



# Judicial Council of California

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### **Title**

### **Telephonic Appearances: Change in Fee Amount (Action Required)**

#### **Summary**

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommends amending rule 3.670 of the California Rules of Court to increase the fee to appear by telephone in civil cases from \$86 to \$94, effective January 1, 2019. The new fee would apply to the balance of the four-year term of the master agreement for telephone appearance services that was recently entered into with CourtCall, LLC. The fee increase reflects the estimated increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the term of the agreement.

#### **Recommendation**

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2019:

1. Amend California Rules of Court, rule 3.670(k)(1), to provide that the fee to appear by telephone is \$94 for each appearance; and
2. Amend rule 3.670(m)(2) to provide that the fee for vendor-provided telephone appearance services in proceedings under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act is \$74.