



RULES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

Tuesday, June 4
12:10 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.

Rules Committee Members Present:	Hon. Carin T. Fujisaki, Hon. Michelle Williams Court, Hon. Charles S. Crompton, Hon. Ms. Rachel W. Hill, Mr. Charles Johnson.
Rules Committee Members Absent:	Ms. Kate Bieker, Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Mr. Maxwell V. Pritt, and Hon. Erica R. Yew.
Rules Committee Staff Present:	Ms. Anne M. Ronan and Ms. Benita Downs
Advisory Bodies Chair(s) and Staff Present	Mr. James Barolo, Mr. Tony Cheng, Ms. Sarah Jacobvitz, Ms. Anna Maves, and Ms. Marina Soto.
Other JC Staff Present	Ms. Audrey Fancy, Mr. Michael Giden, Ms. Lollie Roberts, Ms. Christy Simon, and Ms. Xiaoyu Zhang.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m., and Ms. Downs took roll call. After the roll call, Justice Fujisaki announced that Ms. Hill had abstained from voting on all proposals.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 01-05)

FAMILY AND JUVENILE LAW

Invitation to Comment-Recommend Circulation for Comment

Item 01

Juvenile Law: Racial Justice Act

The committee reviewed a proposal from the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommending four new forms to assist litigants and juvenile courts with claims under the Racial Justice Act. The act prohibits the state from seeking or obtaining a criminal conviction or sentence on the basis of race, ethnicity, or national origin, and applies to adjudications and dispositions in juvenile court. Juvenile courts expect more claims to be filed since recent legislation expanded the retroactive application of the act, enabling more individuals to file claims for relief based on violations of its provisions.

Action: The committee unanimously approved the proposal for circulation on a special Cycle through July 10.

Judicial Council Report–Recommend Council Action

Item 02

Child Support: Implementing Amendments to the Family Code

The committee reviewed a recommendation from the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee that the Judicial Council approve 2 new forms, revise 20 forms, and revoke 3 forms related to child support. This action is necessary to implement recent changes to the Family Code that (1) require, in compliance with recent federal regulations, that child support orders be based on evidence of actual income or the specific circumstances of the obligor parent; (2) mandate that local child support agencies provide notice regarding payment of support to parents and the court when they begin and cease to provide child support enforcement services; and (3) increase the time period before child support resumes after an obligor parent has been released from incarceration or confinement.

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

PROBATE AND MENTAL HEALTH

Judicial Council Report–Recommend Council Action

Item 03

Mental Health Law: CARE Act and Related Proceedings

The committee reviewed a recommendation from the Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee to approve an optional form for the court’s use to order the county agency to provide information to the respondent’s attorney in specified related proceedings that a petition to commence proceedings under the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act has been filed on the respondent’s behalf. This form, recommended in response to comments from courts and counties, would facilitate the process required by rule 7.2210(e) of the California Rules of Court.

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

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Discussion Only–No Materials

Item 04

Rules and Forms: Adjustments to Exemptions from Enforcement of Judgments

Action: No action information only

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Judicial Council Report—Recommend Council Action

Item 05

Rules and Forms: Miscellaneous Technical Changes

The committee reviewed a recommendation from Judicial Council staff to correct errors identified in particular rules and forms resulting from input errors, and minor changes needed to conform to changes in law or previous council actions. These changes are technical in nature and necessary to 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 July council meeting.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Approved by the committee on August 6, 2024.