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Title

Juvenile Law: Proceedings Before a Referee (Action Required)

Summary

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends amending California Rules of Court, rule 5.538(b)(3), to make the rule consistent with a statutory change to Welfare and Institutions Code section 248, subdivision (b)(1). The amendment would permit a referee's findings and orders to be personally served in court on a party who is present at the hearing rather than exclusively by mail, as currently provided in the rule.

Recommendation

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2016, amend rule 5.538(b)(3), to make the rule consistent with a statutory change to Welfare and Institutions Code section 248(b)(1).