

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

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

Court reporter fees

The proposed amendments to rule 3.95 of the court's Local Rules ("Rules") entitled **Court reporter fees** are part of the court's continuing effort to review, correct, and update its Rules as needed.

The proposed amendments to rule 3.95 are summarized below.

SUMMARY

The proposed amendments account for changes recently made by the court to due to the budget deficit which includes limited availability of official court reporters in most civil proceedings beginning October 3, 2011. Therefore, in order to support this change, amendments to Local Rules, rule 3.95 are needed and will be in use pending formal adoption. This is necessary given the urgency to have the proposed local rule in place in time to support the upcoming changes to court calendars, judicial assignments, and the limited availability of official court reporters in most civil proceedings.

Below is the full text of proposed local rule 1.9 with deletions noted in ~~strikethrough~~ and additions noted in underline.

Rule 3.95. Court reporter fees

~~A court reporter will be provided only if requested by a party or ordered by the court. If a party requests a reporter, one day's fee for the reporter must be posted with the clerk at least ten days prior to trial. If the trial lasts half a day or less, the balance of the posted fee will be refunded. For trials lasting longer than one day, additional fees must be posted before each day's proceedings.~~

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.