



**Superior Court of California  
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

September 18, 2025

**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 hereby distributes for public comment the attached proposal to amend its local rule.

The proposal also may be viewed [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 **November 3, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.**
- The proposed amendment takes effect upon approval of the Chair of the Judicial Council or on **January 1, 2026**, whichever is sooner.

**Text of Proposed Rules and Amendments:** *see attached.*

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

Public Comments  
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda  
1225 Fallon Street, Room 209  
Oakland, CA 94612  
E-mail: [pcomments@alameda.courts.ca.gov](mailto:pcomments@alameda.courts.ca.gov)

## **Title 5. Family and Juvenile Rules**

### **Division 1. Family Rules**

#### **Chapter 1. General Provisions**

##### **Proposed Local Rule 5.26. Deferred Status Conference Pending Collaborative Law Process, Private Mediation, or Court Appointed Private Judge.**

If the parties to a case for dissolution of marriage, nullity, or legal separation elect to resolve the case using the collaborative law process, private mediation, or court-appointed private judge, they may file a stipulation and proposed order to defer a status conference using *Stipulation and Order to Defer Status Conference* (ALA-FL056). If the collaborative law process or private mediation is unsuccessful, or the appointment of private judge is terminated, a party may request a status conference using *Request for Status Conference* (ALA-FL057).

*Rule 5.26 proposed adopted effective January 1, 2026*