



Superior Court of California
County of Alameda
René C. Davidson Courthouse
1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, California 94612

September 14, 2015

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 forms. Below, please find a summary of the six proposed amendments or additions to the Rules.

To view the complete text of the proposed amendments, please visit the Court's web site at

[http://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/Pages.aspx/Local-Rules\(1\)](http://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/Pages.aspx/Local-Rules(1))

In addition, a hard copy of the proposed changes is available upon request by contacting the Office of the General Counsel by email cfinke@alameda.courts.ca.gov or by phone **510-891-6030**.

Important dates:

- The last day to comment is **October 29, 2015**.
- The proposed local rules and forms take effect **January 1, 2016**.

Comments must be submitted in writing to:

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Summary of Proposed Amendments to the Local Rules

Title 1, Chapter 1 – General and Administrative Rules		
<i>Rule Number</i>	<i>Title of Rule</i>	<i>Proposed Action</i>
1.7 (Amended)	Electronic Devices in Courthouses and Other Settings	To clarify that the general prohibition on using electronic devices to record in court facilities does not apply to the use of body cameras by law enforcement personnel.

1.85 (NEW)	Electronic Filing of Documents in Criminal Cases	To provide guidelines around the electronic filing of documents in Criminal matters.
1.86 (NEW)	Electronic Filing of Documents in Juvenile Cases	To provide guidelines around the electronic filing of documents in Juvenile matters.
Title 3, Chapter 1 – Civil Cases		
<i>Rule Number</i>	<i>Title of Rule</i>	<i>Proposed Action</i>
3.90 (Amended)	Failure to Comply with these Rules	To make the rule better track the statutory language of Code of Civil Procedure section setting forth sanctions against a party or counsel who fails to comply with the Court's Local Rules.
Title 5, Division 1, Chapter 1 –Family Cases		
<i>Rule Number</i>	<i>Title of Rule</i>	<i>Proposed Action</i>
5.17 (Amended)	Service of Notice of Initial Status Conference	To conform it to the recent changes to the court's practice, which no longer automatically sets every matter for a status conference.
5.25 (Amended)	Requests to Set Settlement Conferences and Trial Dates	To streamline the rule, to improve its readability, and to conform it to the practice of the Family bench officers.
5.45 (Amended)	Conduct of Status, Case Resolution, and Settlement Conferences	To correct the name of a local form referenced in the rule, and to improve readability.
5.72 (Amended)	Judgments Involving Child Custody, Child Support, or Spousal Support	To clarify which Judicial Council forms are mandatory in connection with judgments and to encourage the use of non-mandatory Judicial Council forms for family law judgments.
APPENDIX A – FORMS		
<i>Form Number</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Proposed Action</i>
ALA FL-035	Application and Order for Continuance of Hearing, Status Conference, or Case Resolution Conference	Non-substantive changes