



Judicial Council of California

**FAMILY AND JUVENILE LAW ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOTICE AND AGENDA OF CLOSED MEETING**

October 19, 2026

4:30–5:30 p.m.

Closed to the public (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.75(c)(3) and (e)(1)).

Meeting materials will not be posted on the [Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee](#) webpage on the California Courts website.

Materials are only posted for open meetings. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.75(h).)

I. CLOSED SESSION (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(C)(3))

Call to Order

Item 1

Judicial Council-Sponsored Legislation: Moving on from Delinquency (Action Required)

The committee will review a proposal that recommends the Judicial Council sponsor legislation to update references to juvenile “delinquency” and “delinquent” in relevant California statutes to “juvenile justice” or other appropriate, trauma-informed terminology. Additionally, the proposal would add legislative findings encouraging judges and other legal professionals to refer to juvenile court participants by their preferred name, instead of by their legal status, when appropriate.

Presenter: John Henzel, Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Item 2

2026 Legislative Update (No Action Required)

Staff will provide an overview of all of the family and juvenile law related legislation that was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor in 2026. The presentation will include bills impacting statutes concerning adoption, child custody, domestic violence, marital dissolution, and bills impacting child welfare and juvenile justice.

Presenter: Tracy Kenny, Supervising Attorney, Governmental Affairs

II. ADJOURNMENT

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