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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Judicial Council: Rules Committee Report

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Submitted by

Rules Committee

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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 April 25, 2025, Judicial Council meeting. These activities include the committee’s recommendations for council approval of those proposals identified below that are on the consent agenda for the July 18 council meeting.

Overview of Committee Meetings

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

On **June 3, 2025**, the Rules Committee met by videoconference to consider:

- One proposed report to the Judicial Council with recommendations from the Artificial Intelligence Task Force proposing that the Judicial Council, effective September 1, 2025, adopt California Rules of Court, rule 10.430, and California Standards of Judicial

Administration, standard 10.80, to address the use of generative artificial intelligence for court-related work.

- Two jury instructions proposals from the Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions:
 - A proposed report to the council to approve additions and revisions to civil jury instructions (Release 47) that circulated for public comment; and
 - A recommendation for final action by the Rules Committee for minor or nonsubstantive revisions, which the council has delegated authority to the Rules Committee to approve.

Action: The Rules Committee approved the two proposed reports to go forward to the council's consent agenda for the July 18 meeting and took final action in approving the minor and nonsubstantive revisions to civil jury instructions.

On **June 13, 2025**, the Rules Committee acted by email to consider a proposed report from Judicial Council staff recommending that the Judicial Council, effective July 21, 2025, revise *Current Dollar Amounts of Exemptions From Enforcement of Judgments* (form EJ-156) to reflect increases in the minimum basic standard of care for a family of four and to implement new law. The proposal was not circulated for public comment because the recommended form changes are technical in nature and unlikely to create controversy.

Action: The Rules Committee approved the proposed report and recommended it go on the council's consent agenda for the July 18 meeting.

Recommendation to the Judicial Council

The Rules Committee recommends council approval of the recommendations in the reports identified above that are on the council's consent agenda for the July 18 meeting.