Code of Civil Procedure Section 367.9 Working Group (367.9 Working Group) Public Comment Session Procedures September 1, 2022

The 367.9 Working Group is holding a virtual open meeting to receive public comments that will help inform and shape recommendations to the Legislature in response to the Legislature's charge to recommend a statewide framework for remote civil court proceedings that addresses equal and fair access to justice.

The listening session will include an overview of the working group and its charge, and then will be open to the public to provide input on the following topics as outlined in AB177, Code of Civil Procedure Section 367.9:

The working group shall consider and make recommendations in the following areas related to remote proceedings, which may differ by case type or proceeding type:

- 1. Court reporter availability and future workforce.
- 2. Statewide procedural and technical guidelines to ensure court users receive the best possible levels of service and access.
- 3. Case types and proceeding types for which remote proceedings are appropriate.
- 4. Protocols for ensuring court users fully understand their options for accessing the court remotely.
- 5. Whether changes are needed to existing laws protecting the accuracy of the official verbatim record and preserving parties' rights to appeal.

The agenda for this meeting is located <u>here</u>.

Comments can be voiced at this meeting on September 1 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and are limited to two minutes, or they may be submitted in writing to 367.9WorkingGroup@jud.ca.gov until September 1 at 5:00 PM. All comments received—whether verbal or written—will be reviewed and considered by the working group when forming recommendations to the Legislature.

To comment on the day of the session, please <u>click here</u> for easy-to-follow instructions.

PLEASE BE ADVISED

- Given time constraints and potential number of speakers, there is no guarantee that all speakers will be accommodated. In this case, please submit a written comment to 367.9WorkingGroup@jud.ca.gov by September 1 at 5:00 PM.
- Each speaker will have a maximum time of two minutes to speak.
- Individuals who attend the public comment session must follow speaking and video requests and protocols and remain orderly. The 367.9 Working Group chair

- may mute, turn off video, or remove any disorderly persons from the virtual session.
- All comments provided will be listen-only, so working group members will not respond to the comments being made; however, all comments will be used to inform recommendations.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments addressing any agenda topic(s) will be accepted and made available to working group members. Written comments should clearly indicate the topic(s) being addressed.

Please email written comments to: <u>367.9WorkingGroup@jud.ca.gov</u> or mail them to:

Judicial Council of California Attn: Leadership Services Division, Special Projects Office 2860 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 400 Sacramento, CA 95833

Please submit all written comments by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday September 1.