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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Rules Committee Report to the Judicial Council

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Executive Summary

The Rules Committee establishes and maintains the Judicial Council rule-making process and assists the council in making informed decisions about rules of court, forms, standards of judicial administration, and jury instructions. Among other actions, the committee "[r]ecommends whether the council should approve, modify, or reject each proposal." (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.13(c)(1).)

This report describes the committee's activities since the May 12, 2023, Judicial Council meeting. These activities include the committee's recommendations for council approval of the rules and forms proposals identified below, all of which are on the council's agenda for the July meeting.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Since the council's last meeting, the Rules Committee has acted once by email and once by videoconference.

On **June 2, 2023**, the Rules Committee acted by email on two proposed reports to the council from the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee:

 Rules and Forms: Order on Petition for Relief From Financial Obligations During Military Service • Rules and Forms: Annual Cost of Living Adjustment

Action: The Rules Committee approved the proposals to go forward to the council's agenda for the July 21 meeting.

On **June 29, 2023**, the Rules Committee met to consider a proposed report to the council from Appellate Presiding Justices Advisory Committee, recommending adoption of a new rule establishing procedures related to the administration of the Courts of Appeal.

Action: The Rules Committee approved the proposal to go forward to the council's agenda for the July 21 meeting.

Recommendation to the Judicial Council

The Rules Committee recommends council approval of the rules and forms recommendations in the reports identified above. All of the proposals are on the council's consent agenda for the July meeting.