



**Superior Court of California  
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

November 19, 2020

**Notice to Attorneys and to All Interested Parties:  
Invitation to Comment on Proposed Amendments to Local Rules and Forms**

As required by California Rules of Court, Rule 10.613(g), the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda (Court) hereby distributes for public comment the attached proposal to adopt new Local Rule 1.12.

The proposal also may be viewed on the Court's website [here](#) or [here](#). In addition, a hard copy of the proposal is available upon request by email at [pcomments@alameda.courts.ca.gov](mailto:pcomments@alameda.courts.ca.gov) or by phone at 510-891-6012.

**Important dates:**

- The last day to comment is **Monday, January 4, 2021**.
- The proposed new rule takes effect upon approval of the Chair of the Judicial Council or on **July 1, 2021**, whichever is sooner.

**Text of Proposed Rule:** *See attached.*

**Comments must be submitted in writing to:**

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**Title 1. General and Administrative Rules**

**Chapter 1. General and Administrative Rules**

**Rule 1.12. Juror questionnaires**

**(a) Mandatory questionnaire**

Each prospective juror must complete a questionnaire for identification, qualification, ability to serve, and assistance in the voir dire process.

**(b) Hardship questionnaire**

Any prospective juror requesting to be excused from jury service because of undue hardship must complete a hardship questionnaire.

**(c) Remote submission of questionnaires**

Prospective jurors should complete and electronically submit the mandatory and hardship questionnaires to the Court as instructed in the jury summons and on the Court's jury duty web page. If responses are not submitted as directed, the prospective juror must complete the questionnaires in person on the jury summons date.

*Rule 1.12 adopted effective xx.*