



# Judicial Council of California

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### Title

### **Rules and Forms | Judicial Sabbaticals (Action Required)**

#### Summary

Judicial sabbaticals are addressed in the Government Code and the California Rules of Court. Current law and practices provide for only unpaid sabbaticals on approval of the Judicial Council. Rule 10.502 of the California Rules of Court includes provisions that are inconsistent with current law and practices. The Executive and Planning Committee recommends amending rule 10.502 to make it consistent with current law and practices and to eliminate outdated provisions on paid sabbaticals and the role of the Judicial Sabbatical Review Committee.

#### Recommendation

The Executive and Planning Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 23, 2018, amend rule 10.502 to:

- Eliminate the reference to Government Code section 77213 in subdivision (b) and cross references elsewhere in the rule to the requirements of section 77213;
- Align the rule's language on the purpose of a sabbatical with that in section 68554;
- Eliminate the reference to the Judicial Sabbatical Review Committee and authorize the council's Executive and Planning Committee to evaluate and make recommendations to the council on judicial sabbatical applications; and
- Make stylistic changes and change the order of subdivisions (h) and (i).