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Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee

The Judicial Council of California's Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the council for improving the administration of justice in all cases involving marriage, family, or children. The committee is staffed by the Judicial Council's Center for Families, Children & the Courts, Operations and Programs Division.

Mission

The mission of the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee is to:

- Identify issues and concerns confronting judicial administration regarding family and juvenile law, procedure, and practice; and
- Address issues related to domestic violence, self-represented litigants, juvenile delinquency and dependency, adoption, and general family law.

Current Activities

On an ongoing basis, the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee:

- Reviews pending legislation regarding family and juvenile matters;
- Reviews suggestions from the public for improving the administration of family and juvenile cases and recommends appropriate action to the council or one of its committees; and
- Proposes to the council changes in rules, forms, and standards for family and juvenile cases.

Committee Structure

The committee is cochaired by Judge Mark Juhas, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, and Judge Jerilyn L. Borack, Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento.

Under rule 10.43 of the California Rules of Court, the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee includes members in the categories of appellate court justice, trial court judicial officer, judicial administrator, child custody mediator, family law attorney, juvenile law attorney, chief probation officer, child welfare director, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) director, county counsel, domestic violence advocate, district attorney, child support attorney, and public interest children's rights attorney.

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Additional resources:

http://www.courts.ca.gov/
http://www.courts.ca.gov/familyjuvenilecomm.htm