



Judicial Council of California
Rules Committee

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RULES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

Thursday, October 30, 2025

12:10 – 12:40 p.m.

Rules Committee Members Present:	Hon. Tamara L. Wood (Vice-Chair), Hon. Bunmi O. Awoniyi, Hon. Charles S. Crompton, Hon. Ryan Davis, Mr. Craig M. Peters, Hon. Michael Rhoads, and Ms. Dena Stone
Rules Committee Members Absent:	Hon. Joan K. Irion (Chair), Ms. Rachel W. Hill, Mr. Charles Johnson, Hon. Jeffrey C. Kauffman, Hon. Ricardo R. Ocampo, and Mr. Darrel E. Parker
Rules Committee Staff Present	Ms. Kristin Burford, Ms. Benita Downs, and Mr. Eric Long
Advisory Bodies Staff Present	Jenny Grantz and Eric Long
Others JC Staff Present:	James Barolo

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the September 4, September 11, and October 16, 2025, Rules Committee meetings.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 01–03)

JUDICIAL COUNCIL STAFF

Judicial Council Report–Recommend Council Action

Item 01

Civil Practice and Procedure: Judgment Debtor Address Verification and Calculation of Earnings Withholding Period

The committee reviewed a recommendation from Judicial Council staff concerning Assembly Bill 774 (Stats. 2025, ch. 708), which was enacted on October 13, 2025. This legislation makes several changes to laws regarding enforcement of judgment, including a change to when the withholding period begins for

earnings withholding orders. To ensure Judicial Council forms accurately state the law when AB 774 takes effect on January 1, 2026, Judicial Council staff propose revisions to eight forms. These updates will be circulated for post-approval public comment as part of a broader proposal to implement the changes made by AB 774.

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

CIVIL JURY INSTRUCTIONS (CACI)

Memorandum-Rules Committee Action Only

Item 02

Jury Instructions: Civil Jury Instructions With Minor or Nonsubstantive Revisions (Release 48)

The committee reviewed a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions to make minor or nonsubstantive revisions to the *Judicial Council of California Civil Jury Instructions (CACI)*. The council has delegated authority to the Rules Committee to take final action to approve these types of changes.

Action: The committee took final action in unanimously approving the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions for minor and nonsubstantive revisions to the civil jury instructions.

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Item 03

Jury Instructions: Civil Jury Instructions (Release 48)

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 advisory 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 2026 edition of the *Judicial Council of California Civil Jury Instructions (CACI)*.

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

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

The Next Rules Committee meeting will be held on: December 4, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30

p.m. Approved by the committee on December 4, 2025