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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 November 13, 2020, Judicial Council meeting—the last meeting at which there was a Rules Committee report. Since that time, the Rules Committee has met by telephone once and acted by email once.

Overview of Committee Meetings

On November 19, 2020, the Rules Committee met by telephone to consider two advisory committee recommendations to go to the council shortly after the meeting, for action on via circulating order:

- *The Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedules: 2021 Edition, for Traffic, Boating, Fish and Game, Forestry, Public Utilities, Parks and Recreation, and Business Licensing*, recommended by the Traffic Advisory Committee; and
- *Unlawful Detainers: Answer Form to Implement Assembly Bill 3088* (form UD-105), recommended by the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee.

The committee recommended approval of both proposals and also recommended that they be circulated to the council for immediate action.

At that same meeting, the Rules Committee considered two proposals to be circulated for public comment:

- *Rules and Forms: Proof of Service for Sex Offender Registration Termination*, proposed by the Criminal Law Advisory Committee; and
- *Small Claims: Forms for COVID-19 Rental Debt Cases*, proposed by the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee.

The Rules Committee approved the circulation of the forms, which were posted for public comment through December 23, 2020. Following review by the Criminal Law Advisory Committee and the Rules Committee, the forms relating to sex offender registration termination, along with others previously circulated, are expected to come before the council at its March meeting, with a July 1, 2021, effective date. Following review by the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee, the revised and a new small claims forms—which are to implement provisions of Assembly Bill 3088 which become effective March 1, 2021—will be recommended to the council via circulating order in February, unless the dates in AB 3088 are extended, as is currently being considered by the Legislature.

The Rules Committee also acted by email in late December to approve an addition to the previously approved Annual Agenda of the Family and Juvenile Advisory Committee. The amended Annual Agenda is available on the committee's webpage on the California Courts website.