

Rule 10.493 of the California Rules of Court would be adopted, effective January 1, 2021, to read:

1 **Rule 10.493. Instructor-led training, independent training, and self-study**

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3 **(a) Definitions**

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5 As used in this rule:

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7 (1) “Instructor-led training” means synchronous education guided by faculty that
8 allows for real-time communication between faculty and participants and
9 offered by an approved provider under rule 10.481. Examples of instructor-
10 led training include in-person trainings in a classroom setting, webinars, or
11 videoconferences.

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13 (2) “Independent training” means asynchronous education unguided by faculty in
14 real-time, taken by a participant at a time and location that is not dependent
15 on the participation of others, and offered by an approved provider under rule
16 10.481. Examples of independent training include online courses, videos,
17 prerecorded webinars, or podcasts.

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19 (3) “Self-study” or “self-directed study” means a course of study without
20 individual supervision, guidance, or oversight.

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22 **(b) Continuing education requirements**

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24 (1) Notwithstanding any other rule, instructor-led training or independent
25 training may be used to satisfy all continuing education requirements
26 contained in the California Rules of Court. This provision applies whether
27 the requirement relates to a specific course or to a certain percentage or
28 number of hours of education.

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30 (2) Unless otherwise permitted by a rule of court or authorized under rule
31 10.481(b), self-study or self-directed study may not be used to satisfy
32 continuing education requirements.

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34 **Advisory Committee Comment**

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36 This rule is intended to eliminate any restriction within the California Rules of Court that requires
37 that a specific course be taken or a certain number or percentage of hours of education be taken in
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