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# REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

*Item No.:* 25-108 For business meeting on July 18, 2025

#### Title

Rules and Forms: Adjustment to Deposit Account Exemption from Enforcement of Judgment

**Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected** Revise form EJ-156

#### **Recommended by**

Judicial Council staff Eric Long, Supervising Attorney Legal Services **Report Type** Action Required

**Effective Date** July 21, 2025

**Date of Report** June 13, 2025

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## **Executive Summary**

The Code of Civil Procedure requires the dollar amount of the exemption for a judgment debtor's deposit account to be adjusted annually in July to reflect increases in the minimum basic standard of care for a family of four. Judicial Council staff recommend revising the form that lists the dollar amounts of exemptions from enforcement of judgment to reflect the updated figure for deposit accounts.

## Recommendation

Judicial Council staff recommend that the Judicial Council, effective July 21, 2025, revise *Current Dollar Amounts of Exemptions From Enforcement of Judgments* (form EJ-156) to reflect increases in the minimum basic standard of care for a family of four.

Proposed revised form EJ-156 is attached at pages 4 and 5.

## **Relevant Previous Council Action**

The Judicial Council began publishing a list of the dollar amounts of certain exemptions from the enforcement of judgment in April 2004. The list was published on the California Courts website<sup>1</sup> until April 1, 2013, when it was replaced by newly adopted form EJ-156. The council has regularly updated form EJ-156 since then to make statutorily mandated three-year adjustments to certain exemption amounts, most recently in March 2025. The council has also regularly updated form EJ-156 to make statutorily mandated annual updates to the amount of the automatic exemption for a deposit account, most recently in July 2024.

## Analysis/Rationale

Code of Civil Procedure sections 703.140(b) and 704.010 et seq.<sup>2</sup> exempt certain types of property from enforcement of judgment. These exemptions are limited to a specified dollar amount. Those amounts are listed on *Current Dollar Amounts of Exemptions From Enforcement of Judgments* (form EJ-156), as required by section 703.150(e).

One of the exemptions listed on form EJ-156 is for money in a judgment debtor's deposit account. The exempt amount is "equal to or less than the minimum basic standard of adequate care for a family of four," a figure that is adjusted annually by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). Section 704.220(a) requires the amount of the exemption to be updated annually to reflect the annual CDSS adjustment.

On June 10, 2025, CDSS stated that this year's cost of living adjustment to the minimum basic standard of adequate care for a family of four is an increase of 3.42%, effective July 1, 2025.<sup>3</sup> As a result of this adjustment, the amount of the exemption for a judgment debtor's deposit account will increase from \$2,170 to \$2,244. Staff recommend revising form EJ-156 to reflect this increase.

## **Policy implications**

The key policy implication is that the Judicial Council will fulfill its statutory mandate to revise form EJ-156 to reflect the current minimum basic standard of adequate care for a family of four. This revision is consistent with the *Strategic Plan for California's Judicial Branch*, specifically the goals of Modernization of Management and Administration (Goal III) and Quality of Justice and Service to the Public (Goal IV).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., *Exemptions From the Enforcement of Judgments* (Apr. 12, 2004); Judicial Council of Cal., mins. (Apr. 23, 2004), item 1, p. 1, *https://courts.ca.gov/sites/default/files/courts/default/2024-10/age0404.pdf*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All further citations are to the Code of Civil Procedure unless otherwise specified.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Cal. Health & Human Services Agency, All County Letter 25-36, *Cost of Living Adjustment Increase to the Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care and Income In-Kind Levels for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids, Refugee Cash Assistance, Entrant Cash Assistance, and the Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Program (June 10, 2025), https://cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/Additional-Resources/Letters-and-Notices/ACLs/2025/25-36.pdf.* 

## Comments

Public comments were not solicited for this proposal because the Rules Committee determined that the recommendations are within the Judicial Council's purview to adopt without circulation. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.22(d)(2).).

### Alternatives considered

Judicial Council staff did not consider the alternative of taking no action because the recommended form revisions are statutorily mandated.

## **Fiscal and Operational Impacts**

The impact on the trial courts should be minimal. Form EJ-156 is informational only and is not filed with or completed by the courts.

## Attachments

1. Form EJ-156, at pages 4–5

#### CURRENT DOLLAR AMOUNTS OF EXEMPTIONS FROM ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS Code of Civil Procedure sections 703.140(b) and 704.010 et seq.

#### **EXEMPTIONS UNDER SECTION 703.140(b)**

The following lists the current dollar amounts of exemptions from enforcement of judgment under Code of Civil Procedure section 703.140(b) used in a case under title 11 of the United States Code (bankruptcy).

Unless otherwise provided by statute, these amounts are effective April 1, 2025, and will be adjusted at each three-year interval ending on March 31. The amount of the adjustment to the prior amounts is based on the change in the annual California Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the most recent three-year period ending on the preceding December 31, with each adjusted amount rounded to the nearest \$25. (See Code Civ. Proc., § 703.150(e).)

<u>Code Civ. Proc., § 703.140(b)</u>	Type of Property	Amount of Exemption
(1) DRAFT 06/04/2025 NOT APPROVED BY COUNCIL	The debtor's aggregate interest in real property or personal property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as a residence, or in a cooperative that owns property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as a residence	\$ 36,750
(2)	The debtor's interest in one or more motor vehicles	\$ 8,625
(3)	The debtor's interest in household furnishings, household goods, wearing apparel, appliances, books, animals, crops, or musical instruments, that are held primarily for the personal, family, or household use of the debtor or a dependent of the debtor (value is of any particular item)	\$ 925
(4)	The debtor's aggregate interest in jewelry held primarily for the personal, family, or household use of the debtor or a dependent of the debtor	\$ 2,175
(5)	The debtor's aggregate interest, plus any unused amount of the exemption provided under paragraph (1), in any property	\$ 1,950
(6)	The debtor's aggregate interest in any implements, professional books, or tools of the trade of the debtor or the trade of a dependent of the debtor	\$ 10,950
(8)	The debtor's aggregate interest in any accrued dividend or interest under, or loan value of, any unmatured life insurance contract owned by the debtor under which the insured is the debtor or an individual of whom the debtor is a dependent	\$ 19,625
(10)(F)	The debtor's aggregate interest in vacation credits or accrued, or unused, vacation pay, sick leave, family leave, or wages, as defined in Section 200 of the Labor Code	\$ 8,625
(11)(E)	The debtor's right to receive, or property traceable to, a payment on account of personal bodily injury of the debtor or an individual of whom the debtor is a dependent	\$ 36,750

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#### CURRENT DOLLAR AMOUNTS OF EXEMPTIONS FROM ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS Code of Civil Procedure sections 703.140(b) and 704.010 et seq.

#### EXEMPTIONS UNDER SECTION 704.010 et seq.

The following lists the current dollar amounts of exemptions from enforcement of judgment under title 9, division 2, chapter 4, article 3 (commencing with section 704.010) of the Code of Civil Procedure.

The amount of the automatic exemption for a deposit account under section 704.220(a) is effective July 1, 2025, and unless otherwise provided by statute after that date, will be adjusted annually, effective July 1, by the Department of Social Services under Welfare and Institutions Code section 11453 to reflect the minimum basic standard of care for a family of four as established by section 11452.\*

Unless otherwise provided by statute, the other amounts are all effective April 1, 2025, and will be adjusted at each three-year interval, ending on March 31. The amount of the adjustment to the prior amounts is based on the change in the annual California Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the most recent three-year period ending on the preceding December 31, with each adjusted amount rounded to the nearest \$25. (See Code Civ. Proc., § 703.150(e).)

Code Civ. Proc. Section	Type of Property	Amount of Exemption
704.010	Motor vehicle (any combination of aggregate equity, proceeds of execution sale, and proceeds of insurance or other indemnification for loss, damage, or destruction)	\$ 8,625
704.030	Material to be applied to repair or maintenance of residence	\$ 4,400
704.040	Jewelry, heirlooms, art	\$ 10,950
704.060	Personal property used in debtor's or debtor's spouse's trade, business, or profession (amount of exemption for commercial motor vehicle not to exceed \$4,850)	\$ 10,950
704.060	Personal property used in debtor's and spouse's common trade, business, or profession (amount of exemption for commercial motor vehicle not to exceed \$9,700)	\$ 21,900
704.220	Deposit account, generally (exemption without claim; amount per judgment debtor, section 704.220(a) & (e)) <sup>1</sup>	<mark>\$ 2,244*</mark>
704.080	Deposit account with direct payment of social security or public benefits (exemption without claim, section 704.080(b)) <sup>2</sup>	
	<ul> <li>Public benefits, one depositor is designated payee</li> </ul>	\$ 2,175
	<ul> <li>Social security benefits, one depositor is designated payee</li> </ul>	\$ 4,400
	<ul> <li>Public benefits, two or more depositors are designated payees<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>	\$ 3,250
	<ul> <li>Social security benefits, two or more depositors are designated payees<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>	\$ 6,575
704.090	Inmate trust account	\$ 2,175
	Inmate trust account (restitution fine or order)	\$ 325 <sup>4</sup>
704.100	Aggregate loan value of unmatured life insurance policies	\$ 17,525
704.113	The aggregate interest in vacation credits or accrued, or unused, vacation pay, sick leave, or family leave	\$ 8,625

1 This exemption does not preclude or reduce other exemptions for deposit accounts. However, if the exemption amount for the deposit account applicable under other automatic exemptions—such as those applicable for direct deposit of social security benefits or public benefits—is greater under the other exemptions, then those apply instead of this one. (Code Civ. Proc., § 704.220(b).)

2 The amount of a deposit account with direct deposited funds that exceeds exemption amounts shown is also exempt to the extent it consists of payments of public benefits or social security benefits. (Code Civ. Proc., § 704.080(c).)

3 If only one joint payee is a beneficiary of the payment, the exemption is in the amount available to a single designated payee. (Code Civ. Proc., § 704.080(b)(3) & (4).)

<sup>4</sup> This amount is not subject to adjustments under Code of Civil Procedure section 703.150.

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# M E M O R A N D U M

#### Date

June 23, 2025

**To** Executive and Planning Committee

From Darrell S. Mavis, Chair Center for Judicial Education and Resources (CJER) Advisory Committee Action Requested Approve Addition to Annual Agenda

**Deadline** July 3, 2025

**Contact** Steven Warner, Supervising Attorney 415-865-8703 phone steven.warner@jud.ca.gov

#### Subject

Addition to 2025 CJER Advisory Committee Annual Agenda

## **Executive Summary**

Pandemic-related deadline extensions, contained within rule 10.492 of the California Rules of Court, gave judicial officers and judicial branch personnel additional time to complete continuing education requirements. By its sunset provision, the rule ceased to have effect on December 31, 2024. The Center for Judicial Education and Resources Advisory Committee is requesting approval from the Executive and Planning Committee to repeal rule 10.492.

## **Action Requested**

The CJER Advisory Committee asks the Executive and Planning Committee to approve adding to the 2025 CJER Advisory Committee Annual Agenda the new one-time project titled "Repeal California Rules of Court, Rule 10.492."

The proposed annual agenda is attached at pages 4–11.

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## **Basis for Request**

#### Background

At its business meeting on November 13, 2020, the Judicial Council adopted rule 10.492 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that led to the widespread cancellation and postponement of in-person educational training. The pandemic made it difficult to comply with the continuing education requirements for judicial officers and judicial branch personnel contained in rules 10.461–10.479. The council amended rule 10.492 in 2021 to extend the deadline even further for new judicial officers to attend the B. E. Witkin Judicial College.

The proposal is recommended to eliminate any actual or potential confusion about whether the deadline extensions remain in effect. Under rule 10.492(e), the entire rule sunsetted effective December 31, 2024. Potentially, anyone who joined the bench or became a judicial branch employee before that date could misinterpret the rule and believe that the extensions remain in effect or were "acquired" on the date of their oath or first day of employment. For example, a judge who assumed office on December 1, 2024, could mistakenly believe that they have 4.5 years from that date, or until June 30, 2029, to attend the judicial college.

#### Annual Agenda

The CJER Advisory Committee proposes that the new project titled "Repeal California Rules of Court, Rule 10.492" be added to its annual agenda. This project is categorized as a priority level 1 because it is required to prevent confusion about current educational requirements. Following are the specifications for the item:

- **Project Summary:** Recommend repealing California Rules of Court, rule 10.492, Temporary extension and pro rata reduction of judicial branch education requirements. Pandemic-related deadline extensions, contained within rule 10.492, gave judicial officers and judicial branch personnel additional time to complete continuing education requirements. Under the sunset provision contained in rule 10.492(e), the rule ceased to have effect on December 31, 2024. Making a technical amendment to repeal rule 10.492 in its entirety would eliminate any actual or potential confusion about whether the extensions remain in effect.
- *Status/Timeline*: The rule change would be submitted to the Judicial Council for review and approval in October 2025, with an anticipated effective date of January 1, 2026.
- Fiscal Impact/Resources: CJER contact: Karene Alvarado and Legal Services.
- Internal/External Stakeholders: Not applicable.
- AC Collaboration: Not applicable.

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## Attachments

1. Revised CJER Advisory Committee 2025 Annual Agenda, at pages 4–11.

## <u>Center for Judicial Education and Resources Advisory Committee</u> Annual Agenda<sup>1</sup>—2025 Approved by Executive and Planning Committee: <u>Amended [DATE]</u>

## I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Hon. Darrell S. Mavis, Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Lead Staff:	Mr. Steven G. Warner, Supervising Attorney, Center for Judicial Education and Resources

## Committee's Charge/Membership:

<u>Rule 10.50(b)</u> of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Center for Judicial Education and Resources (CJER) Advisory Committee, which is to make recommendations to the council for improving the administration of justice through comprehensive and quality education and training for judicial officers and other judicial branch personnel. <u>Rule 10.50(c)</u> sets forth additional duties of the committee.

<u>Rule 10.50(d)</u> sets forth the membership position of the committee. The CJER Advisory Committee currently has 13 voting members and 2 advisory members. The current committee <u>roster</u> is available on the committee's webpage.

## Subgroups of the Advisory Committee<sup>2</sup>:

- 1. Appellate Practice Curriculum Committee
- 2. Civil Law Curriculum Committee
- 3. Criminal Law Curriculum Committee
- 4. Family Law Curriculum Committee
- 5. Judicial Branch Access, Ethics & Fairness Curriculum Committee
- 6. Judicial Branch Leadership Development Curriculum Committee
- 7. Juvenile Law Curriculum Committee
- 8. Probate Law Curriculum Committee
- 9. Trial Court Operations Curriculum Committee
- 10. B. E. Witkin Judicial College Steering Committee

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>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 2025<sup>3</sup> (Advisory body and all subgroups listed above.)

## Videoconferences:

February 4, 2025 May 8, 2025 September 9, 2025 September 16, 2025 September 30, 2025 November 13, 2025

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 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<sup>4</sup>

#	New or One-Time Projects		
1.	Project Title: Develop Caseflow Management Curriculum for Judicial Branch Education (New)	<b>Priority</b> <sup>5</sup> 1	
		Strategic Plan Goal <sup>6</sup> V	
	<i>Project Summary:</i> The committee created and is overseeing a workgroup comprised of judicial officers, court administrators, and caseflow management experts from the National Center for State Courts to design an education curriculum on caseflow management for judicial officers and court staff. Once the curriculum is created, the CJER Advisory Committee will oversee its integration into existing curricula and programmatic offerings.		
	Status/Timeline: Ends December 31, 2025.		
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CJER contact: Karene Alvarado.		
	This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Ser relevant materials.	vices to ensure their review of	
	Internal/External Stakeholders: Not applicable.		
	<i>AC Collaboration:</i> Court Executives Advisory Committee, Data Analytics Advisory Committee, and Trial Advisory Committee.	Court Presiding Judges	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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 <u>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.*</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Indicate which goal number of The Strategic Plan for California's Judicial Branch the project most closely aligns.

#	New or One-Time Projects		
2.	Project Title: Continue to Implement Appellate Caseflow Management Workgroup Recommendation	Priority 1	
	(One Time)	Strategic Plan Goal V	
	<b>Project Summary:</b> Continue to explore educational needs assessment for trial court appellate records preparation clerks per Appellate Caseflow Workgroup recommendation by consulting appropriate informal focus groups and the Trial Court Operations Curriculum Committee and implement solutions as appropriate.		
	Status/Timeline: Ends December 31, 2025.		
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CJER contact: Karene Alvarado.		
	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.		
Internal/External Stakeholders: Not applicable.			
	AC Collaboration: Appellate Advisory Committee and Data Analytics Advisory Committee.		
3.	Project Title: Design the 2026–2028 Education Plan (New)	Priority 1	
		Strategic Plan Goal V	
	<b>Project Summary:</b> Curriculum committees and work groups collaborate with council staff to review current currarea and undertake a needs assessment. Curriculum committees recommend products to be delivered during the suggesting the best delivery method (e.g., live in-person or live remote) for the content, to the CJER Advisory C Advisory Committee conducts a cost-benefit analysis for every high-cost item and finalizes a draft two-year edu is submitted to the Judicial Council for review and approval.	two-year cycle, including Committee. The CJER	
	<i>Status/Timeline:</i> A draft of the 2026–2028 Education Plan will be submitted to the Judicial Council for review 2026.	and approval in January	
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CJER contact: Karene Alvarado.		
	This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services relevant materials.	to ensure their review of	
	Internal/External Stakeholders: Not applicable.		

<b>Project Title:</b> Repeal California Rules of Court, Rule 10.492 (One Time)	Priority 1	
	Strategic Plan Goal V	
<b>Project Summary:</b> Recommend repealing California Rules of Court, <u>rule 10.492</u> , Temporary extension and pro rata reduction of judicial branch education requirements. Pandemic-related deadline extensions, contained within <u>rule 10.492</u> , gave judicial officers and judicial branch personnel additional time to complete continuing education requirements. Under the sunset provision contained in <u>rule 10.492(e)</u> , the rule ceased to have effect on December 31, 2024. Making a technical amendment to repeal <u>rule 10.492</u> in its entirety would eliminate any actual or potential confusion about whether the extensions remain in effect.		
Status/Timeline: The rule change would be submitted to the Judicial Council for review and approval in October 2025, with an anticipated effective date of January 1, 2026.		
Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CJER contact: Karene Alvarado and Legal Services.		
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.		

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities		
1.	<i>Project Title:</i> Continue to Implement 2024–2026 Education Plan	Priority 1	
		Strategic Plan Goal V	
	<b>Project Summary:</b> Continue delivering to judicial officers and court staff the educational products contained in the 2024–2026 Education Plan, which the Judicial Council approved at its January 2024 meeting.		
	Status/Timeline: Ends June 30, 2026.		
	Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: CJER contact: Karene Alvarado.		
	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.		
	Internal/External Stakeholders: Not applicable.		
	AC Collaboration: Not applicable.		

## III. LIST OF 2024 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	Used additional funding allocated to the branch to continue expanding resources and training on water law, climate change, and broader environmental issues. Developed a more extensive water law course that included human rights related to water and tribal water rights; broadened the program's reach by offering it to court attorneys and advertising it to tribal judges. Created a live, two-day, Environmental Law program that brought together judicial officers and experts to provide insights on environmental law and its scientific foundations. Produced three videos featuring subject matter experts from the Environmental Law program, extending the impact and accessibility of the event's content by ensuring that the knowledge shared during the live program benefits a wider audience. Recorded a podcast on climate modeling that is designed to serve as a foundational resource for judicial officers in environmental and water law. Created an email listserv to help facilitate sharing ideas among judicial officers interested in environmental law, the California Environmental Quality Act, and water law. Continued writing draft of new water law judicial publication.
2.	Continued to expand new judge educational offerings to accommodate the increased number of newly appointed judicial officers. Requested and received additional funding to double the number of offerings for New Judge Orientation, a week-long program. The current education plan includes delivery of two sessions of the B. E. Witkin Judicial College in 2025 to meet demand (historically, only 1 college has been delivered annually with the exception of 2022 when two were delivered). Expanding new judge education ensures that all newly appointed judges receive relevant information, access a learning community of peers, and have the chance to practice courtroom skills. New judge educational offerings are designed to help new judges to acclimate to their roles and serve the members of the public who appear in their courtrooms.
3.	Continued to expand access and increase efficiency of education and training for court staff statewide. Responded to eight courts who requested customized live education for their employees. Delivered three new distance education resources for court employees that address the code of ethics and court employees' role in building the public's trust and confidence. Increased accessibility of distance education products in response to court feedback by allowing users of the portfolio of hundreds of distance education products designed to give court staff the ability to sort products by posting date or the date of the last content review.
4.	Delivered a webinar on managing technology and innovation for new court executive officers (CEO) and made it available on the new CEO section of CJER Online's executive toolkit, per the recommendation of the Work Group on New CEO Education.
5.	Implemented Appellate Caseflow Workgroup recommendation by offering an Appeals Processing Court Clerk Institute within 12 months of the previous one (instead of 24 months) remotely without an enrollment cap, restructuring content, and including faculty from appellate courts. Conducted needs assessment by meeting with informal focus groups, Trial Court Operations Curriculum Committee, and the Appellate Practice Curriculum Committee, and surveying key appellate court employees.
6.	The council approved the committee's proposed technical amendment to California Rules of Court, <u>rule 10.603(c)(2)(B)</u> , adding citations to applicable court rules that replaced references to repealed Standards of Judicial Administration.
7.	Started to implement 2024–2026 Education Plan by delivering scheduled live programs in person and remotely as appropriate depending on the audience, learning objectives, and subject. Delivering courses remotely increases participant access and convenience and allows

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
	faculty and staff the flexibility to incorporate last-minute law changes. The ongoing increased use of remote delivery allows the education developed by the committee to serve a greater number of judicial officers and court staff by expanding the enrollment in many courses above the historical average of in-person enrollees. Similar to in-person education, remote programs are designed to emphasize participant interactivity. Judicial and court staff participants in remote offerings have expressed their satisfaction in course evaluations, indicating that the quality of remote learning matches in-person education.
8.	<ul> <li>Continued to implement recommendations from the Work Group for the Prevention of Discrimination and Harassment to integrate antibias education into all major programs and institutes. New products added include: <ul> <li>a judicial video and podcast on ensuring socioeconomic fairness and access;</li> <li>two videos in the Continuing the Dialogue series on linguistic bias and invisible barriers for court users;</li> <li>a bench card on using LGBTQ+ inclusive language and pronouns; and</li> <li>a standalone regional anti-bias course for judicial officers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
9.	Collaborated with California Secretary of State's Office to publicize and provide access to newly mandated voting rights education for CEOs.
10.	Produced 10 live and prerecorded courses on the broad topic of mental health, including two courses at institutes on the Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Act.