



Superior Court of California,
County of Alameda
René C. Davidson Alameda County Courthouse
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Oakland, California 94612

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Notice to Attorneys and All Interested Parties

As required by California Rules of Court, Rule 10.613(g), the following proposed amendments to the local rules of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda (“Rules”), are distributed for comment.

This represents the court’s continuing effort to review, correct, and update its Rules and local forms. The proposed amendments are summarized below, and the full text of the proposed amendments is reproduced on the following page. In addition, a hard copy of the proposed rule is available upon request by contacting the Planning and Research Bureau by email (vking@alameda.courts.ca.gov) or by phone ((510) 891-6208).

Important dates:

- The last day to comment is **May 17, 2012**.
- The proposed local rules take effect *as soon as allowed* but no later than **July 1, 2012**.

Comments must be submitted in writing to:

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Summary of proposed amendments to the Local Rules for civil cases:

Title 3, Chapter 1 – General and Administrative Rules		
<i>Rule Number</i>	<i>Title of Rule</i>	<i>Proposed Action</i>
3.95	Court reporters	Amend to state limited availability of official court reporters in most civil proceedings. This proposal reflects the court’s ongoing efforts to address fiscal challenges posed by budget uncertainty and funding deficits.

Proposed Amendments to Rule 3.95 of Chapter 1, Title 3 of the Local Rules

Court reporters

Below is the full text of proposed local rule 3.95 with deletions noted in **strikethrough** and additions noted in underline.

Rule 3.95. Court reporters

~~In general civil and probate departments, the services of official court reporters are not normally available for trial or nontrial proceedings other than law and motion calendars. A party who desires a verbatim record of proceedings in which an official court reporter is not available may arrange for the presence of a certified shorthand reporter to serve as an official pro tempore reporter.~~

Except as otherwise required by law, in general civil case and probate departments, the services of an official court reporter are not normally available. For civil trials, each party must serve and file a statement before the trial date indicating whether the party requests the presence of an official court reporter.