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### Title

### **Juvenile Law: Dependency Hearings-Continued Condensing of the Rules of Court (Action Required)**

### Summary

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory committee recommends amending five rules to delete some sections that unnecessarily repeat statutory language or replace them with references to the relevant code sections to enhance the brevity and accuracy of the rules.

### Recommendation

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

1. Amend rule 5.526 of the California Rules of Court to delete language that restates the text in Welfare and Institutions Code sections 338-341 and 661-664 and replace it with references to those sections;
2. Amend rule 5.678 of the California Rules of Court to delete language that restates text in section 319 and replace it with references to section 319;
3. Amend Rule 5.690 of the California Rules of Court to clarify that it is governed by section 16501.1 in its entirety;
4. Amend rule 5.695 of the California Rules of Court to add a reference to the newly enacted section 361(d); and
5. Amend rule 5.708 to clarify that it is governed by section 16501.1 in its entirety, and to improve grammar and clarity.