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Friday, October 24, 2025

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CLOSED SESSION (RULE 10.6(b))—PLANNING, PERSONNEL, AND DISCUSSION PROTECTED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Session: 9:30–10:00 a.m.

OPEN SESSION (RULE 10.6(a))—MEETING AGENDA

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Open Session Begins: 10:10 a.m.

Call to Order

10 minutes

Public Comment

10 minutes

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Chief Justice's Report*15 minutes***Administrative Director's Report**[25-004](#)**Administrative Director's Report***15 minutes***CONSENT AGENDA***5 minutes*

A council member may request an item be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Discussion Agenda. Please notify Josely Yangco-Fronda at 415-865-7626 at least 48 hours before the meeting.

[25-009](#)**Minutes of July 18, 2025, Judicial Council Meeting**[25-163](#)**Equal Access Fund | Distribution of Funds for CARE Act Legal Representation (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Legal Services Trust Fund Commission recommends approving the distribution of \$17,404,000 to the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission of the State Bar of California for the implementation of the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act as authorized by the Budget Act of 2025. The commission will distribute these funds as grants to qualified legal services projects and public defender offices to provide legal counsel for representation in CARE Act proceedings, and training and technical assistance to these legal providers and to the State Bar of California for administration of this program.

[25-164](#)**Equal Access Fund | Distribution of Funds for IOLTA-Formula Grants and Partnership Grants (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Legal Services Trust Fund Commission recommends approving the distribution of up to \$40,487,700 to the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission of the State Bar of California for the Equal Access Fund Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts-Formula Grants and Partnership Grants as authorized by the Budget Act of 2025 (Stats. 2025, ch. 4). The commission will distribute the funds as grants to legal services providers and support centers to be used for legal services in civil matters for indigent people and self-represented litigants to improve equal access and the fair administration of justice, as authorized by the Budget Act.

[25-170](#)**Equal Access Fund | Distribution of Funds to the California Access to Justice Commission (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness recommends the approval of a distribution of \$5.25 million to the California Access to Justice Commission for grants to civil legal aid nonprofits, organizations to support the

infrastructure and innovations needs of legal services in civil matters for indigent persons, and for administration of a tax-advantaged student loan repayment assistance program.

[25-171](#)**Judicial Branch Administration | Sabbatical Request for Judge Ronald Owen Kaye (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Executive and Planning Committee recommends the approval of an unpaid sabbatical leave for Judge Ronald Owen Kaye, Superior Court of Los Angeles County, for the period of August 24, 2026, through January 8, 2027. During this sabbatical leave, Judge Kaye will participate as a visiting scholar at the Universidad de Granada and Universidad de Málaga through their respective law schools, meeting with and presenting lectures to students and faculty on multiple areas of U.S. and California civil and criminal law. Judge Kaye believes that this proposed sabbatical will enable him to return with a comparative analysis in this area, enriching the work of the mental health court while fostering outreach and relationship building for the California court system.

[25-128](#)**Jury Instructions | Criminal Jury Instructions (2025 Supplement) (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions recommends approving for publication the new and revised criminal jury instructions prepared by the committee under rule 2.1050 of the California Rules of Court. These 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*.

[25-167](#)**Report to the Legislature | California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009 (Action Required)****Summary:**

Penal Code section 1232 requires the Judicial Council to submit an annual comprehensive report to the Legislature on the implementation of the California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009 (Stats. 2009, ch. 608). The legislation seeks to alleviate state prison overcrowding by reducing the number of individuals on felony supervision who are sent there. The program is also designed to encourage county probation departments to use evidence-based supervision practices to accomplish these goals. The report includes information on the effectiveness of the act in alleviating state prison overcrowding as well as recommendations regarding allocations of state resources and oversight of the program by Judicial Council staff.

[25-153](#)**Rules and Forms | Access and Fairness: Accommodations for Court Users to Pump or Express Breast Milk (Action Required)****Summary:**

Senate Bill 949 (Stats. 2024, ch. 159) requires superior courts to grant court users who are participating in court proceedings a reasonable amount of break time to express milk for their infant children. The legislation also mandates that the Judicial Council create a confidential process for superior court users to request break time for that purpose. To implement the new law, the Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness recommends a new rule of court and a new optional form.

[25-131](#)**Rules and Forms | Appellate Procedure: Extension of Time in Misdemeanor and Infraction Appeals (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Appellate Advisory Committee recommends approving a new form for requesting extensions of time to file a brief in misdemeanor and infraction appeals. This recommendation originated with suggestions from the former Chief Justice's Appellate Caseflow Workgroup and a committee member.

[25-132](#)**Rules and Forms | Appellate Procedure: Remote Appearances at Oral Argument in the Appellate Division (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Appellate Advisory Committee recommends updating the California Rules of Court regarding oral argument in superior court appellate divisions to reflect modern videoconferencing technology and allow broader authorization for remote participation by both parties and appellate division judges. The recommended amendments will enhance access to the courts for self-represented litigants who lack resources or the ability to travel to court in person, along with saving travel costs for courts and simplifying scheduling, ultimately reducing delays for parties.

[25-149](#)**Rules and Forms | Civil Practice and Procedure: Amendment of the Collections Case Rule (Action Required)****Summary:**

California Rules of Court, rule 3.740 governs collections cases. The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee recommends amending the monetary limit in rule 3.740 to \$35,000. With this increase, the monetary limit in rule 3.740 will match the current jurisdictional limit for limited civil cases, which was raised in 2024 by Senate Bill 71 (Stats. 2023, ch. 861).

[25-151](#)**Rules and Forms | Civil Practice and Procedure: Authorization to Appear on Behalf of a Party in Small Claims Cases (Action Required)****Summary:**

Authorization to Appear (form SC-109) implements Code of Civil Procedure section 116.540, which allows an individual to appear in small claims court on behalf of the plaintiff or defendant in certain circumstances. The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee recommends revising form SC-109 to ensure it fully complies with section 116.540.

[25-150](#)**Rules and Forms | Civil Practice and Procedure: Confidential Information Form for Doxing Cases (Action Required)****Summary:**

Assembly Bill 1979 (Stats. 2024, ch. 557) creates a private cause of action against a person who publishes private information about an individual on the internet (referred to as “doxing”). The bill creates a statutory procedure to allow plaintiffs in these cases to use a pseudonym and requires the Judicial Council to adopt or revise forms as necessary to implement that procedure. The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee recommends revising one form to fulfill this statutory mandate.

[25-014](#)**Rules and Forms | Civil Practice and Procedure: Deadlines for Filings for Class Certification Motions (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee recommends amending California Rules of Court, rule 3.764 to lengthen the deadlines for filings related to class certification motions to ensure courts have sufficient time to review the papers in advance of the hearing. The proposed deadlines offered in this report would address that concern and coordinate the deadlines for opposition and reply filings for these motions with the corresponding deadlines applicable to filings for motions for summary judgment.

[25-147](#)**Rules and Forms | Civil Practice and Procedure: Implementation of Assembly Bill 2837 (Action Required)****Summary:**

Assembly Bill 2837 (Stats. 2024, ch. 514) made numerous changes to the laws regarding enforcement of judgment, including a new requirement to verify the judgment debtor’s address before the sheriff can serve papers related to enforcement of a judgment for personal debt, changes to the start of the earnings withholding period, and new requirements for orders on claims of exemption from enforcement of judgment. The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee recommends adopting 3 forms and revising 13 forms to implement AB 2837.

[25-146](#)**Rules and Forms | Civil Practice and Procedure: Rules Regarding Telephonic Appearances (Action Required)****Summary:**

Code of Civil Procedure section 367.75 authorizes courts to conduct proceedings using remote technology in all civil matters. Assembly Bill 170 (Stats. 2024, ch. 51) extends the sunset date of that statute from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2027. Judicial Council staff recommend that the council amend several rules of court regarding telephonic appearances to reflect the extended sunset date of January 1, 2027, as provided in section 367.75.

[25-135](#)**Rules and Forms | Comprehensive Adjudications of Groundwater Rights (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee recommends amending the rule of court that designates certain case types as provisionally complex to include comprehensive groundwater adjudications. This change conforms the rule to Code of Civil Procedure section 838. The committee also recommends adopting a rule

specifying the procedure by which the presiding judge of the court in a county overlying the groundwater basin at issue requests that the Chair of the Judicial Council assign a judge to adjudicate the dispute.

[25-144](#)**Rules and Forms | Criminal Law: Findings and Orders for Pretrial Release or Detention (Action Required)****Summary:**

In *In re Humphrey* (2021) 11 Cal.5th 135, the Supreme Court held that conditioning pretrial release from custody solely on whether an arrestee can afford bail is unconstitutional and articulated a framework for bail determinations based on public and victim safety. To assist courts with making the appropriate findings and orders for pretrial release or detention as articulated in *In re Humphrey* and in line with statutory and constitutional requirements, the Criminal Law Advisory Committee recommends a new form for optional use.

[25-142](#)**Rules and Forms | Criminal Law: Findings and Orders Regarding Prohibited Items While on Diversion (Action Required)****Summary:**

Recent legislation prohibits the possession of firearms, other deadly weapons, and ammunition by a defendant participating in mental health or military diversion, based on specified findings by the court. The prohibition remains in effect until the defendant has either successfully completed diversion or has their firearms rights restored. The Criminal Law Advisory Committee recommends a new optional form to assist courts with making the appropriate findings and orders prohibiting a defendant from owning or possessing firearms, other deadly weapons, and ammunition while on mental health or military diversion.

[25-143](#)**Rules and Forms | Criminal Law: Implementation of Recent Legislation Regarding Criminal Protective Orders (Action Required)****Summary:**

Recent legislation addressed firearm and ammunition relinquishment for defendants subject to a criminal protective order and lengthened the time frame for certain postconviction criminal protective orders. To implement this legislation, the Criminal Law Advisory Committee recommends repealing a rule of court, adopting two new forms, approving four new forms including an information sheet, and revising three criminal protective order forms. The committee also recommends adopting a new confidential California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System form for use with criminal protective orders, and amending California Rules of Court, rule 1.51 to require prosecuting agencies to use the form.

[25-141](#)**Rules and Forms | Criminal Law: Mental Competency Proceedings (Action Required)****Summary:**

Statutes on competency to stand trial in felony and misdemeanor cases were recently amended to provide courts with additional treatment-based solutions for defendants found incompetent to stand trial and to streamline mental competency proceedings. The Criminal Law Advisory Committee recommends adopting, amending, and

renumbering rules of court to implement these legislative changes, as well as additional amendments to clarify procedures, remove language duplicative of statute, and improve organization, clarity, and concision.

[25-157](#)

**Rules and Forms | Family Law and Protective Orders:
Implementation of Senate Bill 599 and Assembly Bill 3072
(Action Required)**

Summary:

To implement Senate Bill 599 (Caballero; Stats. 2023, ch. 493) and Assembly Bill 3072 (Petrie-Norris; Stats. 2024, ch. 317), the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends adopting a new rule of court; amending a standard of judicial administration; and approving and revising domestic violence restraining order and family law forms. The committee also recommends minor technical changes to two domestic violence information forms.

[25-155](#)

**Rules and Forms | Family Law: Joint Petition for Dissolution or
Legal Separation (Action Required)**

Summary:

To implement Senate Bill 1427 (Stats. 2024, ch. 190), the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council amend four rules of court, adopt three mandatory forms, and approve one optional form. Effective January 1, 2026, SB 1427 authorizes parties who do not qualify to use the current summary dissolution process to file a joint summons and a joint petition to ask the court for a dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership or for a legal separation. The legislation requires the Judicial Council to adopt or amend any rules or forms necessary for implementation no later than January 1, 2026.

[25-037](#)

**Rules and Forms | Family Law: Rules and Forms to Determine
Parental Relationship Based on Gestational Carrier Agreement
(Action Required)**

Summary:

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends a new form series for parties (intended parents) who conceive a child with a gestational carrier (also known as a surrogate) under the terms of a gestational carrier agreement (also called “an assisted reproduction agreement for gestational carriers”) and then seek a judgment in family court determining a parental relationship under Family Code sections 7960-7962. The committee also recommends that the council adopt a new rule of court, amend several rules, repeal one rule, and revise three family law forms to add content for gestational surrogacy cases. The proposal originates from judicial officers and attorneys who shared their ideas for uniform rules and forms, specific to gestational surrogacy cases, that would benefit family court judges, court clerks, the parties, and their attorneys.

[25-160](#)**Rules and Forms | Family Law: Standards for Computer Software Used to Assist in Determining Support (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council amend a rule of court that provides standards for computer software that assists in determining child and spousal support. This action is necessary to conform the rule to current law. The recommended changes also update terminology and requirements related to technology and clarify language related to the Judicial Council's guideline calculator testing and certification process.

[25-134](#)**Rules and Forms | Judicial Branch Education: Sunset of Pandemic-Related Deadline Extensions (Action Required)****Summary:**

Pandemic-related deadline extensions, contained within rule 10.492 of the California Rules of Court, provided judicial officers and judicial branch personnel additional time to complete continuing education requirements. By its sunset provision, the rule ceased to have effect on December 31, 2024. The Center for Judicial Education and Resources Advisory Committee now recommends the Judicial Council make a technical amendment to repeal rule 10.492 in its entirety to eliminate any actual or potential confusion that the extensions may remain in effect.

[25-145](#)**Rules and Forms | Juvenile Law: Date a Child Entered Foster Care (Action Required)****Summary:**

Assembly Bill 2664 (Bryan; Stats. 2024, ch. 412) amended Welfare and Institutions Code section 361.49 to clarify the date a child is deemed to have entered foster care to establish timelines for the provision of reunification services. The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends amending two definitions in rule 5.502 of the California Rules of Court to conform to the law and to correct a statutory reference.

[25-172](#)**Rules and Forms | Juvenile Law: Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Inquiry and Family Finding (Action Required)****Summary:**

To implement new legislation and recent case law regarding the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and foster-care placement in juvenile cases, the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee and the Tribal Court-State Court Forum recommend amending four rules of court and revising 22 forms. This proposal responds to Assembly Bill 81 (Ramos; 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 (Carrillo; Stats. 2024, ch. 845), which addressed family finding in juvenile dependency cases. The proposal also responds to two recent decisions from the Supreme Court of California concerning ICWA inquiry: *In re Kenneth D.* (2024) 16 Cal.5th 1087 and *In re Dezi C.* (2024) 16 Cal.5th 1112. The proposal also corrects several technical issues in the rules and forms.

[25-168](#)**Rules and Forms | Juvenile Law: Racial Justice Act Forms
(Action Required)****Summary:**

Juvenile courts expect more claims under the Racial Justice Act to be filed since Assembly Bill 256 (Katra; Stats. 2022, ch. 739) expanded the retroactive application of the act, enabling more individuals to file claims for relief. The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee proposes five new forms for optional use to assist litigants and juvenile courts with claims under the act.

[25-038](#)**Rules and Forms | Juvenile Law: Retention of Jurisdiction and
Petitions Requesting Juvenile Case Files of Deceased Children
(Action Required)****Summary:**

To implement Assembly Bill 1756 (Stats. 2023, ch. 478, § 62) and Senate Bill 1161 (Stats. 2024, ch. 782, § 12), the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends (1) amending one rule of the California Rules of Court to comply with AB 1756's amendment to Welfare and Institutions Code section 10850.4 to extend the juvenile court's jurisdiction in cases involving the death of a child or nonminor dependent; (2) amending one rule of court to implement SB 1161's amendment to the definition of a "juvenile case file" in Welfare and Institutions Code section 827(e); and (3) adopting one rule of court, amending two rules of court, adopting six mandatory forms, approving one optional form, and revising six forms to clarify the different legal standards for requesting any juvenile delinquency case file or a living child's juvenile dependency case file versus a deceased child's juvenile dependency case file under Welfare and Institutions Code section 827.

[25-129](#)**Rules and Forms | Juvenile Law: Sex Offender Registration
(Action Required)****Summary:**

Because *Information on Filing a Petition to Terminate Juvenile Sex Offender Registration* (form JV-915-INFO) contains two legally inaccurate statements, the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends revising the form so that it accurately reflects controlling statutory provisions.

[25-156](#)**Rules and Forms | Miscellaneous Technical Changes
(Action Required)****Summary:**

Various members of the judicial branch, members of the public, and Judicial Council staff have identified errors in the California Rules of Court and Judicial Council forms resulting from input errors, as well as minor changes needed to conform to changes in law or previous council actions. Judicial Council staff recommend making the necessary corrections to ensure that the rules and forms conform to law and to avoid causing confusion for court users, clerks, and judicial officers.

[25-159](#)**Rules and Forms | Miscellaneous Technical Changes to CARE Act Rule and Adoption, CARE Act, and Sheriff Service Forms (Action Required)****Summary:**

Judicial Council staff have identified errors in one rule of court and nine Judicial Council forms resulting from typographical mistakes, changes resulting from legislation, and previous rule amendments and form revisions. Judicial Council staff recommend making the necessary corrections to avoid causing confusion for court users, clerks, and judicial officers.

[25-133](#)**Rules and Forms | New Case Categories for Civil Case Cover Sheet (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee and Court Executives Advisory Committee jointly recommend adding new case categories and case types to *Civil Case Cover Sheet* (form CM-010). Specifically, the committees recommend adding a “Comprehensive groundwater adjudication” case type to ensure consistency with both Code of Civil Procedure section 838(b) and the associated pending amendment to rule 3.400(c) of the California Rules of Court. Additionally, adding “Asbestos” and “Employment Development Department (EDD)” case categories will help fulfill forthcoming data reporting requirements in the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System and reduce manual data reporting by courts.

[25-130](#)**Rules and Forms | Probate Conservatorship: Acceptance of Transfers Under the California Conservatorship Jurisdiction Act (Action Required)****Summary:**

Under recent statutory changes enacted by Assembly Bill 2841 (Stats. 2022, ch. 807), the courts are required to provide specific information to the Secretary of State when a person has been disqualified from voting. In addition, a member of the Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee noted difficulty in obtaining necessary information when reviewing a request to accept transfer of a conservatorship from another jurisdiction. The Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee recommends amending one rule of court and revising two optional forms to provide the court with information it needs for the transfer of conservatorships into California and the reporting duties imposed by the Elections Code. This will make proceedings more efficient and conform to the statutory changes.

[25-154](#)**Rules and Forms | Probate Conservatorship: Information for Conservatees (Action Required)****Summary:**

Probate Code section 1835.5 requires the court, within 30 days of appointing a conservator, to provide the conservatee with specified information, including a personalized list of rights retained by and withheld from the conservatee. Several statutes enacted over the past 10 years have also expanded and clarified the rights of all conservatees. In response to these changes to the law, the Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee recommends approving one form for optional use by courts to use to provide the information required by section 1835.5, revising the

mandatory form used to give notice of the general rights of conservatees to update it, and revising the address attachment to the general notice form to conform to the revisions to the principal form.

[25-162](#)**Rules and Forms | Protective Orders: Changes to Domestic Violence and Juvenile Forms to Implement Assembly Bill 2759 (Action Required)****Summary:**

Assembly Bill 2759 (Petrie-Norris; Stats. 2024, ch. 535), effective January 1, 2025, created new requirements for granting a firearm exemption to a restraining order that includes a firearm or ammunition prohibition. The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends adopting two new firearm exemption order forms and revising several domestic violence and juvenile restraining order forms to reflect the new requirements. The committee also recommends revisions to form CLETS-001 to include an instruction for petitioners of retail theft protective orders and to make necessary updates.

[25-140](#)**Rules and Forms | Protective Orders: Civil Harassment Forms to Implement Senate Bill 554 (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee recommends revisions to two civil harassment restraining order forms to implement Senate Bill 554 (Stats. 2024, ch. 652). The petition (form CH-100) included in this proposal also contains proposed revisions to implement Senate Bill 899 (Stats. 2024, ch. 544).

[25-138](#)**Rules and Forms | Protective Orders: Civil Restraining Order Forms to Implement Senate Bill 899 (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee recommends adopting 15 protective order forms and revising 37 protective order forms to implement significant changes to the law and to make other clarifying corrections. Changes are needed to civil harassment, elder or dependent adult abuse, gun violence, postsecondary school violence, and workplace violence restraining orders to implement Senate Bill 899 (Stats. 2024, ch. 554). The committee's recommendations to implement SB 899 are made in this report and in the reports entitled *Protective Orders: Civil Harassment Forms to Implement Senate Bill 554* and *Protective Orders: Postsecondary School Violence Forms to Implement Assembly Bill 2096*.

[25-139](#)**Rules and Forms | Protective Orders: Postsecondary School Violence Forms to Implement Assembly Bill 2096 (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee proposes the revision of 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 forms included with this report also contain revisions recommended to implement Senate Bill 899 (Stats. 2024, ch. 544), as well as four forms the committee recommends adopting to

implement that law. Those recommendations are explained in a separate proposal entitled *Protective Orders: Civil Restraining Order Forms to Implement Senate Bill 899*, which also includes new and revised forms for other categories of protective orders.

[25-148](#)**Rules and Forms | Unlawful Detainer: Form Revisions to Reflect Repeal of COVID-19 Legislation (Action Required)****Summary:**

Several statutes enacted to address the COVID-19 pandemic have been repealed. The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee recommends revising four forms and revoking 10 forms to implement these changes in law, revising one unlawful detainer form to refer to the federal CARES Act, and revising one summons form to make nonsubstantive corrections.

[25-165](#)**Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act | Fiscal Year 2025-26 Trial Court Trust Fund Allocation Increase for Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Program (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving a \$1.4 million augmentation to the fiscal year 2025-26 Trial Court Trust Fund allocation for the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Program. The additional funding would be taken from program reserves and distributed on a pro rata basis to current Shriver projects to expand and sustain legal representation and court services in housing and other civil cases.

DISCUSSION AGENDA[25-063](#)**Juvenile Law | Court Adoption and Permanency Month (Action Required)****Summary:**

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends adopting a resolution proclaiming November 2025 to be Court Adoption and Permanency Month. This resolution would recognize the ongoing efforts of California's juvenile courts and their justice partners to provide children and families with access to fair, understandable judicial proceedings leading to timely and well-informed permanency outcomes that are in the best interest of the child.

Speakers:

Hon. Tari L. Cody, Cochair, Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
Adoptive Family

20 minutes

INFORMATION AGENDA (NO ACTION REQUIRED)[25-119](#)**Judicial Council Update | Report on Compliance With Education Rules for Justices and Judges****Summary:**

The Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, and trial courts have submitted to the Judicial Council cumulative records of participation in education by their benches, as required under California Rules of Court, rule 10.452(d)(6) and (e)(7), for the 2022-2024 education cycle, which concluded on December 31, 2024.

[25-169](#)**Judicial Council Update | Trial Court Facility Modifications Report for Quarter 4 and Annual Summary for Fiscal Year 2024-25****Summary:**

This informational report to the Judicial Council outlines (1) allocations of facility modification funding made to improve trial court facilities in the fourth quarter (April through June) of fiscal year 2024-25, and (2) a summary of all funding allocations during the fiscal year. To determine allocations, the Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee reviews and approves facility modification requests from across the state in accordance with the council's *Trial Court Facility Modifications Policy*.

[25-137](#)**Report to the Legislature | Annual Report on Contracts for the Trial Courts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025****Summary:**

Section 19209 of the Public Contract Code and the *Judicial Branch Contracting Manual* require that the Judicial Council submit a report annually to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the State Auditor to provide information related to contracts and payments from the trial courts to all vendors and contractors. The report includes a list of vendors and contractors as required by section 19209(b) and identifies the amounts of payments to the contractors and vendors, the types of services and goods provided, and the trial courts with which the contractors and vendors contracted to provide those goods and services. The report summary also includes a list of all amended contracts as required by section 19209(c), including any changes to the contract value, types of services or goods, or contract. For the latest reporting period, the Judicial Council reports 34,656 payments representing \$713.66 million for trial courts. As mandated, Judicial Council staff submitted this report by September 30, 2025.

[25-152](#)**Trial Courts | Public Notice of Court Closures or Reduced Clerks' Office Hours****Summary:**

Government Code section 68106 directs (1) trial courts to notify the public and the Judicial Council before closing courtrooms or clerks' offices or reducing clerks' regular office hours, and (2) the council to post all such notices on its website and relay them to the Legislature. This report lists the latest court notices received by the council under this statutory requirement. Since the previous report, one superior court--the Superior Court of Fresno County--has issued a new notice.

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