RUPRO Chair's Report to the Judicial Council January 15, 2019

The Rules and Projects Committee has met once and has acted by email once since the November 30 Judicial Council meeting.

RUPRO acted by email on December 7 to consider a request by the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee for the appointment of a non-advisory committee member to chair an ad hoc subcommittee, the Joint CEQA Fee Subcommittee. RUPRO approved the request.

On December 10, RUPRO met by telephone to consider a total of twelve proposals. Nine of the proposals were recommended by advisory committees to circulate for comment during the winter comment cycle, which RUPRO approved. Following circulation and further review by the proponent advisory committees and RUPRO, these proposals are expected to come before the Judicial Council at the May business meeting. One item was a suggestion from a member of the public to amend rules 10.500 and 10.620 on public access to judicial administrative records and administrative decisions of trial courts. RUPRO declined to pursue this suggestion. RUPRO recommends approval of the remaining two proposals, which are items 19-009 and 19-010 on today's consent agenda.