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Rules and Forms | Juvenile Law: Competency (Action Required)

Summary

The Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee and the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommend amending and renumbering one rule, and amending one rule, to conform to recent statutory changes regarding a child who is the subject of a petition filed under Welfare and Institutions Code sections 601 or 602, when the court has a doubt as to the child's competency to understand the court proceedings.

Recommendation

The Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee and the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommend that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2020:

1. Renumber California Rules of Court, rule 5.645(a)-(c) as rule 5.643; and
2. Amend rule 5.645 to address expert qualifications and court proceedings for juvenile competency evaluations.