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Summary

The California Supreme Court recently held that courts that do not provide official court reporters in civil proceedings must, if requested by an indigent party, use court reporters or other means to make a verbatim record available. (*Jameson v. Desta* (2018) 5 Cal.5th 594.) The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee recommends a new court reporter request form, revisions to the fee waiver information form, and amendments to California Rules of Court, rule 2.956, to help fee waiver recipients avail themselves of rights recognized in *Jameson*. The proposal would also further amend that rule of court to reflect recent changes to Government Code section 68086.

Recommendation

The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2021:

1. Amend California Rules of Court, rule 2.956;
2. Approve *Request for Court Reporter by Party with Fee Waiver* (form FW-020); and
3. Revise *Information Sheet on Waiver of Superior Court Fees and Costs* (form FW-001-INFO).