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Family & Juvenile Law: Stepparent Adoption and Postadoption Contact by Siblings (Action Required)

Summary

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends amending rule 5.451 of the California Rules of Court and revising five Judicial Council forms for use in adoption proceedings. The proposed changes conform them to new legislation relating to postadoption contact by siblings of dependent children or youth in delinquency and stepparent adoptions. Other proposed changes correct inaccuracies and outdated material in the forms.

Recommendation

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2018:

1. Amend rule 5.451 (Contact after adoption agreement) to comply with Senate Bill 1060 (Stats. 2016, ch. 719), which encourages, where appropriate, postadoption and other permanent-plan contact by siblings of dependent children or youth in delinquency;
2. Revise *Adoption Request* (form ADOPT-200) to comply with Assembly Bill 2872 (Stats. 2016, ch 702), allowing the adopter to specify who will do the investigation or written report and addressing payment thereof; and
3. Revise *Contact After Adoption Agreement* (form ADOPT-310); *Request to: Enforce, Change, End Contact After Adoption Agreement* (form ADOPT-315); *Answer to Request to: Enforce, Change, End Contact After Adoption Agreement* (ADOPT-320); and *Judge's Order to: Enforce, Change, End Contact After Adoption Agreement* (ADOPT-325) to appropriately facilitate contact with a child after adoption by birth parents, siblings, or other relatives, or with an Indian tribe in an ICWA case.