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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Item No.: 21-139

For business meeting on October 1, 2021

Title

Rules and Forms: Miscellaneous Technical Changes

Agenda Item Type

Action Required

Effective Date

October 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022

Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected

Amend Cal. Rules of Court, rules 2.1032 and 2.1033; revise forms EJ-156 and SUM-130

Date of Report

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Executive Summary

Various members of the judicial branch, members of the public, and Judicial Council staff have identified errors in the California Rules of Court and Judicial Council forms resulting from typographical errors and changes resulting from legislation, and previous rule amendments and form revisions. Judicial Council staff recommend making the necessary corrections to avoid causing confusion for court users, clerks, and judicial officers.

Recommendation

Judicial Council staff recommend that the council:

1. Amend the comments to rules 2.1032 and 2.1033 of the California Rules of Court to update the citations to the 2021 edition of the *Bench Handbook: Jury Management*, effective October 1, 2021;
2. Revise form EJ-156, *Current Dollar Amounts of Exemptions from Enforcement of Judgments*, to reflect increases in the minimum basic standard of care for a family of four, effective October 1, 2021; and

3. Revise form SUM-130, *Summons–Unlawful Detainer–Eviction*, item 3, to correct an internal reference, effective January 1, 2022.

The text of the amended rule and the revised forms are attached at pages 3–7.

Relevant Previous Council Action

Although the Judicial Council has acted on these rules and forms, this proposal recommends only minor corrections unrelated to any prior action.

Analysis/Rationale

The changes to these rules and forms are technical in nature and necessary to correct inadvertent omissions and incorrect references as discussed more fully below.

Policy implications

There are no policy implications to this proposal.

Comments

This proposal was not circulated for public comment because the changes are noncontroversial, involve technical revisions, and are therefore within the Judicial Council’s purview to adopt without circulation. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.22(d)(2).)

Alternatives considered

None.

Fiscal and Operational Impacts

Operational impacts are expected to be minor. The proposed revisions may result in reproduction costs if courts provide hard copies of any of the forms recommended for revision. Because the proposed changes are technical corrections, case management systems are unlikely to need updating to implement them.

Attachments and Links

1. Cal Rules of Court, rules 2.1032 and 2.1033, at page 3
2. Forms EJ-156 and SUM-130, at pages 4–7

Rules 2.1032 and 2.1033 of the California Rules of Court are amended, effective October 1, 2021, to read:

Rule 2.1032. Juror notebooks in complex civil cases

A trial judge should encourage counsel in complex civil cases to include key documents, exhibits, and other appropriate materials in notebooks for use by jurors during trial to assist them in performing their duties.

Rule 2.1032 adopted effective January 1, 2007.

Comment

While this rule is intended to apply to complex civil cases, there may be other types of civil cases in which notebooks may be appropriate or useful. Resources, including guidelines for use and recommended notebook contents, are available in *Bench Handbook: Jury Management* (CJER, rev. ~~2006~~ 2021, pp. ~~59~~ 68–69).

Rule 2.1033. Juror questions

A trial judge should allow jurors to submit written questions directed to witnesses. An opportunity must be given to counsel to object to such questions out of the presence of the jury.

Rule 2.1033 adopted effective January 1, 2007.

Comment

See CACI No. 112 and CALCRIM No. 106. Resources, including a model admonition and a sample form for jurors to use to submit questions to the court, are available in *Bench Handbook: Jury Management* (CJER, rev. ~~2006~~ 2021, pp. ~~60–62~~ 70–72).

CURRENT DOLLAR AMOUNTS OF EXEMPTIONS FROM ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS
Code of Civil Procedure sections 703.140(b) and 704.010 et seq.

EXEMPTIONS UNDER SECTION 703.140(b)

The following lists the current dollar amounts of exemptions from enforcement of judgment under Code of Civil Procedure section 703.140(b) used in a case under title 11 of the United States Code (bankruptcy).

These amounts are effective April 1, 2019. Unless otherwise provided by statute after that date, they will be adjusted at each three-year interval, ending on March 31. The amount of the adjustment to the prior amounts is based on the change in the annual California Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the most recent three-year period ending on the preceding December 31, with each adjusted amount rounded to the nearest \$25. (See Code Civ. Proc., § 703.150(d).)

<u>Code Civ. Proc., § 703.140(b)</u>	<u>Type of Property</u>	<u>Amount of Exemption</u>
(1)	The debtor's aggregate interest in real property or personal property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as a residence, or in a cooperative that owns property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as a residence,	\$ 29,275
(2)	The debtor's interest in one or more motor vehicles	\$ 5,850
(3)	The debtor's interest in household furnishings, household goods, wearing apparel, appliances, books, animals, crops, or musical instruments, that are held primarily for the personal, family, or household use of the debtor or a dependent of the debtor (value is of any particular item)	\$ 725
(4)	The debtor's aggregate interest in jewelry held primarily for the personal, family, or household use of the debtor or a dependent of the debtor	\$ 1,750
(5)	The debtor's aggregate interest, plus any unused amount of the exemption provided under paragraph (1), in any property	\$ 1,550
(6)	The debtor's aggregate interest in any implements, professional books, or tools of the trade of the debtor or the trade of a dependent of the debtor	\$ 8,725
(8)	The debtor's aggregate interest in any accrued dividend or interest under, or loan value of, any unmaturing life insurance contract owned by the debtor under which the insured is the debtor or an individual of whom the debtor is a dependent	\$ 15,650
(11)(D)	The debtor's right to receive, or property traceable to, a payment on account of personal bodily injury of the debtor or an individual of whom the debtor is a dependent	\$ 29,275

CURRENT DOLLAR AMOUNTS OF EXEMPTIONS FROM ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS
Code of Civil Procedure sections 703.140(b) and 704.010 et seq.
EXEMPTIONS UNDER SECTION 704.010 et seq.

The following lists the current dollar amounts of exemptions from enforcement of judgment under title 9, division 2, chapter 4, article 3 (commencing with section 704.010) of the Code of Civil Procedure.

The amount of the automatic exemption for a deposit account under section 704.220(a) is effective **July 1, 2021**, and unless otherwise provided by statute after that date, will be adjusted annually effective July 1 by the Department of Social Services under Welf. & Inst. Code, § 11453 to reflect the minimum basic standard of care for a family of four as established by § 11452.*

The other amounts are all effective April 1, 2019. Unless otherwise provided by statute after that date, they will be adjusted at each three-year interval, ending on March 31. The amount of the adjustment to the prior amounts is based on the change in the annual California Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the most recent three-year period ending on the preceding December 31, with each adjusted amount rounded to the nearest \$25. (See Code Civ. Proc., § 703.150(d).)

<u>Code Civ. Proc. Section</u>	<u>Type of Property</u>	<u>Amount of Exemption</u>
704.010	Motor vehicle (any combination of aggregate equity, proceeds of execution sale, and proceeds of insurance or other indemnification for loss, damage, or destruction)	\$ 3,325
704.030	Material to be applied to repair or maintenance of residence	\$ 3,500
704.040	Jewelry, heirlooms, art	\$ 8,725
704.060	Personal property used in debtor's or debtor's spouse's trade, business, or profession (amount of exemption for commercial motor vehicle not to exceed \$4,850)	\$ 8,725
704.060	Personal property used in debtor's and spouse's common trade, business, or profession (amount of exemption for commercial motor vehicle not to exceed \$9,700)	\$ 17,450
704.220	Deposit account, generally (exemption without claim; amount per judgment debtor, section 704.220(a),(e)) ¹	\$ 1,826*
704.080	Deposit account with direct payment of social security or public benefits (exemption without claim, section 704.080(b)) ²	
	• Public benefits, one depositor is designated payee	\$ 1,750
	• Social security benefits, one depositor is designated payee	\$ 3,500
	• Public benefits, two or more depositors are designated payees ³	\$ 2,600
	• Social security benefits, two or more depositors are designated payees ³	\$ 5,250
704.090	Inmate trust account	\$ 1,750
	Inmate trust account (restitution fine or order)	\$ 325 ⁴
704.100	Aggregate loan value of unmaturing life insurance policies	\$ 13,975

¹ This exemption does not preclude or reduce other exemptions for deposit accounts. However, if the exemption amount for the deposit account applicable under other automatic exemptions—such as those applicable for direct deposit of social security benefits or public benefits—is greater under the other exemptions, then those apply instead of this one. (Code Civ. Proc., § 704.220(b).)

² The amount of a deposit account with direct deposited funds that exceeds exemption amounts shown is also exempt to the extent it consists of payments of public benefits or social security benefits. (Code Civ. Proc., § 704.080(c).)

³ If only one joint payee is a beneficiary of the payment, the exemption is in the amount available to a single designated payee. (Code Civ. Proc., § 704.080(b)(3) and (4).)

⁴ This amount is not subject to adjustments under Code Civ. Proc., § 703.150.

SUMMONS
(CITACIÓN JUDICIAL)

SUM-130

UNLAWFUL DETAINER—EVICTION

(RETENCIÓN ILÍCITA DE UN INMUEBLE—DESALOJO)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

FOR COURT USE ONLY
(SOLO PARA USO DE LA CORTE)

DRAFT

August 26, 2021

**Not approved by
Judicial Council**

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 5 days. You have 5 DAYS, not counting Saturdays and Sundays and other judicial holidays, after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff.

A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

¡AVISO! Usted ha sido demandado. Si no responde dentro de 5 días, el tribunal puede emitir un fallo en su contra sin una audiencia. Una vez que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales, solo tiene 5 DÍAS, sin contar sábado y domingo y otros días feriados del tribunal, para presentar una respuesta por escrito en este tribunal y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante.

Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protege. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por falta de comparecencia y se le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados local.

EXENCIÓN DE CUOTAS: Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos con un gravamen sobre cualquier cantidad de \$10,000 ó más recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desestimar el caso.

1. The name and address of the court is:
(El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

CASE NUMBER (número del caso):

2. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

PLAINTIFF (Name):	CASE NUMBER:
DEFENDANT (Name):	

3. (Must be answered in all cases) An **unlawful detainer assistant (Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 6400–6415)** ☐ did not ☐ did for compensation give advice or assistance with this form. (If plaintiff has received **any** help or advice for pay from an unlawful detainer assistant, complete item 4 below.)

4. **Unlawful detainer assistant** (complete if plaintiff has received any help or advice for pay from an unlawful detainer assistant):

- a. Assistant's name:
- b. Telephone no.:
- c. Street address, city, and zip:

- d. County of registration:
- e. Registration no.:
- f. Registration expires on (date) :

Date:
(Fecha)

Clerk, by
(Secretario)

, Deputy
(Adjunto)

(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)

(Para prueba de entrega de esta citación use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)

[SEAL]	<p>5. NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> as an individual defendant. b. <input type="checkbox"/> as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify): c. <input type="checkbox"/> as an occupant. d. <input type="checkbox"/> on behalf of (specify): <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">under: <input type="checkbox"/> CCP 416.10 (corporation).</td> <td style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> CCP 416.60 (minor).</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation).</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> CCP 416.70 (conservatee).</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> CCP 416.40 (association or partnership).</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> CCP 416.90 (authorized person).</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> CCP 415.46 (occupant).</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> other (specify):</td> </tr> </table> e. <input type="checkbox"/> by personal delivery on (date): 	under: <input type="checkbox"/> CCP 416.10 (corporation).	<input type="checkbox"/> CCP 416.60 (minor).	<input type="checkbox"/> CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation).	<input type="checkbox"/> CCP 416.70 (conservatee).	<input type="checkbox"/> CCP 416.40 (association or partnership).	<input type="checkbox"/> CCP 416.90 (authorized person).	<input type="checkbox"/> CCP 415.46 (occupant).	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify):
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