

RULES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

Friday, August 30, 2024 12:10 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.

Rules Committee Members Present: Hon. Carin T. Fujisaki (Chair), Hon. Michelle Williams Court (Vice-chair), Hon. Charles S. Crompton, Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Ms. Rachel Hill, Mr. Charles

Johnson and Mr. Maxwell Pritt

Rules Committee Members Absent: Ms. Kate Bieker and Hon. Erica Yew

Rules Committee Staff Present:

Mr. Michael Giden and Ms. Benita Downs

Rules Committee Staff Absent

Ms. Anne Ronan

Advisory Bodies Chair(s) and Staff Jenny Grantz, Marymichael Smrdeli, and Corby Sturges

Other JC Staff

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Audrey Fancy, Anne Hadreas, and Christy Simon

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 01-04)

CIVIL AND SMALL CLAIMS

Judicial Council Report-Recommend Council Action

Item 01

Civil Practice and Procedure: Rule and Forms to Implement Assembly Bill 1119

The committee reviewed a recommendation from the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee that the Judicial Council adopts one form, and adopting seven mandatory forms, and revising six forms to implement Assembly Bill 1119 (Stats. 2023, ch. 562), enacted October 8, 2023, that requires the Judicial Council to adopt and revise forms as necessary to implement a new procedure for debtor's examinations used to enforce judgments concerning consumer debts.

Action: The motion passed with a majority vote in favor (yes), with one dissenting vote (no) to approve the recommendation from the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee, which is to go to the Judicial Council for action at the September council meeting.

FAMILY AND JUVENILE LAW

Judicial Council Report-Recommend Council Action

Item 02 (deferred Aug 13 and deferred again to October 4)

Family Law: Adoption Forms (Approve form ADOPT-203; revise forms ADOPT-050-INFO, ADOPT-200, ADOPT-210, ADOPT-230 and ADOPT-310) (Action required – recommend Judicial Council action)

Item 03 (deferred from the August 6 and August 13 meetings)

Juvenile Law: Harm of Removal

The committee reviewed a recommendation from the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee that the Judicial Council amend three rules and revise one Judicial Council form to implement recent legislation creating new factors to be considered by the juvenile court at a detention hearing. Senate Bill 578 (Ashby; Stats. 2023, ch. 618) amended Welfare and Institutions Code section 319 to require the court to consider the impact on the child when being separated from their parent or guardian at a detention hearing. The proposed changes to the rules and form related to the detention hearing address the new reporting requirements and clarify the court's role in mitigating harm to the child related to removal from their home.

Action: The committee unanimously approved the recommendation from the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, which is to go to the Judicial Council for action at the September council meeting.

PROBATE

Judicial Council Report-Recommend Council Action

Item 04 (deferred from August 13)

Probate Conservatorship: Care Plan

The committee reviewed a recommendation from the Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee that the Judicial Council revise one form and adopt one form for mandatory use by a conservator of the person to prepare and file the confidential conservatorship care plan required by Probate Code section 2351.2. As required by Probate Code section 2352.5, the revised form also includes the conservator's determination of the conservatee's level of care. The recommended action is needed to conform to changes in the law.

Action: The committee unanimously approved the recommendation from the Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee, which is to go to the Judicial Council for action at the September council meeting.

I. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

Next Rules Committee meeting will be held on October 22, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by the committee on March 13, 2025.

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