



# Judicial Council of California

## Rules Committee

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## RULES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF OPEN VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

Thursday September 11, 2025

12:10 – 1:40 p.m.

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<b>Rules Committee Members Present:</b>	Hon. Carin T. Fujisaki (Chair), Hon. Joan K. Irion (Vice-chair), Hon. Bunmi O. Awoniyi, Hon. Charles S. Crompton, Hon. Ryan Davis, and Mr. Charles Johnson
<b>Rules Committee Members Absent:</b>	Hon. Khymberli S. Apaloo, Ms. Kate Bieker, Hon. Ricardo R. Ocampo, Mr. Craig M. Peters, and Mr. Maxwell V. Pritt
<b>Incoming Member of the Rules Committee Present</b>	Hon. Tammy L. Woods
<b>Rules Committee Staff Present:</b>	Mr. Eric Long and Ms. Benita Downs
<b>Advisory Bodies Chair(s) and Staff Present</b>	Karene Alvarado, Kerry Doyle, Ann Gilmour, Jenny Grantz, Frances Ho, Sarah Jacobvitz, Maddie Joyner, Julia Kaufman, Kara Portnow, Gabrielle Selden, and Corby Sturges
<b>Other JC Staff Present</b>	James Barolo, Kristin Burford, Audrey Fancy, Michael Giden, Stephanie Lacambra, Anna Maves, Lizette Perez, Christy Simons, and Greg Tanaka

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## 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.

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## DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 23–35)

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### PROBATE

#### Judicial Council Report—Recommend Council Action

##### Item 23/SPR25-23

##### Probate Conservatorship: Acceptance of Transfers Under the CCJA

The committee reviewed a recommendation from the Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee that the Judicial Council amend one rule of court and 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 recommendation from the Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee, which is to go to the Judicial Council for action at the October council meeting.***

#### **Item 24/SPR25-24**

##### **Probate Conservatorship: Information for Conservatees**

The committee reviewed a recommendation from the Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee that the Judicial Council approve one form for the courts to use to provide the information required by Probate Code section 1835.5 (form GC-342), revise one form that lists the general rights of conservatees (form GC-341), and 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 recommendation from the Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee, which is to go to the Judicial Council for action at the October council meeting.***

## **PROTECTIVE ORDERS**

### **Judicial Council Report—Recommend Council Action**

#### **Item 25/SPR25-25**

##### **Family Law and Protective Orders: Implementation of Senate Bill 599 and Assembly Bill 3072**

The committee reviewed a recommendation from the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee that the Judicial Council 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 recommendation from the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, which is to go to the Judicial Council for action at the October council meeting.***

#### **Item 26/SPR25-26**

##### **Protective Orders: Changes to Domestic Violence and Juvenile Forms to Implement Assembly Bill 2759**

The committee reviewed a recommendation from the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee that the Judicial Council adopt two new firearm exemption order forms and revise several domestic violence and juvenile restraining order forms to reflect the new requirements. The committee also

recommended revisions to form CLETS-001 to include an instruction for petitioners of retail theft protective orders and to make necessary updates.

***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 October council meeting.***

#### **Item 27/SPR25-27**

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

The committee reviewed a recommendation from the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee that the Judicial Council adopt and revise 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. The changes proposed in the recommendation would implement Senate Bill 899 (Stats. 2024, ch. 544), which requires courts to inquire whether a person subject to a civil restraining order has complied with the firearm relinquishment requirement and order the clerk to notify law enforcement if a receipt is not filed within 48 hours of receiving the restraining order.

***Action: The committee unanimously approved the recommendation from the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee, which is to go to the Judicial Council for action at the October council meeting.***

#### **Item 28/SPR25-28**

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

The committee reviewed a recommendation from the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee that the Judicial Council 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.

***Action: The committee unanimously approved the recommendation from the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee, which is to go to the Judicial Council for action at the October council meeting.***

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## Item 29/SPR25-29

### **Protective Orders: Civil Harassment Forms to Implement Senate Bill 554**

The committee reviewed a recommendation 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 recommendation from the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee, which is to go to the Judicial Council for action at the October council meeting.***

## **TRIBAL COURT-STATE COURT FORUM**

### **Judicial Council Report—Recommend Council Action**

#### **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 Tribal Court–State Court Forum and the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee that the Judicial Council amend 4 rules of court and 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 also corrects several technical issues in the rules and forms.

***Action: The committee unanimously approved the joint recommendation from Tribal Court–State Court Forum and the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, which is to go to the Judicial Council for action at the October council meeting.***

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JURY INSTRUCTIONS (CALCRIM)**

### **Judicial Council Report—Recommend Council Action**

#### **Item 31**

### **Jury Instructions: Criminal Jury Instructions (2025 Supplement)**

The committee reviewed a recommendation from Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions that the Judicial Council approve for publication the new and revised criminal jury instructions prepared by the committee under rule 2.1050 of the California Rules of Court. The changes will, among other things, keep the instructions current with statutory and case authority. Once approved, the new and revised instructions will be published in the 2025 supplement of *Judicial Council of California Criminal Jury Instructions (CALCRIM)*

***Action: The committee unanimously approved the recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions, which is to go to the Judicial Council for action at the October council meeting.***

## **CENTER FOR JUDICIAL EDUCATION AND RESOURCES (CJER)**

### **Judicial Council Report—Recommend Council Action**

#### **Item 32**

##### **Judicial Branch Education: Sunset of Pandemic-Related Deadline Extensions**

The committee reviewed a recommendation from the Center for Judicial Education and Resources Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council repeal rule 10.492 of the California Rules of Court to eliminate any actual or potential confusion that the pandemic-related deadline extensions for continuing education remain in place.

***Action: The committee unanimously approved the recommendation from the Center for Judicial Education and Resources Advisory Committee, which is to go to the Judicial Council for action at the October council meeting.***

## **JUDICIAL COUNCIL STAFF**

### **Judicial Council Report—Recommend Council Action**

#### **Item 33**

##### **Civil Practice and Procedure: Rules Regarding Telephonic Appearances**

The committee reviewed a recommendation from Judicial Council staff that the Judicial Council amend rules 3.670, 5.9, 5.324, 5.531, and 5.900 of the California Rules of Court to reflect the new sunset date in Code of Civil Procedure section 367.75.

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

#### **Item 34**

##### **Rules and Forms: Miscellaneous Technical Changes to CARE Act Rule and Adoption, CARE Act, and Sheriff Service Forms**

The committee reviewed a recommendation from Judicial Council staff to correct errors in one rule of court and seven Judicial Council forms resulting from typographical mistakes, changes resulting from legislation, and previous rule amendments and forms revisions. Staff recommends the Judicial Council make the necessary corrections to avoid causing confusion for court users, clerks, and judicial officers.

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

**Item 35**

**Rules and Forms: Miscellaneous Technical Changes**

The committee reviewed a recommendation from Judicial Council staff to correct errors identified in rules of court and Judicial Council 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 from Judicial Council staff, which is to go to the Judicial Council for action at the October council meeting.***

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**I. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)**

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**The Next Rules Committee meeting will be held on:** October 16, 2025.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Approved by the committee on October 30, 2025