



Judicial Council of California  
Rules Committee

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## RULES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF OPEN VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

Thursday, October 16, 2025  
12:10 – 1:10 p.m.

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<b>Rules Committee Members Present:</b>	Hon. Joan K. Irion, Chair, Hon. Tamara L. Wood, Vice-Chair, Hon. Charles S. Crompton, Hon. Ryan Davis, Ms. Rachel W. Hill, Mr. Charles Johnson, Hon. Jeffrey C. Kauffman, Mr. Darrel E. Parker, Hon. Michael Rhoads, and Ms. Dena Stone
<b>Rules Committee Members Absent:</b>	Hon. Bunmi O. Awoniyi, Hon. Ricardo R. Ocampo, and Mr. Craig M. Peters
<b>Rules Committee Staff Present:</b>	Ms. Kristin Burford, Ms. Benita Downs, and Mr. Eric Long
<b>Advisory Bodies Chairs and JC Staff Presenting:</b>	Hon. Maria Lucy Armendariz, Hon. Jayne Chong-Soon Lee, Hon. Tari L. Cody, Hon. Allison M. Danner, Hon. Adrienne M. Grover, Hon. Stephanie E. Hulsey, Hon. Lisa R. Rodriguez, Sarah Fleischer-Ihn, Jenny Grantz, Sarah Jacobvitz, Julia Kaufman, Eric Long, Kara Portnow, Jamie Schechter, and Jeremy Varon
<b>JC Staff Present:</b>	Sarah Davis, Andrey Fancy, Anne Hadreas, Nikki Marquez, Anna Maves, Lollie Roberts, Marymichael Smrdeli, Greg Tanaka, and Shayla Taylor

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### OPEN MEETING

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#### Call to Order and Roll Call

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

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### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 01 – 08)

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#### APPELLATE

##### **Annual Agenda—Rules Committee Action Only**

###### Item 01

###### Appellate Advisory Committee

The committee reviewed the proposed 2025–2026 annual agenda of the Appellate Advisory Committee.

**Action:** *The committee unanimously approved the 2025–2026 annual agenda of the Appellate Advisory Committee, with the revisions presented at the meeting.*

## **CALIFORNIA CIVIL JURY INSTRUCTIONS (CACI)**

### **Annual Agenda—Rules Committee Action Only**

#### **Item 02**

##### **Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions (CACI) Annual Agenda**

The committee reviewed the proposed 2025–2026 annual agenda of the Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions.

*Action: The committee unanimously approved the 2025–2026 annual agenda of the Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions.*

## **CALIFORNIA CRIMINAL JURY INSTRUCTIONS (CALCRIM)**

### **Annual Agenda—Rules Committee Action Only**

#### **Item 03**

##### **Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions (CALCRIM) Annual Agenda**

The committee reviewed the proposed 2025–2026 annual agenda of the Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions.

*Action: The committee unanimously approved the 2025–2026 annual agenda of the Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions.*

## **CIVIL AND SMALL CLAIMS**

### **Annual Agenda—Rules Committee Action Only**

#### **Item 04**

##### **Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee**

The committee reviewed the proposed 2025–2026 annual agenda of the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee.

*Action: The committee unanimously approved the 2025–2026 annual agenda of the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee, with the revisions presented at the meeting.*

## **CRIMINAL**

### **Annual Agenda—Rules Committee Action Only**

#### **Item 05**

##### **Criminal Law Advisory Committee Annual Agenda**

The committee reviewed the proposed 2025–2026 annual agenda of the Criminal Law Advisory Committee.

***Action: The committee unanimously approved the 2025–2026 annual agenda of the Criminal Law Advisory Committee, with the revisions presented at the meeting.***

## **FAMILY AND JUVENILE**

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### **Annual Agenda–Rules Committee Action Only**

#### **Item 06**

##### **Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee**

The committee reviewed the proposed 2025–2026 annual agenda of the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee.

***Action: The committee unanimously approved the 2025–2026 annual agenda of the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, with the revisions presented at the meeting.***

## **PROBATE AND MENTAL HEALTH**

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### **Annual Agenda–Rules Committee Action Only**

#### **Item 07**

##### **Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee**

The committee reviewed the proposed 2025–2026 annual agenda of the Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee.

***Action: The committee unanimously approved the 2025–2026 annual agenda of the Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee, with the revisions presented at the meeting.***

## **TRAFFIC**

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### **Annual Agenda–Rules Committee Action Only**

#### **Item 08**

##### **Traffic Advisory Committee Annual Agenda**

The committee reviewed the proposed 2025–2026 annual agenda of the Traffic Advisory Committee.

***Action: The committee unanimously approved the 2025–2026 annual agenda of the Traffic Advisory Committee.***

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## **INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)**

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**Next Rules Committee Meeting: October 30, 2025**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Approved by the committee on October 30, 2025