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Title

Rules and Forms | Appellate Procedure: Service Copy of Petition for Review (Action Required)

Summary

The Information Technology Advisory Committee and Appellate Advisory Committee recommend amending the rule regarding petitions for review in the California Supreme Court to remove the requirement to send to the Court of Appeal a service copy of a petition for review when a petition is filed electronically. Under current practice, when a petition for review is accepted for electronic filing by the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal automatically receives a filed/endorsed copy of the petition through the electronic filing service provider (EFSP). Thus, in actual practice, the electronic filing of a petition satisfies the requirement to serve the Court of Appeal with a copy, and there is no need for an electronic filer to serve the Court of Appeal with another copy as required by the rules. The proposed amendment does not change the requirement to serve a copy of the petition on the superior court clerk in all instances and, if a petitioner files in paper format, to also serve a copy of the petition on the Court of Appeal.

Recommendation

The Information Technology Advisory Committee and Appellate Advisory Committee recommend that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2020, amend California Rules of Court, rule 8.500(f)(1), to require a petitioner to serve a copy of a petition for review on the clerk/executive officer of the Court of Appeal only when the petition is filed in paper format, and to clarify that a service copy to the Court of Appeal is not required when a petition is filed electronically.