

# JUDICIAL COUNCIL'S CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE SECTION 367.9 Working Group (367.9 Working Group)

# MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

July 25, 2022 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Via Bluejeans

**Working Group Members Present:** 

Hon. Marsha F. Slough (Chair), Ms. Dorothy Alther, Mr. Saul Bercovitch, Hon. Rupert Byrdsong, Ms. Sherri Carter, Ms. Salena Copeland, Ms. Carolyn Dasher, Mr. Peter Sterling Doody, Hon. Danielle Douglas, Mr. Oliver Dunlap, Mr. Michael Fermin, Mr. Kevin Harrigan, Ms. Leslie Heimov, Ms. Janet Hudec, Ms. Alyson Messenger, Hon. Ann Moorman, Ms. Gretchen Nelson, Mr. Tyler Nguyen, Mr. Darrel Parker, Mr. Craig Peters, Ms. Aimee Skochko, Ms. Robin

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Working Group Members Absent:

Ms. Laura Arnold, Ms. Lynn Martinez

Others Present: Mr. James Allen, Mr. Nicholas Armstrong, Ms. Deirdre Benedict, Ms. Michelle Brooke, Mr. Joseph Carozza, Ms. Shelley Curran, Ms. Yvonne Fenner, Mr. Cyrus Ip, Mr. Cory Jasperson, Mr. Ken Kanzaki, Ms. Andi Liebenbaum, Ms. Heather Pettit, Ms. Brandie Pilapil, Mr. David Scott, Ms. Laura Speed

#### OPEN MEETING

#### Call to Order and Roll Call

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Approved minutes of the July 1, 2022, 367.9 Working Group Meeting.

## DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-2)

## Item 1: Advancing the Hybrid Courtroom Workstream

Hon. Samantha Jessner, Assistant Presiding Judge, Los Angeles County Superior Presenter:

Court; ITAC member; and Sponsor of the Advancing the Hybrid Courtroom

workstream

Update: Members received an overview of the continuing efforts of the Advancing the

Hybrid Courtroom Workstream created in October 2021 charged with identifying

the lessons learned as a result of the pandemic and the need to conduct court proceedings remotely. The workstream meets weekly and is comprised of various court staff and court sizes. Members have defined and completed interviews with different court user types to identify needs in remote appearances.

## Item 2: Member Findings on Remote Proceedings in General Civil Case Types

Presenters: Hon. Theodore Zayner, Judge, Santa Clara County Superior Court

Ms. Gretchen Nelson, Attorney at Law

Mr. Craig Michael Peters, Attorney at Law

Mr. Oliver Dunlap, Attorney at Law

Mr. Peter Stirling Doody, Attorney at Law

Update: Ms. Nelson provided working group members an overview of each presenter and

their background, and briefed the group on the outreach methods used to gather

the data being presented.

Mr. Peters presented data collected via survey of the members of the Consumer Attorneys of California (CAOC) that outlined their experiences with remote

hearings in general civil case types.

Mr. Dunlap provided an overview of results gathered through an informal poll that focused on what did and didn't work in various remote proceedings. Each proceeding type was viewed from the perspective of clients, counsel, and the

courts.

Mr. Doody presented user feedback on remote hearings and dispositive law and motion evidentiary hearings obtained by the Northern and Southern California branches of the Association of Defense Counsel.

Due to time constraints, Judge Zayner's presentation was moved to a future meeting.

## Item 3: Member Findings on Remote Proceedings in Family Law Case Types

Hon. Ann Moorman, Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Presenter:

Mendocino

Ms. Alyson Messenger, Managing Staff Attorney, Jenesse Center, Incorporated

Ms. Dorothy Alther, California Indian Legal Services

Update: Due to time constraints, the chair moved this presentation to a future meeting.

#### **A** D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Approved by the Working Group on August 10, 2022.