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Rules and Forms | Technical Form Changes to Reflect Federal Poverty Guidelines (Action Required)

Summary

Judicial Council staff recommend the revision of four Judicial Council forms containing figures based on the federal poverty guidelines to reflect the changes in those guidelines recently published by the federal government. The revised poverty guidelines take effect immediately on release. The revised forms will ensure that litigants and courts are provided with accurate monthly income guidelines on which a court may base a decision regarding fee waivers or financial liability.

Recommendation

Judicial Council staff recommend that the Judicial Council, effective March 14, 2022, revise the following Judicial Council forms to reflect the 2022 increases in the federal poverty guidelines:

- *Request to Waive Court Fees* (form FW-001) at item 5b;
- *Request to Waive Court Fees (Ward or Conservatee)* (form FW-001-GC) at item 8b;
- *Information Sheet on Waiver of Appellate Court Fees-Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, Appellate Division* (form APP-015/FW-015-INFO) at item 1; and
- *Financial Declaration-Juvenile Dependency* (form JV-132) at item 3.