



# Judicial Council of California

Rules Committee

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## RULES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF OPEN VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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<b>Rules Committee Members Present:</b>	Hon. Carin T. Fujisaki, Hon., Hon. Charles S. Crompton, Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Hon. Ms. Rachel W. Hill, and Mr. Charles Johnson.
<b>Rules Committee Members Absent:</b>	Michelle Williams Court Ms. Kate Bieker, Mr. Maxwell V. Pritt, and Hon. Erica R. Yew.
<b>Rules Committee Staff Present:</b>	Ms. Anne M. Ronan and Ms. Benita Downs
<b>Advisory Bodies Chair(s) and Staff Present</b>	Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Ms. Grace DiLaura, Ms. Jenny Grantz, and Ms. Saskia Kim.
<b>Other JC Staff Present</b>	Mr. Michael Giden

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#### OPEN MEETING

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##### Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m., and Ms. Downs took roll call.

##### Approval of Minutes

The committee approved the minutes of the March 28 and April 4 meetings.

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 01-02)

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### TRIAL COURT PRESIDING JUDGES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### Judicial Council Report—Recommend Council Action

##### Item 01

##### Civil Remote Proceedings: When a Judicial Officer May Preside Remotely

The committee reviewed a recommendation from the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee for the Judicial Council to adopt a rule of court concerning when a judicial officer may preside remotely in civil cases subject to Code of Civil Procedure section 367.75, effective July 1, 2024. The proposed rule satisfies the statutory mandate contained in Code of Civil Procedure section 367.10 which requires the council to adopt a rule that includes “standards for when a judicial officer, in limited situations and in the

interest of justice, may preside over a remote court proceeding from a location other than a courtroom.” (Code Civ. Proc., § 367.10.)

***Action: The committee unanimously approved the recommendation, which is to go to the Judicial Council for action at the May council meeting.***

## **JUDICIAL COUNCIL STAFF**

### **Judicial Council Report–Recommend Council Action**

#### **Item 02**

#### **Rules and Forms: Order for Debtor’s Examination in Small Claims Cases**

The committee reviewed a recommendation from the Judicial Council staff to revise the instructions on one Judicial Council form to implement a statutory change made by Assembly Bill 1119 (Stats. 2023, ch. 562), enacted October 8, 2023. Revisions to the form will ensure that it conforms to existing law and avoid causing confusion for court users, clerks, and judicial officers.

***Action: The committee unanimously approved the recommendation, which is to go to the Judicial Council for action at the May council meeting.***

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## **A D J O U R N M E N T**

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Approved by the Committee on August 6, 2024.