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Title

Judicial Branch Education | Temporary Extension and Reduction of Requirements; Instructor-Led Training (Action Required)

Summary

The Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) Advisory Committee recommends adopting two rules of court relating to branchwide education. The first would grant a temporary extension of time for completing content-based education requirements and a prorated reduction of hours for hours-based education requirements contained within existing rules. The second would allow instructor-led training via live webinars to satisfy the provisions in the rules that require “traditional (live, face-to-face)” or “in person” training. Both rules are necessary due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the imposition of social distancing measures, which have forced CJER and other approved education providers to postpone or cancel in-person education since mid-March 2020.

Recommendation

The CJER Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2021:

1. Adopt rule 10.492 of the California Rules of Court to provide temporary relief to court staff and judicial officers regarding their content-based and hours-based education requirements; and
2. Adopt rule 10.493 of the California Rules of Court to expand the delivery methods available to obtain required “traditional (live, face-to-face)” or “in person” training.