



Judicial Council of California  
Legislation Committee

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**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**NOTICE AND AGENDA OF OPEN IN-PERSON MEETING WITH  
CLOSED SESSION**

Open to the Public Unless Indicated as Closed (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.75(c)(1), (d), and (e)(1))

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**Date:** September 19, 2024  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Location:** 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102,  
3rd Floor, Sequoia Room

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Agenda items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in the indicated order.

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

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**Call to Order and Roll Call**

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**II. PUBLIC COMMENT (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(K)(1)-(2))**

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**In-Person Public Comment**

Members of the public requesting to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting must place the speaker's name, the name of the organization that the speaker represents if any, and the agenda item that the public comment will address, on the public comment sign-up sheet. The sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting location at least one hour prior to the meeting start time. The Chair will establish speaking limits at the beginning of the public comment session. While the committee welcomes and encourages public comment, time may not permit all persons requesting to speak to be heard at this meeting.

**Written Comment**

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 [LegislationCommittee@jud.ca.gov](mailto:LegislationCommittee@jud.ca.gov) or mailed or delivered to Judicial Council, 520 Capitol Mall, Suite 600, Sacramento, CA 95814, attention: Alona Daniliuk. Only written comments received by 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 18, 2024, will be provided to committee members prior to the start of the meeting.

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**III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–2)**

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**Item 1**

**Proposal for Judicial Council–Sponsored Legislation (Action Required)**

**Juror and Prospective Juror Oaths Using Plain Language**

The proposal would amend the language for juror and prospective juror oaths in Cal. CCP § 232, subdivisions (a) and (b). The proposal would replace them with new plain language oaths developed by Judicial Council staff and subject matter experts. As noted above, while all other jury instructions use plain language, these oaths do not and there has been no update to them since 1989. This proposal would increase access to justice by ensuring jurors and prospective jurors are able to fully understand the oaths they take during jury selection and before commencing with a jury trial.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Mureed Rasool

**Item 2**

**Judicial Council 2025 Legislative Priorities (Action Required)**

Each year, the Judicial Council adopts legislative priorities to further key council objectives in the upcoming legislative year. Last year, the council’s legislative priorities focused on stable and reliable funding to address increased costs and plan for the future, sufficient resources to improve access to the courts that includes remote access, adequate judgeships, and judicial officers in counties with the greatest need, availability of verbatim records of court proceedings, and operational efficiencies in the courts.

The Legislation Committee recommends a similar approach for consideration by the Judicial Council for the 2025 legislative year, including continued stable and reliable funding to address increased costs, continuing to advance remote access to the courts while balancing due process, funding for judgeships and judicial officers in counties with the greatest need, ensuring the availability of verbatim records of court proceedings, and operational efficiencies in the courts.

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Cory Jaspersen

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**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Adjourn to Closed Session**

**V. CLOSED SESSION (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(D))**

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**Approval of Minutes**

Approve minute(s) of the following Legislation Committee meeting(s):

- August 22, 2024

**Item 1**

**New Member Orientation**

**Adjourn Closed Session**