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Title

Rules and Forms | Language Referring to Persons With Disabilities (Action Required)

Summary

The Appellate Advisory Committee recommends updating language in several rules and a form to reflect guidelines for referring to persons with disabilities, preferences within the disability community, and terminology changes in California statutes. The committee also recommends correcting several subdivision headings in one of the rule's advisory committee comments.

Recommendation

The Appellate Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2023:

1. Amend California Rules of Court, rules 8.482, 8.483, and 8.631 to replace outdated language describing persons with disabilities with updated "person-first" language; and
2. Revise form APP-060, *Notice of Appeal-Civil Commitment/Mental Health Proceedings*, to update the language describing persons in civil commitment proceedings, reflecting the amendments to rule 8.483.