Judicial Council *of* California

RULES COMMITTEE
AGENDA AND NOTICE OF OPEN VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

October 22, 2026

12:10–1:40 p.m.

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

Meeting materials for open portions of the meeting will be posted on the Rules Committee webpage on the California Courts website at least three business days before the meeting.

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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 August 25, September 9, and September 10, 2026, Rules Committee meetings and the October 1, 2026, action by email.

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

This meeting will be conducted by electronic means. As such, the public may make comments in writing, in person, or remotely.

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 emailed to rulesmeetings@jud.ca.gov. Only written comments received by 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21 will be provided to advisory body members prior to the start of the meeting.

Remote Public Comment
Members of the public requesting to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting must provide 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. Requests to make a remote public comment must be received by 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21 via email to rulesmeetings@jud.ca.gov. The chair will establish speaking limits at the beginning of the public comment session. While the advisory body welcomes and encourages public comment, time may not permit all persons requesting to speak to be heard at this meeting.

III. Discussion and Possible Action Items (Items 01–08)

APPELLATE

Annual Agenda–Rules Committee Action Only

Item 01

Appellate Advisory Committee Annual Agenda (Action required – Rules Committee action only)

Presenters: Hon. Allison M. Danner and Jeremy Varon

CALIFORNIA CIVIL JURY INSTRUCTIONS (CACI)

Annual Agenda–Rules Committee Action Only

Item 02

Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions (CACI) Annual Agenda (Action required – Rules Committee action only)

Presenters: Hon. Ioana Petrou and Eric Long

CALIFORNIA CRIMINAL JURY INSTRUCTIONS (CALCRIM)

Annual Agenda–Rules Committee Action Only

Item 03

Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions (CALCRIM) Annual Agenda (Action required – Rules Committee action only)

Presenters: Hon. Lisa B. Lench and Kara Portnow

CIVIL AND SMALL CLAIMS

Annual Agenda–Rules Committee Action Only

Item 04

Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee Annual Agenda (Action required – Rules Committee action only)

Presenters: Jenny Grantz

CRIMINAL

Annual Agenda–Rules Committee Action Only

Item 05

Criminal Law Advisory Committee Annual Agenda (Action required – Rules Committee action only)

Presenters: Hon. Lisa Rodriguez and Deanna Adams

FAMILY AND JUVENILE

Annual Agenda–Rules Committee Action Only

Item 06

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee Annual Agenda (Action required – Rules Committee action only)

Presenters: Hon. Tari L. Cody (Cochair), Hon. Stephanie E. Hulsey (Cochair), Sarah Jacobvitz, and Stephanie Lacambra

PROBATE AND MENTAL HEALTH

Annual Agenda–Rules Committee Action Only

Item 07

Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee Annual Agenda (Action required – Rules Committee action only)

Presenters: Hon. Aaron W. Heisler and Corby Sturges

TRAFFIC

Annual Agenda–Rules Committee Action Only

Item 08

Traffic Advisory Committee Annual Agenda (Action required – Rules Committee action only)

Presenters: Hon. Maria Lucy Armendariz and Jamie Schechter

IV. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

The next Rules Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 12:10 p.m.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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