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Title

Judicial Branch Administration: Changes to Rules, Standards, and Forms to Replace the Names “Administrative Office of the Courts” and “AOC” (Action Required)

Summary

The chairs of the Judicial Council’s Executive and Planning, Policy Coordination and Liaison, Rules and Projects, and Litigation Management Committees recommend that the California Rules of Court and Standards of Judicial Administration be amended and Judicial Council forms be revised to replace the names “Administrative Office of the Courts” and “AOC” with “Judicial Council,” or “Judicial Council staff,” as appropriate, to further effectuate the name change that began in July 2014 and to make other technical and minor substantive changes to the name of a Judicial Council advisory body, staff office, or staff position to accurately reflect the current name and to accurately state the number of internal committees and describe policymaking positions.

Recommendation

The chairs of the Judicial Council’s Executive and Planning, Policy Coordination and Liaison, Rules and Projects, and Litigation Management Committees (internal chairs) recommend that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2016, take action to fully implement the change of the names “Administrative Office of the Courts” and “AOC” to “Judicial Council” or “Judicial Council staff” as appropriate, to shorten “Administrative Director of the Courts” to “Administrative Director,” and to make other technical and minor substantive changes by:

1. Amending titles 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10 and Appendixes D and F of the California Rules of Court;
2. Amending the California Standards of Judicial Administration, standards 5.40, 5.45, 10.10, 10.11, 10.15, 10.16, and 10.80; and
3. Revising forms MC-700 and MC-704.