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Title

Court Records: Records Sampling and Destruction (Action Required)

Summary

The Court Executives Advisory Committee (CEAC) recommends amending the rule relating to the sampling of court records to substantially reduce the number of records that superior courts are required to keep. The amendments would significantly decrease court costs, while still ensuring that courts preserve a statistically significant sample of court records for future research purposes. To implement these amendments, CEAC also recommends a new rotation assignment that lists when each court must retain sample court records.

Recommendation

CEAC recommends that the Judicial Council:

1. Amend rule 10.855 of the California Rules of Court, effective July 1, 2016, to eliminate the systematic, subjective, and augmented samples, and to revise the longitudinal sample and comprehensive records requirements;
2. Approve the new rotation assignment.