

Appellate Advisory Committee
Annual Agenda¹—2024-2025
Approved by Rules Committee: October 22, 2024

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Hon. Joan K. Irion, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Fourth District
Lead Staff:	Jeremy Varon, Attorney, Legal Services (acting)
Committee’s Charge/Membership: <p><u>Rule 10.40</u> 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. <u>Rule 10.34</u> sets forth additional duties of the committee.</p> <p>Rule 10.40 sets forth the membership positions of the committee. The AAC currently has 21 members. The current committee <u>roster</u> is available on the committee’s web page.</p>	
Subgroups of the Advisory Committee²: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rules Subcommittee2. Appellate Division Subcommittee3. Legislative Subcommittee4. Appellate Efficiency Ad Hoc Subcommittee	

¹ The annual agenda outlines the work a committee will focus on in the coming year or cycle and identifies areas of collaboration with other advisory bodies and the Judicial Council staff resources.

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

Meetings Planned for 2024-2025³ (Advisory body and all subgroups listed above.)

Full committee meetings:

- October 2024 (videoconference to review winter cycle proposals)
- February/March 2025 (videoconference to make final recommendations on winter cycle proposals and to review spring cycle proposals)
- July 2025 (videoconference to make final recommendations on spring cycle proposals)
- September 2025 (videoconference to make recommendations on annual agenda)

Subcommittee meetings: one or more teleconference or videoconference meetings of each subcommittee before each full committee meeting, to work on rules and forms proposals. Appellate Efficiency 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. 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 suspending advisory body in-person meetings for the 2024–2025 annual agenda cycle. If an in-person meeting is needed, the responsible Judicial Council office head must seek final approval from the advisory body’s internal oversight committee chair. Please see the prioritization memo dated July 1, 2024, for additional details.

II. COMMITTEE PROJECTS

#	New or One-Time Projects ⁴	
1.	Project Title: CEQA Rules: Implementation of Legislation (new project)	Priority 1(a) ⁵
<p>Project Summary: Develop rules recommendations as appropriate. <u>AB 3265</u> and <u>SB 1342</u> include additional projects and types of projects that receive expedited CEQA judicial review. Specifically, AB 3265 establishes streamlined procedures for judicial review of approvals granted for an environmental leadership media campus project, as defined. SB 1342 includes two specific projects as infrastructure projects, as defined by statute and rules, thereby providing expedited CEQA review for the projects. Rules should be amended to include these new projects and project types.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: Invitation to comment planned for Winter Cycle, with anticipated effective date of July 1, 2025.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Committee staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: All draft proposals will circulate to seek comments from legal service groups, bar organizations, and court executives and presiding judges throughout the state.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: Joint project with Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee.</p>		Strategic Plan Goals I, III ⁶

⁴ All proposed projects for the year must be included on the Annual Agenda. If a project implements policy or is a program, identify it as *implementation* or a *program* in the project description and attach the Judicial Council authorization/assignment or prior approved Annual Agenda to this Annual Agenda.

⁵ For non-rules and forms projects, select priority level 1 (must be done) or 2 (should be done). For rules and forms proposals, select one of the following priority levels: 1(a) Urgently needed to conform to or accurately reflect the law; 1(b) Council has directed the committee to consider new or amended rules and forms; 1(c) Change is urgently needed to remedy a problem that is causing significant cost or inconvenience to the courts or the public; or 1(d) Proposal is otherwise urgent and necessary, such as a proposal that would mitigate exposure to immediate or severe financial or legal risk. *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.* 2(a) Useful, but not necessary, to implement changes in law; 2(b) Responsive to identified concerns or problems; or 2(c) Helpful in otherwise advancing Judicial Council goals and objectives. *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.*

⁶ Indicate which goal number of The Strategic Plan for California's Judicial Branch the project most closely aligns.

<p>2. Project Title: Appellate Caseflow Workgroup Recommendations Regarding Record Preparation (one-time project)</p>	<p>Priority 1(b)</p> <p>Strategic Plan Goals III, IV</p>
<p>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 Workgroup⁷ and referred to the Appellate Advisory Committee by direction from the Executive and Planning Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider amending the applicable rules of court 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, amend the applicable rules of court 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. • Consider amending the rules of court 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. <p>Status/Timeline: These proposals were previously included as projects 5, 6, and 7 on the committee’s approved annual agenda for 2023-2024 with a proposed completion date of January 1, 2027.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: Committee staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Trial and appellate courts, appellate litigants; all draft proposals will circulate for public comment.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: Court Executives Advisory Committee.</p>	

⁷ The Appellate Caseflow Workgroup was appointed by Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye in June 2022, and made its report to her in December 2022. It may be viewed at https://newsroom.courts.ca.gov/sites/default/files/newsroom/2022-12/Appellate%20Caseflow%20Workgroup%20Report_Final.pdf.

3.	Project Title: Submission of Excerpts of Record on Appeal with Briefs (one-time project)	Priority 1(b)
	Strategic Plan Goals III, IV	
<p>Project Summary: Consider amending the rules of court 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 Appellate Advisory 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.</p> <p>This project would involve considering whether to encourage or require this practice, and if so, what to include in an excerpt.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: This proposal was previously included as project 8 on the committee’s approved annual agenda for 2023-2024 with a proposed completion date of January 1, 2027.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: Committee staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Appellate courts, appellate litigants; all draft proposals will circulate for public comment.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: N/A</p>		
4.	Project Title: Update rules regarding remote proceedings in the appellate divisions (one-time project)	Priority 1(a)
	Strategic Plan Goals III, IV	
<p>Project Summary: Consider amending rules 8.885 and 8.929 in light of Code of Civil Procedure section 367.75 and rules 3.672 and 10.635, and to facilitate remote appearances. It is the understanding of the committee that efforts to facilitate remote appearances remain a priority for the judicial branch.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: This proposal was previously included on the committee’s approved 2022-2023 annual agenda and a proposal was circulated for public comment in Spring 2023. Action was subsequently deferred pending council rulemaking establishing standards for when a judicial officer may preside over a remote court proceeding from a location other than a courtroom (Code of Civ. Proc., § 367.10). New rule 3.672 regarding such proceedings was adopted by the council effective August 4, 2024. Anticipate invitation to comment in 2025 with an effective date of January 1, 2026.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: Committee staff.</p>		

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5.	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%; padding: 5px;">Project Title: Application for Extensions of Time to File Briefs in Misdemeanor and Infraction Appeals (one-time project)</td> <td style="width: 30%; padding: 5px;">Priority 1(b)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="padding: 5px;">Strategic Plan Goals III, IV</td> </tr> </table> <p>Project Summary: Consider development of a new form to apply for an extension of time to file a brief in misdemeanor and infraction appeals. This proposal is part of the committee’s consideration of the following recommendation of the Appellate Caseflow Workgroup referred to the Appellate Advisory Committee by the Executive and Planning Committee:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Consider amending the rules of court to require litigants who request extensions of time without using the council’s optional forms to include in their request some or all of the information contained on the request forms, or making the request forms (forms APP-006, APP-106, CR-126, JV-816, and JV-817) mandatory. The workgroup encouraged the council to consider requiring litigants to provide certain information in extension of time requests to enable courts to better evaluate whether the moving party has demonstrated good cause.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: In Spring 2024, in response to the above referral, the committee circulated for public comment a proposal that included, among several other things, a proposed new form to apply for an extension of time to file a brief in misdemeanor appeals. In response to a public comment, action on this form was deferred to allow the committee to consider whether it should be expanded for use in infraction appeals as well. Anticipate invitation to comment in 2025 with an effective date of January 1, 2026.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Committee staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders Trial and appellate courts, appellate litigants; any proposal will circulate for public comment.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: N/A</p>	Project Title: Application for Extensions of Time to File Briefs in Misdemeanor and Infraction Appeals (one-time project)	Priority 1(b)	Strategic Plan Goals III, IV	
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6. Publication and posting of appellate division opinions certified for publication	Priority 1 PLACEHOLDER
	Strategic Plan Goals I, III
<p>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.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: 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.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: Committee staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: The Supreme Court, Reporter of Decisions, JC Information Technology; all draft rules proposals will circulate for public comment.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: N/A</p>	
7. Project Title: Amend the File Size Limit for Electronic Filings in the Court of Appeal (one-time project)	Priority 2(b)
	Strategic Plan Goals I, III, IV
<p>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.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: This priority 2 project is included on the annual agenda because allowing e-filing of larger files would reduce burdens on litigants and the courts, who must currently file/receive larger files in multiple pieces to comply with the 25 megabyte limitation. Anticipate invitation to comment in 2025 with an effective date of January 1, 2026.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: Committee staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</p>	

	<p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Appellate courts, appellate litigants; any proposal will circulate for public comment.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: Information Technology Advisory Committee.</p>	
8.	<p>Project Title: Clarify that a Respondent Who Fails to Timely File a Record Designation Must Receive a Default Notice (one-time project)</p>	<p>Priority 2(b)</p> <p>Strategic Plan Goal III, IV</p>
	<p>Project Summary: Consider what action, if any, such as education or rule amendment relating to rule 8.140, is necessary to clarify that a court must give notice to either appellant or respondent who fails to timely file a record designation in a civil appeal. It has been reported that respondents are not receiving such notices in all cases. This change was suggested by the chair of a County Bar Association Appellate Law Section.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: This priority 2 project is included on the annual agenda because it relates to the record designation process, and including this project with the other record designation proposals in project 1 above and 7 below would promote efficiency and reduce the burden of separate review and implementation of related proposals.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Committee staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders Trial and appellate courts, appellate litigants; any proposal will circulate for public comment.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: N/A</p>	
9.	<p>Project Title: Respondent’s designation of reporters’ transcripts in Code of Civil Procedure section 1294.4 appeals (one-time project)</p>	<p>Priority 2(b)</p> <p>Strategic Plan Goals I, IV</p>
	<p>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.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: This priority 2 project was previously included as project 10 on the committee’s approved annual agenda for 2023-2024 with a completion date of January 1, 2026 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</p>	

	<p>designation proposals in projects 1 and 6 above would promote efficiency and reduce the burden of separate review and implementation of related proposals.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: Committee staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Appellate courts, appellate litigants; all draft proposals will circulate for public comment.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: N/A</p>	
10.	<p>Project Title: Inclusion of Voir Dire and Opening Statements in Reporter’s Transcripts in Felony Appeals (one-time project)</p>	<p>Priority 2(b) DEFERRED</p> <p>Strategic Plan Goals III, IV</p>
	<p>Project Summary: Consider amending rule 8.320(c)(3) to remove the provision that excludes voir dire examination of jurors and any opening statement from reporter’s transcripts in felony appeals. Under the Racial Justice Act these transcripts may be important to determine if a violation of the Act has occurred. It is suggested that it will improve efficiency to automatically include these in the reporter’s transcripts, rather than requiring that litigants request augmentation of the record under rule 8.324.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: Deferred due to budget constraints impacting the judicial branch. 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, and to allow development of information about augmentation requests for these transcripts in appeals under the Racial Justice Act.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Committee staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders Trial and appellate courts, appellate litigants; any proposal will circulate for public comment.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: N/A</p>	

<p>11. Project Title: Clarify the Format Requirements that Apply to Both Paper and E-Filed Briefs (one-time project)</p>	<p>Priority 2(b) DEFERRED</p>
<p>Strategic Plan Goals III, IV</p>	
<p>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 Appellate Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: Deferred due to budget constraints impacting the judicial branch. 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.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Committee staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders Trial and appellate courts, appellate litigants; any proposal will circulate for public comment.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: N/A</p>	
<p>12. Project Title: Application of Rule 8.416 to dependency appeals statewide (one-time project)</p>	<p>Priority 2(c) DEFERRED</p>
<p>Strategic Plan Goals I, III, IV</p>	
<p>Project Summary: Rule 8.416 provides fast track procedures in appeals from (1) all terminations of parental rights, regardless of county of origin, and (2) all judgments or appealable orders in juvenile dependency cases originating out of the Superior Courts of Orange, Imperial, and San Diego Counties (or other superior courts where both the superior court and District Court of Appeal have agreed to have Rule 8.416 govern). This project would consider whether to amend the rules of court (and revise forms as necessary) to expand these fast-track procedures to all dependency appeals in the state. This project was suggested by an Administrative Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeal.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: Deferred due to budget constraints impacting the judicial branch. This priority 2 project to improve access and quality of justice and service to the public was previously included as project 12 on the committee’s approved annual agenda for 2023-2024 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.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: Committee staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Appellate courts, litigants in dependency proceedings; all draft proposals will circulate for public comment.</p>	

AC Collaboration: Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee; Administrative Presiding Justices Advisory Committee.

# Ongoing Projects and Activities ⁴	
1.	<i>Improve Rules and Forms</i>
	<i>Priority 1</i>
<i>Strategic Plan Goals I, III, IV</i>	
<p><i>Project Summary:</i> 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).</p> <p><i>Status/Timeline:</i> Ongoing.</p> <p><i>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</i> Committee staff; potentially others depending on the project.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i> Depends on the project; all draft proposals circulate for public comment.</p> <p><i>AC Collaboration:</i> As appropriate, depending on the project.</p>	
2.	<i>Review Pending Legislation</i>
	<i>Priority 1</i>
<i>Strategic Plan Goals III, IV</i>	
<p><i>Project Summary:</i> 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).</p> <p><i>Status/Timeline:</i> Ongoing.</p> <p><i>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</i> Committee staff, Governmental Affairs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>The project includes allocations or distributions of funds to the courts, which have been reviewed and approved by Budget Service.</i></p> <p><i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i> California Legislature.</p> <p><i>AC Collaboration:</i> N/A</p>	

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3.	<i>Review Enacted Legislation</i>	<i>Priority 1</i> <i>Strategic Plan Goals III, IV</i>
<p><i>Project Summary:</i> 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.</p> <p><i>Status/Timeline:</i> Ongoing.</p> <p><i>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</i> Committee staff, Governmental Affairs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i> N/A</p> <p><i>AC Collaboration:</i> As appropriate, depending on the legislation.</p>		
4.	<i>Provide Subject Matter Expertise</i>	<i>Priority 2(b)</i> <i>Strategic Plan Goal III</i>
<p><i>Project Summary:</i> Serve as subject matter resource for other advisory groups 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.</p> <p><i>Status/Timeline:</i> Ongoing.</p> <p><i>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</i> Committee staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i> N/A</p> <p><i>AC Collaboration:</i> As appropriate, depending on the project for which advice or consultation was requested.</p>		

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5.	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;"><i>Rules and Forms: Miscellaneous Technical Changes</i></td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"><i>Priority 2(a)</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;"><i>Strategic Plan Goals III, IV</i></td> </tr> </table> <p>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”</p> <p>Status/Timeline: Ongoing.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: Committee staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>The project includes allocations or distributions of funds to the courts, which have been reviewed and approved by Budget Service.</i></p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: N/A</p> <p>AC Collaboration: N/A</p>	<i>Rules and Forms: Miscellaneous Technical Changes</i>	<i>Priority 2(a)</i>	<i>Strategic Plan Goals III, IV</i>	
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LIST OF 2024 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	<i>Civil Case Information Statement.</i> The committee recommended amending California Rules of Court, rule 8.100 to require appellants to file the <i>Civil Case Information Statement</i> (APP-004) within 15 days after the reviewing court assigns the appeal a case number and revising form APP-004 to allow the appellant to provide a nonstatutory reason why the appeal is eligible for calendar preference. The committee also recommended revising the forms used by parties to request extensions of time to file briefs to make slight substantive and formatting improvements.
2.	<i>Expanded Clerk’s Transcripts in Felony Appeals.</i> The committee recommended amending California Rules of Court, rule 8.320 to authorize the Courts of Appeal to require, by local rule, that the clerk’s transcript in felony appeals include additional court records from the superior court file beyond those currently required in rule 8.320(b) or (d)(1).
3.	<i>Deadline for Amicus Curiae Briefs.</i> The committee recommended amending California Rules of Court, rule 8.200 to provide a deadline for filing an application to file an amicus curiae brief when no respondent’s brief has been filed.
4.	<i>Form Briefs for Use in Limited Civil Appeals.</i> The committee recommended the approval of three optional form briefs that parties can use in limited civil appeals, as well as related information sheets that explain how to use each form brief. Additionally, the committee recommends amending one rule of court and revising one information sheet to address these new forms.
5.	<i>Appellate Caseflow Workgroup Recommendations Regarding Record Preparation.</i> The committee began work on amending rules and revising forms relating to preparation of the record on appeal.
6.	<i>Application of Rule 8.416 to Dependency Appeals Statewide.</i> The committee began work on amending California Rules of Court, rule 8.416.