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Title

Appellate Procedure: Format for Reporters' Transcripts Delivered in Electronic Form (Action Required)

Summary

To implement recent legislation, the Appellate Advisory Committee recommends amending rule 8.144 of the California Rules of Court, which governs the format of reporters' transcripts to incorporate requirements for transcripts that are delivered in electronic form and to reorganize the provisions so that the formatting requirements applicable to all transcripts including those in paper form are easier to find. The committee also recommends amending several other rules to conform to the new legislation and to correct cross-references in the rules.

Recommendation

The Appellate Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2018:

1. Amend California Rules of Court, rule 8.144 to:
 - a. Add a new subdivision addressing requirements for reporters' transcripts in delivered in electronic form, including that the transcript:
 - i. Be in a full-text searchable PDF or other searchable format approved by the court;
 - ii. Include an electronic bookmark to each heading, subheading, and specified components of the transcript; and
 - iii. Permit users to copy and paste, keeping the original formatting.
 - b. Consolidate the current subdivisions that establish general formatting requirements for reporters' and clerks' transcripts into new subdivision (b);
 - c. Consolidate the current provisions that specifically relate to transcripts that are in paper form in a new subdivision (c); and
 - d. Make other nonsubstantive changes.
2. Amend California Rules of Court, rules 8.124, 8.130, 8.336, 8.409, 8.416, 8.613, 8.619, 8.622, 8.625, 8.834, 8.838, 8.866 and 8.919 to:
 - a. Delete language that is inconsistent with newly amended Code of Civil Procedure section 271.
 - b. Change references to transcripts in computer-readable form to instead refer to transcripts delivered in electronic form, to be consistent with newly amended Code of Civil Procedure section 271.
 - c. Correct cross-references to the proposed, amended version of rule 8.144.