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Rules and Forms | Indian Child Welfare Act: Tribal Information Form (Action Required)

Summary

The Tribal Court-State Court Forum and the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommend amending rule 5.522 of the California Rules of Court and approving a new optional form and instruction sheet for that form, to be used by an Indian child's tribe to provide information to the court on issues where consultation with the child's tribe is required by the Indian Child Welfare Act, and for the tribe's position on these issues in cases governed by the Indian Child Welfare Act. This proposal originated with comments from tribal advocates and attorneys.

Recommendation

The Tribal Court-State Court Forum and the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommend that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2021:

1. Amend rule 5.522 of the California Rules of Court;
2. Approve *Tribal Information Form* (form ICWA-100); and
3. Approve *Instruction Sheet for Tribal Information Form* (form ICWA-100-INFO).