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### **Title**

### **Rules and Forms | Criminal Law: Mental Competency Proceedings (Action Required)**

#### **Summary**

The Criminal Law Advisory Committee recommends amending California Rules of Court, rule 4.130, to reflect recent legislative changes by deleting an advisory committee comment stating that expert reports are publicly accessible court documents, and replacing outdated terminology to describe mental health disorders.

#### **Recommendation**

The Criminal Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council amend rule 4.130 of the California Rules of Court, effective September 1, 2020, to:

1. Delete the advisory committee comment that states “[t]he expert reports, unless sealed under rule 2.550, are publicly accessible court documents”; and
2. Replace references to a “mental disorder” with “mental health disorder.”