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Summary
The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends revising two forms and renumbering one of those forms to provide up-to-date legal information for a prospective guardian of a child in juvenile court proceedings, using language and a format easily understood by a person not trained in law. The proposal is needed to reflect changes to the law and comply with an ongoing statutory mandate. Specific revisions were suggested, both informally and through the spring 2018 invitation-to-comment cycle, by child welfare departments, county counsel's offices, juvenile courts, and the Judicial Council's Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee.

Recommendation
The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective September 1, 2019:

1.   Revise *Letters of Guardianship (Juvenile)* (form JV-330) to clarify the terms of the letters of guardianship, clarify and expand the information being provided to guardians appointed by the juvenile court, and reorganize the various party and clerk signature items; and

2.   Revise, renumber, and retitle *Guardianship Pamphlet* (Juvenile) (form JV-350) to *Becoming a Child's Guardian in Juvenile Court* (form JV-350-INFO), to clarify and update the legal information on the information sheet and present the information in plain language and a user-friendly format.