temporary Subcommittee

The committee reviewed and approved a request from the Workload Assessment Advisory Committee (WAAC) to form a short-term ad hoc subcommittee to study special circumstance cases and the effect of those cases on the caseweights that are used to assess staff and judicial workload. During its February 2014 meeting, the Judicial Council requested that WAAC study the workload of these cases. The ad hoc subcommittee is scheduled to dissolve in spring 2015 after it has made a final presentation of its work to the full advisory body.