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Family Law: Technical Changes to Bifurcation Forms (Action Required)

Summary

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends technical revisions to two forms - an application and an order for the early termination of marital or partnership status. Specifically, the list of the conditions of granting the bifurcation of the case and ending status early upon a separate trial will be changed to track the language used in Family Code section 2337. This change will ensure that the conditions of granting the bifurcation last until the judgment has been entered on all remaining issues and has become final.

Recommendation

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

1. Revise *Request or Response to Request for Separate Trial* (form FL-315) to clarify that the conditions enumerated in item 4b(2) through (5) last “until judgment has been entered on all remaining issues and has become final.”
2. Revise *Bifurcation of Status of Marriage or Domestic Partnership-Attachment* (form FL-347) to clarify that the conditions enumerated item 5b-e of form FL-347 last “until judgment has been entered on all remaining issues and has become final.”