

Judicial Council of California

RULES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

Friday, April 11, 2025

12:10 - 1:40 p.m.

| Rules Committee Members Present: | Hon. Carin T. Fujisaki (Chair), Hon. Joan K. Irion (Vice-chair), Hon. Khymberli S. Apaloo, Hon. Bunmi O. Awoniyi, Hon. Charles S. Crompton, and Mr. Charles Johnson |
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| Rules Committee Members Absent: | Ms. Kate Bieker, Hon. Ryan Davis, Hon. Ricardo R. Ocampo, Mr. Craig M. Peters, and Mr. Maxwell V. Pritt |
| Rules Committee Staff Present: | Mr. James Barolo, Mr. Eric Long, and Ms. Benita Downs |
| Advisory Bodies Chair(s) and Staff Present | James Barolo, Kerry Doyle, Ann Gilmore, Frances Ho, Julia Kaufman, Maddie Orcutt, Gabrielle Selden, and Corby Sturges |
| Other JC Staff Present | Kristin Burford, Audrey Fancy, Michael Giden, Jenny Grantz, Anne Hadreas, Christy Simons, and Greg Tanaka |

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m., and Ms. Downs took roll call.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 23-30)

PROBATE

Invitation to Comment–Recommend Circulation for Comment

Item 23/SPR25-23

Probate Conservatorship: Acceptance of Transfers Under the California Conservatorship Jurisdiction Act

The committee reviewed a proposal from the Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee to amend one rule of court and to revise two optional forms to provide the court with information it needs for the transfer of conservatorships into California. The rule amendment would require a conservator appointed in another jurisdiction to include Confidential Supplemental Information (form GC-312) and Confidential Conservator Screening Form (form GC-314) with their petition for orders accepting the transfer of the conservatorship to California. The form revisions would clarify that a proposed Order Appointing Probate Conservator (form GC-340) must be attached to each petition for orders accepting a transfer and an executed form GC-340 must be attached to each order accepting a transfer.

Action: The committee unanimously approved the proposal for circulation on the regular spring cycle through May 23, 2025.

Item 24/SPR25-24

Probate Conservatorships: Rights of Conservatees

The committee reviewed a proposal from the Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee to approve one form for the courts to use to provide the information required by section 1835.5 (form GC-342), to revise one form that lists the general rights of conservatees (form GC-341), and to revise the attachment to the second form (form GC-341(MA)) to conform to the revisions to the principal form.

Action: The committee unanimously approved the proposal for circulation on the regular spring cycle through May 23, 2025.

PROTECTIVE ORDERS

Invitation to Comment–Recommend Circulation for Comment

Item 25/SPR25-25

Family Law and Protective Orders: Implementation of SB 599 and AB 3072

The committee reviewed a proposal from the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to revise domestic violence restraining order forms and family law forms, to adopt a new rule of court, and to amend a standard of judicial administration. The committee also proposed minor technical changes to two domestic violence information forms.

Action: The committee unanimously approved the proposal for circulation on the regular spring cycle through May 23, 2025.

Item 26/SPR25-26

Protective Orders: Changes to Domestic Violence and Juvenile Forms to Implement AB 2759

The committee reviewed a proposal from the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee for changes to domestic violence and juvenile restraining order forms to reflect Assembly Bill 2759 (Stats. 2024, ch 535) and new requirements for granting a firearm exemption to a restraining order that includes a firearm or ammunition prohibition. The committee also proposed revisions to form CLETS-001 to include an instruction for petitioners of retail theft protective orders and to make other changes in response to suggestions from stakeholders

Action: The committee unanimously approved the proposal for circulation on the regular spring cycle through May 23, 2025.

Item 27/SPR25-27

Protective Orders: Civil Restraining Order Forms to Implement Senate Bill 899

The committee reviewed a proposal from the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee to adopt and revise of numerous restraining order forms, including forms for restraining orders based on civil harassment, elder or dependent adult abuse, gun violence, postsecondary school violence, and workplace violence.

Action: The committee unanimously approved the proposal for circulation on the regular spring cycle through May 23, 2025.

Item 28/SPR25-28

Protective Orders: Postsecondary School Violence Forms to Implement Assembly Bill 2096

The committee reviewed a proposal from the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee to revise all 26 forms in the private postsecondary school violence form set to implement Assembly Bill 2096 (Stats. 2024, ch. 947), which goes into effect on January 1, 2026, and to make other necessary changes to accurately reflect current law. The committee also proposed revisions to implement Senate Bill 899 (Stats. 2024, ch. 544), as well as the adoption of four new forms to implement that law.

Action: The committee unanimously approved the proposal for circulation on the regular spring cycle through May 23, 2025.

Item 29/SPR25-29

Protective Orders: Civil Harassment Forms to Implement Senate Bill 554

The committee reviewed a proposal from the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee to revise two civil harassment restraining order forms to implement Senate Bill 554 (Stats. 2024, ch. 652).

Action: The committee unanimously approved the proposal for circulation on the regular spring cycle through May 23, 2025.

TRIBAL COURT-STATE COURT FORUM Invitation to Comment–Recommend Circulation for Comment

Item 30/SPR25-30 (joint with the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee)

Juvenile Law: Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Inquiry and Family Finding

The committee reviewed a joint proposal from the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee and the Tribal Court–State Court Forum to amend 4 rules of court and to revise 22 forms. The proposal was in response to Assembly Bill 81 (Stats. 2024, ch. 656), which addressed the implementation of the Indian

Child Welfare Act (25 U.S.C. §§ 1901 et. seq.), including ICWA inquiry, and Assembly Bill 2929 (Stats. 2024, ch. 845), which addressed family finding in juvenile dependency cases. The proposal also responded to two recent decisions from the Supreme Court of California—In re. Kenneth D. and In re. Dezi C.—concerning ICWA inquiry. The proposal would also correct several technical issues in the rules and forms.

Action: The committee unanimously approved the proposal for circulation on the regular spring cycle through May 23, 2025.

I. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

The Next Rules Committee meeting will be held on: June 3, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Approved by the committee on June 3, 2025