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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. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the May 21, 2021, Judicial Council meeting—the last meeting at which there was a Rules Committee report. Since that time, the Rules Committee has acted by email twice.

Overview of Committee Meetings

On June 7, 2021, the Rules Committee acted by email between meetings to consider a proposal by the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee recommending that the Judicial Council adopt and approve three new small claims forms, and revise a fourth in order to implement the provisions enacted in Assembly Bill 3088 and Senate Bill 91 relating to recovery of Covid-19–related rental debt in small claims court beginning August 1.

The committee approved the proposal but, in light of the recent enactment of Assembly Bill 832 deferring the date for commencing these actions until November 1, 2021, this proposal has been deferred and the advisory committee is expected to return with a revised proposal that reflects the provisions in the new law.

On July 1, 2021, the Rules Committee acted by email between meetings to consider a recommendation from Judicial Council staff to revise two unlawful detainer forms in light of Assembly Bill 832, urgency legislation that became effective when signed by the Governor on June 28, 2021. The proposal revises the forms so that the dates on those forms that reflect the prior end date of the tenant protections are changed to reflect the new later dates under AB 832.

The Rules Committee approved this recommendation, which is on the agenda of the council's July 9, 2021 meeting.