Appellate Advisory Committee
Annual Agenda[1]—2025–2026
Approved by Rules Committee: October 16, 2025

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Hon. Allison M. Danner, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Sixth District
Lead Staff:	Jeremy T. Varon, Attorney, Legal Services

Advisory Body's Charge/Membership:

Rule 10.40 of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Appellate Advisory Committee (AAC), which is to make recommendations to the Judicial Council for improving the administration of justice in appellate proceedings and to make proposals on training for justices and appellate support staff to the Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee.

Rule 10.40(c) sets forth the membership positions of the committee. The AAC currently has 22 members. The current committee roster is available on the committee's webpage.

Subgroups of the Advisory Body[2]:

1. Appellate Division Subcommittee
2. Legislation Subcommittee
3. Rules Subcommittee
4. Appellate Efficiency Ad Hoc Subcommittee

[1] The Annual Agenda outlines the work an advisory body will focus on in the coming year or cycle and identifies areas of collaboration with other advisory bodies and Judicial Council staff resources.

[2] For the definition of "subcommittee" see Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.30(c); for "working group," see rule 10.70; for "workstream," see rule 10.53(c); and for "education curriculum committee," see rule 10.50(c)(6).

Advisory Body and Subgroup Meetings Planned for 2025–2026[3]

Full committee meetings:

- October 2025 (videoconference to review winter cycle proposals)
- February/March 2026 (videoconference to make final recommendations on winter cycle proposals and to review spring cycle proposals)
- July 2026 (videoconference to make final recommendations on spring cycle proposals)
- September 2026 (videoconference to make recommendations on annual agenda)

Subcommittee meetings: one or more teleconference or videoconference meetings of the Rules and Appellate Division subcommittees before each full committee meeting. Legislation Subcommittee to meet as needed to review relevant legislation. Appellate Efficiency Ad Hoc Subcommittee to meet as needed to work on rules and forms proposals.

☐ Check here if in-person meeting is approved by the internal committee oversight chair.

[3] Refer to section IV. 2 (Meeting frequency) of the *Operating Standards for Judicial Council Advisory Bodies* for governance on in-person meetings. Note: Because of the current budget and staffing constraints, advisory body chairs and staff must first consider meeting remotely. The chair of the Executive and Planning Committee is extending the suspension of advisory body in-person meetings for the 2025−2026 annual agenda cycle. If an in-person meeting is needed, the responsible Judicial Council office head must seek approval from their advisory body's internal oversight committee chair. Please see the prioritization memo dated June 23, 2025, for additional details.

II. COMMITTEE PROJECTS

Priority Levels and Branch Goals Key:
Refer to the following key for populating your project priority levels and branch goals. For each Priority Level 1 proposal, the advisory body **must** provide a specific reason why it should be done this year and how it fits within the identified category. If an advisory committee is interested in pursuing any Priority Level 2 proposals, please include justification as to why the proposal should be approved at this time.

Priority Levels for Non-Rules/Forms	
1	Must be done
2	Should be done
Priority Levels for Rules/Forms Proposals	
1a (Legal Compliance)	Proposal urgently needed to conform to or accurately reflect the law.
1b (Council Directive)	Council has directed the committee to consider new or amended rules and forms.
1c (Urgent Remedial Action)	Change is urgently needed to remedy a problem that is causing significant cost or inconvenience to the courts or the public.
1d (Financial/ Legal Risk Mitigation)	Proposal is otherwise urgent and necessary, such as a proposal that would mitigate exposure to immediate or severe financial or legal risk.
2a (Useful Changes in Law)	Useful, but not necessary, to implement changes in law.
2b (Responsive to Concerns)	Responsive to identified concerns or problems.
2c (Helpful Advancing Branch Goals)	Helpful in otherwise advancing Judicial Council goals and objectives.

Judicial Branch Strategic Plan–Branch Goals	
I.	**Access, Fairness, Diversity, and Inclusion**
II.	**Independence and Accountability**
III.	**Modernization of Management and Administration**
IV.	**Quality of Justice and Service to the Public**
V.	**Education for Branchwide Professional Excellence**
VI.	**Branchwide Infrastructure for Service Excellence**
VII.	**Adequate, Stable, and Predictable Funding for a Fully Functioning Branch**

#	New or One-Time Projects	
1.	**Racial Justice Act: Revise Rules and Forms (new project)**	***Priority: 1a***

Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals:

I *Access*	II *Independence*	III *Modernization*	IV *Quality*	V *Education*	VI *Infrastructure*	VII *Funding*
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Project Summary: This is a joint project with the Criminal Law Advisory Committee. Develop rules recommendations as appropriate. AB 1071 (Stats. 2025, ch. 721) requires amendment to rule 8.385 to allow courts to request an informal response from the state and implement new "plausible allegation" and "prima facie showing" standards. Develop rules recommendations as appropriate. The committee will also consider forms recommendations as appropriate to clarify that habeas petitioners making claims related to the Racial Justice Act must explain those claims in the petition. This change was suggested by staff of appellate courts.

Status/Timeline: Invitation to comment planned for Winter Cycle, with anticipated effective date of July 1, 2026

Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Committee staff, Criminal Justice Services

☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. *Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.*

Internal/External Stakeholders: Appellate courts, appellate litigants; all draft proposals will circulate for public comment.

AC Collaboration: Criminal Law Advisory Committee

2.	**CEQA Actions: Implementation of Streamlining Legislation (new project)**	***Priority: 1a***

Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals:

I *Access*	II *Independence*	III *Modernization*	IV *Quality*	V *Education*	VI *Infrastructure*	VII *Funding*
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#	New or One-Time Projects
	Project Summary: This is a joint project with the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee. SB 676 (Stats. 2025, ch. 550) changes procedures for CEQA actions relating to projects to repair, demolish, or replace property or facilities damaged or destroyed by wildfire. The bill requires the Judicial Council to adopt rules to implement a statutory requirement for courts to resolve these actions, including appeals, within a specific timeframe. Develop rule recommendations as appropriate. ***Status/Timeline:*** Invitation to comment planned for Spring Cycle, with anticipated effective date of January 1, 2027 ***Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:*** Committee staff, Legal Services ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. *Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.* ***Internal/External Stakeholders:*** Trial and appellate courts, trial and appellate litigants; all draft proposals will circulate for public comment. ***AC Collaboration:*** Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee
3.	**Appellate Caseflow Workgroup Recommendations Regarding Record Preparation** — ***Priority: 1b***
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: I *Access* ☒ · II *Independence* ☐ · III *Modernization* ☒ · IV *Quality* ☒ · V *Education* ☐ · VI *Infrastructure* ☐ · VII *Funding* ☐
	Project Summary: Consider changes to rules and forms relating to preparation of the record on appeal. The project proposals were recommended by the Appellate Caseflow Workgroup and referred to the committee by the Executive and Planning Committee. • Consider amending the applicable rules to streamline or reduce the number of tasks required by superior court clerks in preparing the record on appeal and revising related forms as necessary. The Appellate Caseflow Workgroup noted that the burden of compiling the clerk's transcript can cause delays in the early stages of appeals. It thus encouraged the council to consider ways to reduce the tasks superior court clerks are required to perform in the record preparation process. • Consider revising the record designation forms and, if necessary, amending the applicable rules to make the record designation process simpler, clearer, and more efficient. There are currently 10 forms (including one information sheet) that litigants use to designate/create the record in civil and criminal cases, with the precise forms to be used depending on the circumstances of the case.

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	• Consider amending rules to allow and encourage parties to elect to proceed by appendix on appeal. The Appellate Caseflow Workgroup determined that the parties' use of appendixes can expedite the record preparation process. ***Status/Timeline:*** This proposal was previously included as project 2 on the committee's approved annual agenda for 2024–2025 with a proposed completion date of January 1, 2027. ***Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:*** Committee staff ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. *Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.* ***Internal/External Stakeholders:*** Trial and appellate courts, appellate litigants; all draft proposals will circulate for public comment. ***AC Collaboration:*** Court Executives Advisory Committee; Information Technology Advisory Committee
4.	**Submission of Excerpts of Record on Appeal with Briefs** — ***Priority: 1b***
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: I *Access* ☐ · II *Independence* ☐ · III *Modernization* ☒ · IV *Quality* ☒ · V *Education* ☐ · VI *Infrastructure* ☐ · VII *Funding* ☐
	Project Summary: Consider amending applicable rules to encourage or require appellants to submit, along with their briefs, excerpts of the record containing those parts of the record that are relevant and useful to the court in deciding the appeal. The proposal was recommended by the Appellate Caseflow Workgroup and referred to the committee by the Executive and Planning Committee. Submission of excerpts of record alongside a party's brief may aid the judges' or justices' review of the party's arguments on appeal by providing an easily accessible and clearly citable subset of the key parts of the record. ***Status/Timeline:*** This proposal was previously included as project 3 on the committee's approved annual agenda for 2024–2025 with a proposed completion date of January 1, 2027. ***Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:*** Committee staff ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. *Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.*

#	New or One-Time Projects	
	Internal/External Stakeholders: Appellate courts, appellate litigants; all draft proposals will circulate for public comment. ***AC Collaboration:*** n/a	
5.	**Amend Rules on Settled Statements (new project)**	***Priority: 1c***
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: I *Access* ☒ · II *Independence* ☐ · III *Modernization* ☒ · IV *Quality* ☒ · V *Education* ☐ · VI *Infrastructure* ☐ · VII *Funding* ☐	
	Project Summary: Consider amending rules on settled statements to clarify/simplify the process. This proposal originated with the Appellate Efficiency Ad Hoc Subcommittee's work on how to simplify/improve the record preparation process prompted by the suggestions of the Appellate Caseflow Workgroup (see project 4 above). ***Status/Timeline:*** Invitation to comment planned for Spring Cycle, with anticipated effective date of January 1, 2027 ***Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:*** Committee staff ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. *Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.* ***Internal/External Stakeholders:*** Trial and appellate courts, appellate litigants; all draft proposals will circulate for public comment. ***AC Collaboration:*** Court Executives Advisory Committee	
6.	**Clarify Rule 8.140**	***Priority: 2b***
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: I *Access* ☒ · II *Independence* ☐ · III *Modernization* ☒ · IV *Quality* ☒ · V *Education* ☐ · VI *Infrastructure* ☐ · VII *Funding* ☐	

#	New or One-Time Projects
	Project Summary: Consider what action, if any, such as education or rule amendment relating to rule 8.140, is necessary to clarify the circumstances under which a default notice must be sent. This change was suggested by the chair of a County Bar Association Appellate Law Section. ***Status/Timeline:*** This item was previously included as item 8 on the committee's approved annual agenda for 2024–2025. After initial subcommittee analysis, the committee deferred the proposal for additional analysis. Invitation to comment planned for Spring Cycle, with anticipated effective date of January 1, 2027. ***Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:*** Committee staff ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. *Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.* ***Internal/External Stakeholders:*** Trial and appellate courts, appellate litigants; any proposal will circulate for public comment. ***AC Collaboration:*** n/a
7.	**Form for Court to Issue an Order on an Extension of Time Application in the Appellate Division (new project)** — ***Priority: 2b***
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: I *Access* ☒ · II *Independence* ☐ · III *Modernization* ☐ · IV *Quality* ☒ · V *Education* ☐ · VI *Infrastructure* ☐ · VII *Funding* ☐
	Project Summary: Consider developing a new form for the appellate division to issue an order on an extension of time application. This proposal originated with a comment by a bar association. ***Status/Timeline:*** Invitation to comment planned for Spring Cycle, with anticipated effective date of January 1, 2027 ***Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:*** Committee staff ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. *Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.* ***Internal/External Stakeholders:*** Trial and appellate courts, appellate litigants; all draft proposals will circulate for public comment.

#	New or One-Time Projects	
	AC Collaboration: n/a	
8.	**Electronic Exhibits in the Court of Appeal (new project)**	***Priority: 2b*** PLACEHOLDER
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: I *Access* ☒ II *Independence* ☐ III *Modernization* ☒ IV *Quality* ☒ V *Education* ☐ VI *Infrastructure* ☐ VII *Funding* ☐	
	Project Summary: Consider what action, if any, such as education, rule adoption or rule amendment, is necessary to clarify requirements for use of an electronic exhibits platform and increase the efficiency of the transmission of exhibits in the Court of Appeal. This change was suggested by the Executive Officer of one of the Courts of Appeal. Clarification of the rules with respect to electronic exhibits was also suggested during the Appellate Efficiency Ad Hoc Subcommittee's work on how to simplify/improve the record preparation process prompted by the suggestions of the Appellate Caseflow Workgroup (see project 6 above). ***Status/Timeline:*** Pending finalization of electronic exhibit platform in the Court of Appeal. This priority 2 project is included on the annual agenda with a recommendation that work be deferred until finalization of electronic exhibit platform in the Court of Appeal. ***Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:*** Committee staff ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. *Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.* ***Internal/External Stakeholders:*** Appellate courts, appellate litigants; all draft proposals will circulate for public comment. ***AC Collaboration:*** Information Technology Advisory Committee	
9.	**Clarify Rule 8.104(a)(1)(A) (new project)**	***Priority: 2b***
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: I *Access* ☒ II *Independence* ☐ III *Modernization* ☒ IV *Quality* ☒ V *Education* ☒ VI *Infrastructure* ☐ VII *Funding* ☐	

#	New or One-Time Projects
	Project Summary: Consider what action, if any, such as education or rule amendment relating to rule 8.104(a)(1)(A), is necessary to clarify the language "showing the date either was served" to make it more consistent with the terminology of Code of Civil Procedure sections 1010.6 and 1013b, the conclusions in *Wing Inflatables, Inc v. Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's* (2025) 112 Cal.App.5th 1108 [order denying motion], and the "single document" rule in *Alan v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc.* (2007) 40 Cal.4th 894, 904. ***Status/Timeline:*** Invitation to comment planned for Spring Cycle, with anticipated effective date of January 1, 2027 ***Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:*** Committee staff ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. *Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.* ***Internal/External Stakeholders:*** Appellate courts, appellate litigants; all draft proposals will circulate for public comment. ***AC Collaboration:*** n/a
10.	**Respondent's Designation of Reporters' Transcripts in Code of Civil Procedure section 1294.4 Appeals (one-time project)** — ***Priority: 2b***
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: I *Access* ☒ · II *Independence* ☐ · III *Modernization* ☐ · IV *Quality* ☒ · V *Education* ☐ · VI *Infrastructure* ☐ · VII *Funding* ☐
	Project Summary: Appeals under Code of Civil Procedure section 1294.4 from an order dismissing or denying a petition to compel arbitration must be decided within 100 days. Under rule 8.713, appellants must file a record designation with the notice of appeal and any reporter's transcript must be filed within 10 days. However, the rule does not provide for respondent to designate any additional reporter's transcript. This project would consider amending the rule to provide for respondent's designation and to establish the time for doing so. The project was recommended by a committee member to close a gap in the rule that is reported to have been problematic. ***Status/Timeline:*** This priority 2 project was previously included as project 9 on the committee's approved annual agenda for 2024–2025 with a completion date of January 1, 2027, to allow the committee to consider this project alongside other record-related projects. It is included on this annual agenda because it relates to the record designation process, and including this project with the other record designation proposals in project 6 above would promote efficiency and reduce the burden of separate review and implementation of related proposals. Invitation to comment planned for Spring Cycle, with anticipated effective date of January 1, 2027.

#	New or One-Time Projects
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Committee staff ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. *Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.* ***Internal/External Stakeholders:*** Appellate courts, appellate litigants; all draft proposals will circulate for public comment. ***AC Collaboration:*** Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee; Court Executives Advisory Committee; Information Technology Advisory Committee
11.	**Amend the File Size Limit for Electronic Filings in the Court of Appeal (one-time project)** — ***Priority: 2b***
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: I *Access* ☒ · II *Independence* ☐ · III *Modernization* ☒ · IV *Quality* ☒ · V *Education* ☐ · VI *Infrastructure* ☐ · VII *Funding* ☐
	Project Summary: Currently, rule 8.74(a)(5) limits the size of an electronic filing in the Court of Appeal to 25 megabytes. This limitation was included when the Courts of Appeal accepted such filings via email. It has been suggested that with full implementation of e-filing in the Courts of Appeal, this limitation is no longer necessary. This change was suggested by the Executive Officer of one of the Courts of Appeal. ***Status/Timeline:*** Pending vendor and funding approval for increased e-filing size limit. This item was previously included as item 7 on the committee's approved annual agenda for 2024–2025, but the subcommittee deferred the proposal because funding for an increase in the file-size limit has not been finalized. ***Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:*** Committee staff ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. *Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.* ***Internal/External Stakeholders:*** Appellate courts, appellate litigants; any proposal will circulate for public comment. ***AC Collaboration:*** Information Technology Advisory Committee

#	New or One-Time Projects	
12.	**Publication and Posting of Appellate Division Opinions Certified for Publication**	***Priority: 1*** PLACEHOLDER

Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals:

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
Access	*Independence*	*Modernization*	*Quality*	*Education*	*Infrastructure*	*Funding*
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Project Summary: Currently, appellate division opinions certified for publication are posted on the California courts website after the time provided for the Court of Appeal to order transfer, and only if transfer is not ordered. The current procedures were developed in part based on provisions in the California Style Manual (CSM). The CSM is now under review. This project would consider possible changes to the rules for transfer and publication based on the subject matter expertise of the Supreme Court and the Reporter of Decisions. This is a priority 1 project because it will improve access to the development of the law in unlawful detainer, debt collection, and fee waiver cases, among others.

Status/Timeline: Waiting for CSM revisions to be finalized by the Supreme Court. This item was previously approved by the Rules Committee as a placeholder. It is on hold pending action by the Supreme Court to revise the California Style Manual and consider changes to publication rules and procedures for posting opinions on the website.

Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Committee staff

☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. *Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.*

Internal/External Stakeholders: The Supreme Court, Reporter of Decisions, JC Information Technology; all draft rules proposals will circulate for public comment.

AC Collaboration: n/a

13.	**Clarify the Format Requirements that Apply to Both Paper and E-Filed Briefs (one-time project)**	***Priority: 2b*** DEFERRED

Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals:

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
Access	*Independence*	*Modernization*	*Quality*	*Education*	*Infrastructure*	*Funding*
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#	New or One-Time Projects
	Project Summary: Consider amending rule 8.204(b) to clarify the formatting requirements that apply to both paper and e-filed briefs. This project was suggested by a member of the committee. ***Status/Timeline:*** Deferred based on prioritization of committee resources. This priority 2 project to improve access and quality of justice and service to the public was previously included as project 11 on the committee's approved annual agenda for 2024–2025 but action on the project was deferred. This project is included on the annual agenda with a recommendation that work be deferred until next year in recognition of budgetary pressure and to reduce burdens on the courts. ***Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:*** Committee staff ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. *Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.* ***Internal/External Stakeholders:*** Trial and appellate courts, appellate litigants; any proposal will circulate for public comment. ***AC Collaboration:*** n/a
14.	**Revise Form JV-822 (new project)** — ***Priority: 2b*** DEFERRED
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: I *Access* ☒ · II *Independence* ☐ · III *Modernization* ☒ · IV *Quality* ☒ · V *Education* ☐ · VI *Infrastructure* ☐ · VII *Funding* ☐
	Project Summary: Consider revising the *Notice of Intent to File Writ Petition and Request for Record to Review Order Designating or Denying Specific Placement of a Dependent Child After Termination of Parental Rights* (form JV-822) to more accurately reflect rule 8.456 of the California Rules of Court. This project was suggested by a Staff Attorney of a Superior Court. ***Status/Timeline:*** Deferred based on prioritization of committee resources. This priority 2 project is included on the annual agenda with a recommendation that work be deferred until next year in recognition of budgetary pressure and to reduce burdens on the courts. ***Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:*** Committee staff, Center for Families, Children & the Courts ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. *Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.*

#	New or One-Time Projects
	Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial and appellate courts, appellate litigants; all draft proposals will circulate for public comment. ***AC Collaboration:*** Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
15.	**Amend the Filing Fee Recipient in Rule 8.100 (new project)** — ***Priority: 2b*** DEFERRED
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: I *Access* ☒ · II *Independence* ☐ · III *Modernization* ☒ · IV *Quality* ☒ · V *Education* ☐ · VI *Infrastructure* ☐ · VII *Funding* ☐
	Project Summary: Consider amending rule 8.100 of the California Rules of Court to require the fee for filing a notice of appeal be paid to the Court of Appeal instead of the Superior Court. This change was suggested by the California Academy of Appellate Lawyers. ***Status/Timeline:*** Deferred based on prioritization of committee resources. This priority 2 project is included on the annual agenda with a recommendation that work be deferred until next year in recognition of budgetary pressure, to reduce burdens on the courts. ***Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:*** Committee staff ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. *Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.* ***Internal/External Stakeholders:*** Appellate courts, appellate litigants; all draft proposals will circulate for public comment. ***AC Collaboration:*** Court Executives Advisory Committee

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities	
1.	**Improve Rules and Forms**	***Priority: 1***
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: I *Access* ☒ II *Independence* ☐ III *Modernization* ☒ IV *Quality* ☒ V *Education* ☐ VI *Infrastructure* ☐ VII *Funding* ☐	
	Project Summary: Working through the Rules Subcommittee and the Appellate Division Subcommittee, review case law changes that impact appellate courts and appellate procedure and suggestions from committee members, judicial officers, court staff, the bar, and the public concerning appellate rules and forms and appellate administration. Make recommendations to the Judicial Council for necessary changes to appellate rules, standards, and forms (rule 10.21). ***Status/Timeline:*** Ongoing ***Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:*** Committee staff; potentially others depending on the project. ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. ***Internal/External Stakeholders:*** Depends on the project; all draft proposals circulate for public comment. ***AC Collaboration:*** As appropriate, depending on the project.	
2.	**Review Pending Legislation**	***Priority: 1***
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: I *Access* ☐ II *Independence* ☐ III *Modernization* ☒ IV *Quality* ☒ V *Education* ☐ VI *Infrastructure* ☐ VII *Funding* ☐	
	Project Summary: Working through the Legislative Subcommittee, review pending legislation affecting appellate procedure and court administration and make recommendations to the Legislation Committee as to whether the Judicial Council should support or oppose the legislation (rule 10.34). ***Status/Timeline:*** Ongoing ***Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:*** Committee staff, Governmental Affairs ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.	

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities
	Internal/External Stakeholders: California Legislature ***AC Collaboration:*** TBD, depending on subject matter and scope of legislation. In the past, the committee has collaborated with the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee and the Criminal Law Advisory Committee
3.	**Review Enacted Legislation** — ***Priority: 1***
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: I *Access* ☐ · II *Independence* ☐ · III *Modernization* ☒ · IV *Quality* ☒ · V *Education* ☐ · VI *Infrastructure* ☐ · VII *Funding* ☐
	Project Summary: Review all enacted legislation referred to the committee by the Judicial Council's Governmental Affairs office that may have an impact on appellate procedure and court administration, and, where appropriate, propose to the Judicial Council rules and forms to implement the legislation or to bring rules and forms into conformity with it. ***Status/Timeline:*** Ongoing ***Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:*** Committee staff, Governmental Affairs ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. ***Internal/External Stakeholders:*** n/a ***AC Collaboration:*** As appropriate, depending on the legislation
4.	**Provide Subject-Matter Expertise** — ***Priority: 1***
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: I *Access* ☒ · II *Independence* ☐ · III *Modernization* ☒ · IV *Quality* ☒ · V *Education* ☐ · VI *Infrastructure* ☐ · VII *Funding* ☐

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities
	Project Summary: Serve as subject matter resource for the Judicial Council, its internal committees, other advisory bodies, and Judicial Council staff to support legal work, and to avoid duplication of efforts and contribute to the development of recommendations for council action. Such efforts may include providing appellate procedural expertise and review to working groups, advisory committees, and subcommittees as needed. ***Status/Timeline:*** Ongoing ***Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:*** Governmental Affairs, Legal Services, Criminal Justice Services, and Center for Families, Children & the Courts ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. ***Internal/External Stakeholders:*** N/A ***AC Collaboration:*** As appropriate, depending on the project for which advice or consultation was requested
5.	**Rules and Forms: Miscellaneous Technical Changes** — ***Priority: 2a***
	Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals: I *Access* ☐ · II *Independence* ☐ · III *Modernization* ☒ · IV *Quality* ☒ · V *Education* ☐ · VI *Infrastructure* ☐ · VII *Funding* ☐
	Project Summary: Develop rule and form changes as necessary to correct technical errors meeting the criteria of rule 10.22(d)(2): "a nonsubstantive technical change or correction or a minor substantive change that is unlikely to create controversy . . . ." ***Status/Timeline:*** Ongoing ***Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:*** Committee staff ☐ Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. ***Internal/External Stakeholders:*** n/a ***AC Collaboration:*** n/a

III. LIST OF 2024–2025 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	*New Projects and Fees for Expedited CEQA Review.* The committee, jointly with the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee, recommended amending eight rules of the California Rules of Court governing the expedited resolution of actions and proceedings brought under the California Environmental Quality Act to implement legislation requiring inclusion of "environmental leadership media campus project" for streamlined review and specify the fees that applicants of this project type must pay to cover the costs of the trial and appellate courts in adjudicating challenges to those projects.
2.	*Remote Appearances at Oral Argument in the Appellate Division.* The committee recommended amending rules 8.885 and 8.929 of the California Rules of Court to reflect modern videoconferencing technology and facilitate remote participation by both parties and appellate division judges.
3.	*Extension of Time in Misdemeanor and Infraction Appeals.* The committee recommended approving a new form for requesting extensions of time to file a brief in misdemeanor and infraction appeals.
4.	*Appellate Caseflow Workgroup Recommendations Regarding Record Preparation.* The committee began work to develop recommendations for amending rules and revising forms relating to preparation of the record on appeal.
5.	*E-Filing File Size Limit.* The committee began work to develop recommendations for amending the rule regarding the file size limit for e-filing in the Court of Appeal to increase the maximum allowable file size.
6.	*Record Procurement Default Notice.* The committee began work to develop recommendations for amending the rule governing default notices for record procurement to clarify the requirements.