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# REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

*Item No.: 26-055*

For business meeting on April 24, 2026

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**Title**

Appellate Procedure: Increased File Size  
Limit for Electronic Filings

**Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected**

Amend Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.74

**Recommended by**

Appellate Advisory Committee  
Hon. Allison M. Danner, Chair

**Report Type**

Action Required

**Effective Date**

July 1, 2026

**Date of Report**

April 2, 2026

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### Executive Summary

Rule 8.74 of the California Rules of Court currently limits the file size for electronic filings in the Courts of Appeal to 25 megabytes. When adopted, this limit corresponded to the file size limitation of the e-filing program used by the Courts of Appeal. The Courts of Appeal and Judicial Council Information Technology have worked with a vendor to transition to a file size limit of 100 megabytes for the e-filing program. Because rule 8.74 currently contains a 25-megabyte file size limit, the Appellate Advisory Committee recommends amending the rule to accept 100-megabyte files.

### Recommendation

The Appellate Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 1, 2026, amend California Rules of Court, rule 8.74 to change the file size limit in the rule from 25 megabytes to 100 megabytes. This change reflects an increase in the Courts of Appeal's technological capacity for e-filings.

The proposed revised rule is attached at page 3.

## Relevant Previous Council Action

Effective January 1, 2020, rule 8.74 was amended to impose a statewide file size limit of 25 megabytes on electronic filings for Courts of Appeal.<sup>1</sup>

## Analysis/Rationale

California Rules of Court, rule 8.74(a)(5) currently states “[a]n electronic filing may not be larger than 25 megabytes.” The Appellate Advisory Committee recommended in 2019 that the statewide rule incorporate that size limit largely because the local rules of each district of the Courts of Appeal included a file size limit of 25 megabytes.

Recently, the Courts of Appeal and Judicial Council Information Technology have worked with a vendor to increase the file size capacity for electronic filings to 100 megabytes. Because rule 8.74 was intended to reflect courts’ technological capability and this capability has increased, the committee recommends amending the rule to reflect this increase.

## Policy implications

The proposed rule amendment updates a file size limit on electronic filings to reflect the increased technological capability of the Courts of Appeal. Accordingly, the key policy implication for this amendment is further improving the technological infrastructure for electronic filing to better serve the public and courts.

## Comments

Public comments were not solicited for this proposal because the Rules Committee determined that the recommendation is within the Judicial Council’s purview to adopt without circulation. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.22(d)(2).)

## Alternatives considered

The committee considered taking no action on the rule but decided to recommend an amendment because a larger file size limit would be beneficial to litigants and the courts.

## Fiscal and Operational Impacts

Increasing the e-filing file size limit to 100 megabytes would result in a one-time cost of \$25,000 and an additional \$27,000 increase in costs annually from the Appellate Court Trust Fund. Funds have already been allocated for this purpose.

## Attachments and Links

1. Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.74, at page 3

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<sup>1</sup> Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., *Appellate Procedure: Uniform Formatting Rules for Electronic Documents* (Aug. 6, 2019), [jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=7678679&GUID=BA41150A-83D2-4D23-988A-67CF69E727BB](http://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=7678679&GUID=BA41150A-83D2-4D23-988A-67CF69E727BB). In 2019, none of the commenters on that proposed amendment to rule 8.74 indicated that the 25-megabyte limit was unworkable or regularly compromised their electronic filings.

Rule 8.74 of the California Rules of Court is amended, effective July 1, 2026, to read:

1 **Title 8. Appellate Rules**

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3 **Division 1. Rules Relating to the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal**

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5 **Chapter 1. General Provisions**

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7 **Article 5. E-filing**

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10 **Rule 8.74. Format of electronic documents**

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12 **(a) Formatting requirements applicable to all electronic documents**

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14 (1)–(4) \* \* \*

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16 (5) *Size and multiple files:* An electronic filing may not be larger than ~~25~~100  
17 megabytes. This rule does not change the limitations on word count or  
18 number of pages otherwise established by the California Rules of Court for  
19 documents filed in the court. Although certain provisions in the California  
20 Rules of Court require volumes of no more than 300 pages (see, e.g., rules  
21 8.124(d)(1), 8.144(b)(6), 8.144(g)), an electronic filing may exceed 300  
22 pages so long as its individual components comply with the 300-page volume  
23 requirement and the electronic filing does not exceed ~~25~~100 megabytes. If a  
24 document exceeds the ~~25~~100-megabyte file-size limitation, the electronic  
25 filer must submit the document in more than one file, with each file ~~25~~100  
26 megabytes or less. The first file must include a master chronological and  
27 alphabetical index stating the contents for all files. Each file must have a  
28 cover page stating (a) the file number for that file and the total number of  
29 files for that document, (b) the volumes contained in that file, and (c) the  
30 page numbers contained in that file. (For example: File 2 of 4, Volumes 3–4,  
31 pp. 301–499.) In addition, each file must be paginated consecutively across  
32 all files in the document, including the cover pages for each file. (For  
33 example, if the first file ends on page 300, the cover of the second file must  
34 be page 301.) If a multiple-file document is submitted to the court in both  
35 electronic form and paper form, the cover pages for each file must be  
36 included in the paper documents.

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38 (6)–(9) \* \* \*

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40 **(b)–(d) \* \* \***