



Judicial Council of California

Tribal Court–State Court Forum

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NOTICE AND AGENDA OF OPEN MEETING

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Date: December 11, 2025
Time: 12:15-1:15 p.m.
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Agenda items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in the indicated order.

I. OPEN MEETING (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(C)(1))

Call to Order and Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Approve minutes of the September 18 and October 9, 2025, Tribal Court–State Court Forum meetings.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(K)(1))

This meeting will be conducted by electronic means with a listen only conference line available for the public. As such, the public may submit comments for this meeting only in writing. In accordance with California Rules of Court, rule 10.75(k)(1), written comments pertaining to any agenda item of a regularly noticed open meeting can be submitted up to one complete business day before the meeting. For this specific meeting, comments should be e-mailed to forum@jud.ca.gov, attention: Vida Castaneda. Only written comments received by 12:15 p.m. on December 10, 2025, will be provided to advisory body members prior to the start of the meeting.

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–4)

Item 1

Tribal Court-State Court Forum Ad Hoc Work Groups (No Action Required)

Updates and meeting schedules.

Presenter: Vida Castaneda, Senior Analyst, Judicial Council of California, Center for Families, Children, and the Courts

Item 2

Debrief of the Beyond the Bench Conference (No Action Required)

Debrief of pre-conference and conference sessions at the Beyond the Bench Conference held on November 17-19, 2025, in Los Angeles, California.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): All

Item 3

New Educational Opportunities (No Action Required)

Tribal Court-State Court Forum co-chairs to provide an update on new opportunities and venues to teach about tribal communities, courts, governments, and sovereignty.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Hon. Abby Abinanti, Co-Chair, Chief Judge of the Yurok Tribal Court; Hon. Shama Mesiwala, Co-Chair, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District

Item 4

Tribal Court-State Court Forum Mentorship to Current Law Students & New Attorneys (No Action Required)

Members to discuss ways in which Forum members can mentor current law students and new attorneys.

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IV. ADJOURNMENT

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