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Summary

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends amending 15 of the California Rules of Court, adopting one new rule, revising eight Judicial Council forms, and approving one new optional form. Assembly Bill 976 authorizes electronic filing and service in juvenile matters, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1010.6. The bill extends the ability to conduct electronic filing and service to all juvenile matters, with some important exceptions and conditions designed to protect the confidential information of minors and to preserve paper notice of specified proceedings. The bill also requires affirmative consent to electronic service as of January 1, 2019. These statutory changes require the modifications to rules and forms recommended in this report.

Recommendation

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends the following amendments to California Rules of Court and revisions to Judicial Council forms, in addition to the adoption of a new rule of court and the approval of a new optional form, to be effective January 1, 2019:

1. Amend California Rules of Court, rules 5.504, 5.522, 5.524, 5.534, 5.538, 5.565, 5.570, 5.590, 5.640, 5.695, 5.700, 5.726, 5.727, 5.728, and 5.906;
2. Adopt rule 5.523;
3. Revise forms EFS-005-JV/JV-141, JV-217-INFO, JV-221, JV-282, JV-310, JV-326, JV-326-INFO, and JV-510; and
4. Approve form JV-510(A).