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### Title

### **Family Law: Signatures by Local Child Support Agencies on Electronically Filed Pleadings (Action Required)**

#### Summary

To implement Assembly Bill 1519, the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee and the Information Technology Advisory Committee recommended amending California Rules of Court, rule 2.257, which governs the use of signatures on electronically filed documents. Effective January 1, 2016, AB 1519 amends Family Code section 17400(b)(3) to provide that local child support agencies (1) are required to maintain original signed pleadings only for the time period stated in Government Code section 68152(a), and (2) may maintain original signed pleadings by way of an electronic copy in the statewide automated child support system. AB 1519 requires the Judicial Council to develop implementing rules by July 1, 2016.

#### Recommendation

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee and the Information Technology Advisory Committee recommended that the Judicial Council, effective July 1, 2016, amend rule 2.257(a)(2) of the California Rules of Court to provide that local child support agencies may maintain original, signed pleadings by way of an electronic copy in the statewide automated child support system and must maintain them only for the period of time stated in Government Code section 68152(a).