

List of Proposed Local Rule Changes for January 2027:

- 1) **Rule 1.6 Definitions-Electronic Devices:** Amended to include smart glasses, Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) enabled wearables, and devices or applications capable of recording, transcribing, transmitting or broadcasting proceedings.
- 2) **Rule 2.11 Elisors:** Rule is revised at subpart (b)(iii) to remove a deadline that impedes a streamlined signature process.
- 3) **Rule 2.16 Court Contracts:** Rule is revised at subsection (a)(ii) to align with the requirements and language of Public Contract Code section 19206.
- 4) **Rule 6.2 Trial Briefs:** Rule modified to remove requirement of emailing trial briefs.
- 5) **Rule 8.2 Continuances:** Rule modified to remove requirement of faxing or emailing request or stipulation for continuance.
- 6) **Rule 10.2 Consolidation of Cases:** Rule is amended to clarify that the Court may consolidate cases for specific purposes or for all purposes and may order joint hearing or trial pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1048 subdivision (a). The revised rule clarifies that the court may order consolidation sua sponte, or pursuant to noticed motion.
- 7) **Rule 10.3 Responsibility for Content Generated Using Artificial Intelligence:** Rule revised to clarify the responsibilities of court users using artificial intelligence (“AI”) tools for the preparation of exhibits, including but not limited to images, audio, demonstrative materials and other information to be submitted to the court.
- 8) **Rule 10.6 Family Law Judgments:** Clarify that the requirement of an extra face sheet applies to paper documents only.
- 9) **Rule 10.10 Interpreters:** Rule is amended to address the appointment and compensation of interpreters by the court for all criminal, traffic, juvenile dependence, and juvenile justice proceedings. The rule further clarifies that for Civil Matters, if funds are not available to provide an interpreter who meets the standards of eligibility, preference will be given to those parties who have been granted a waiver fee. The court may provide an interpreter outside of the statutory priority list

when a qualified interpreter is available and no action of higher statutory priority is taking place for which the interpreter has already been compensated.

10) **Rule 14.4 Motions:** Subsection (g) has been added reflecting that the court may consolidate criminal matters upon noticed motion, and the requirements of that motion pursuant to California Rule of Court 3.350.

11) **Rule 14.7 Motion to Modify Criminal Protective Orders:** Added to state who may request that a case may be calendared to modify a criminal protective order.

12) **Rule 15.2 Consolidation of Related Cases:** The rule is revised to reflect that the court has the discretion to consolidate competing petitions with different case numbers involving the same matter for all purposes. The Court's authority includes the ability to consolidate matters for specific purposes.