



Judicial Council of California
Rules Committee

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RULES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

Friday, October 4, 2024

12:10 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.

Rules Committee Members Present:	Hon. Carin T. Fujisaki (Chair), Hon. Khymberli S.Y. Apaloo, Hon. Bunmi O. Awoniyi, Ms. Kate Bieker, Hon. Charles S. Crompton, Hon. Ryan Davis, Hon. Joan K Irion and Mr. Charles Johnson
Rules Committee Members Absent:	Mr. Craig M. Peters and Mr. Maxwell V. Pritt
Rules Committee Staff Present:	Mr. James Barolo, Mr. Eric Long, and Ms. Benita Downs
JC Staff Presenting:	Kerry Doyle, Frances Ho, and Eric Long
JC Staff Present:	Audrey Fancy, Michael Giden, and Christy Simons

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.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 01 – 04)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CIVIL JURY INSTRUCTIONS (CACI)

Memorandum-Rules Committee Action Only

Item 01

Civil Jury Instructions: Instructions With Minor or Nonsubstantive Revisions (Release 46)

The committee reviewed a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions for final action by the Rules Committee for minor or nonsubstantive revisions to the Civil Jury Instructions (CACI), which the council has delegated authority to the Rules Committee to approve.

Action: *The committee took final action in approving the minor and nonsubstantive revisions to the civil jury instructions.*

Judicial Council Report–Recommend Council Action**Item 02****Jury Instructions: Civil Jury Instructions (release 46)**

The committee reviewed a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions for the approval of new and revised civil jury instructions and verdict forms prepared by the committee. Among other things, these changes bring the instructions up to date with developments in the law over the previous six months. Upon Judicial Council approval, the instructions will be published in the official 2025 edition of the Judicial Council of California Civil Jury Instructions (CACI).

Action: The committee unanimously approved the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions, which is to go to the Judicial Council for action at the November council meeting.

FAMILY AND JUVENILE LAW

Judicial Council Report–Recommend Council Action**Item 03 (deferred from August 13 and August 30)****Family Law: Adoption Forms**

The committee reviewed a recommendation from the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to adopt one new form and revising six forms to simplify, clarify, and provide additional guidance necessary during the adoption process for all adopting parents, and their counsel if represented. The committee further recommended revising the adoption request form to conform to Assembly Bill 1650 (Patterson; Stats. 2023, ch.76), which requires that the petitioner inform the court, in writing, whether the petitioner has entered, or has agreed to enter, into a postadoption contact agreement.

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

JUDICIAL COUNCIL STAFF

Judicial Council Report–Recommend Council Action**Item 04****Protective Orders: Technical Changes to Domestic Violence Restraining Order**

The committee reviewed a recommendation from Judicial Council Staff noting minor errors in a domestic violence restraining order form and recommending revising the form to make nonsubstantive technical changes to improve the accuracy and to avoid confusion for court users, clerks, and judicial officers.

Action: The committee unanimously approved the recommendation from Judicial Council staff, which is to go to the Judicial Council for action at the November 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 12:25 p.m.

Approved by the committee on March 13, 2025.