

**Appellate Advisory Committee**  
**Annual Agenda<sup>1</sup>—2021-2022**  
**Approved by Rules Committee: November 2, 2021**

**I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

<b>Chair:</b>	Hon. Louis R. Mauro, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Third District
<b>Lead Staff:</b>	Christy Simons, Attorney, Legal Services
<p><b>Committee’s Charge/Membership:</b>  <a href="#">Rule 10.40</a> of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Appellate Advisory Committee (AAC), which is to make recommendations to the Judicial Council for improving the administration of justice in appellate proceedings and to make proposals on training for justices and appellate support staff to the Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee. <a href="#">Rule 10.34</a> sets forth additional duties of the committee.</p> <p>Rule 10.40 sets forth the membership positions of the committee. The AAC currently has 21 members. The current committee <a href="#">roster</a> is available on the committee’s web page.</p>	
<p><b>Subcommittees/Working Groups<sup>2</sup>:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rules Subcommittee</li> <li>2. Appellate Division Subcommittee</li> <li>3. Legislative Subcommittee</li> <li>4. Privacy Subcommittee <i>[Recommend this subcommittee remain inactive in the coming year.]</i></li> <li>5. Joint Appellate Technology Subcommittee <i>[Recommend this subcommittee remain inactive in the coming year.]</i></li> <li>6. Remote Access Workgroup (New) – <i>Develop recommendations for expanding remote access to electronic appellate court records.</i></li> </ol>	
<p><b>Meetings Planned for 2021-2022<sup>3</sup> (Advisory body and all subcommittees and working groups)</b></p> <p>Full committee meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 2021 (videoconference to review winter cycle proposals and plan spring cycle proposals)</li> </ul>	

<sup>1</sup> The annual agenda outlines the work a committee will focus on in the coming year and identifies areas of collaboration with other advisory bodies and the Judicial Council staff resources.

<sup>2</sup> California Rules of Court, rule 10.30(c) allows an advisory body to form subgroups, composed entirely of current members of the advisory body, to carry out the body's duties, subject to available resources, with the approval of its oversight committee.

<sup>3</sup> Refer to [Operating Standards for Judicial Council Advisory Bodies](#) for governance on in-person meetings.

- February/March 2022 (in person if permitted; otherwise videoconference to make final recommendations on winter cycle proposals and review spring cycle proposals)
- July 2022 (videoconference to make final recommendations on spring cycle proposals)
- September 2022 (videoconference to make recommendations on annual agenda)

Subcommittee meetings: one or more teleconference or videoconference meetings of each subcommittee before each full committee meeting, to work on rules and forms proposals.

Check here if exception to policy is granted by Executive Office or rule of court.

## COMMITTEE PROJECTS

#	New or One-Time Projects <sup>4</sup>
1.	<p data-bbox="180 204 768 237"><i>Update rules regarding reporter’s transcripts</i></p> <p data-bbox="1619 204 1850 237"><i>Priority 1(b), (d)</i><sup>5</sup></p> <p data-bbox="1619 298 1892 363"><i>Strategic Plan Goal<sup>6</sup> III, IV</i></p> <p data-bbox="180 396 1944 607"><b>Project Summary:</b> Consider amending 12 appellate rules to increase the transmission and use of electronic reporter’s transcripts. The proposed amendments are based on changes to Code of Civil Procedure section 271, which imposes a January 2023 deadline for all courts to be ready to accept electronic reporter’s transcripts. The goal of the project is to make it easier for court reporters to send, and for appellate courts to receive, electronic reporter’s transcripts. Increased use of electronic transcripts would improve efficiencies, expand the potential for remote access, result in cost savings, and assist courts and court reporters in continuing to transition from paper to electronic transcripts as required by section 271. Source: California Court Reporters Association</p> <p data-bbox="180 651 1776 683"><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Priority 1 project to facilitate the use of electronic reporter’s transcripts; completion date of January 1, 2024</p> <p data-bbox="180 724 726 756"><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> Committee staff</p> <p data-bbox="180 764 1902 829"><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p data-bbox="180 878 1293 911"><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> All draft proposals will circulate for public comment.</p> <p data-bbox="180 951 485 984"><b>AC Collaboration:</b> N/A</p>
2.	<p data-bbox="180 1049 390 1081"><i>Costs on appeal</i></p> <p data-bbox="1619 1049 1776 1081"><i>Priority 1(a)</i></p> <p data-bbox="1619 1110 1923 1143"><i>Strategic Plan Goal IV</i></p>

<sup>4</sup> All proposed projects for the year must be included on the Annual Agenda. If a project implements policy or is a program, identify it as *implementation* or a *program* in the project description and attach the Judicial Council authorization/assignment or prior approved Annual Agenda to this Annual Agenda.

<sup>5</sup> For non-rules and forms projects, select priority level 1 (must be done) or 2 (should be done). For rules and forms proposals, select one of the following priority levels: 1(a) Urgently needed to conform to the law; 1(b) Urgently needed to respond to a recent change in the law; 1(c) Adoption or amendment of rules or forms by a specified date required by statute or council decision; 1(d) Provides significant cost savings and efficiencies, generates significant revenue, or avoids a significant loss of revenue; 1(e) Urgently needed to remedy a problem that is causing significant cost or inconvenience to the courts or the public; 1(f) Otherwise urgent and necessary, such as a proposal that would mitigate exposure to immediate or severe financial or legal risk; 2(a) Useful, but not necessary, to implement statutory changes; 2(b) Helpful in otherwise advancing Judicial Council goals and objectives.

<sup>6</sup> Indicate which goal number of The Strategic Plan for California’s Judicial Branch the project most closely aligns.

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	<p><b>Project Summary:</b> Rule 8.278 generally provides that the prevailing party in the Court of Appeal is entitled to costs. However, <i>Pollock v. Tri-Modal Distribution Services</i> (2021) 11 Cal.5th 918 recently held that an appellate court may not award costs or fees on appeal to a prevailing FEHA defendant without first making certain determinations. The project involves amending rule 8.278 to avoid conflict with the FEHA and other statutes requiring a particular analysis for awarding costs. Costs on appeal are an ongoing issue for appellate courts; clarifying the rule will increase efficiency and the accuracy of these determinations.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Priority 1 project to conform rule to applicable law; completion date of January 1, 2023</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> Committee staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> All draft proposals will circulate for public comment.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> N/A</p>	
3.	<b>Revise language in civil commitment rule and notice of appeal form</b>	<b>Priority 1(a)</b> <b>Strategic Plan Goal I, IV</b>
	<p><b>Project Summary:</b> Amend rule 8.483 (the record in civil commitment appeals) and revise form APP-060 (notice of appeal—civil commitment) to use preferred terminology under the Americans with Disabilities Act.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Priority 1 project to conform rule with the Americans with Disabilities Act; completion date of January 1, 2023</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> Committee staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> All draft proposals will circulate for public comment.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> N/A</p>	
4.	<b>Retention of the reporter’s transcript in felony appeals</b>	<b>Priority 1(b), (e)</b>

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	<p><b>Project Summary:</b> Amend rule 10.1028 to extend the time for keeping reporters’ transcripts in appeals affirming felony convictions. The rule currently requires that the original reporter’s transcript be kept by the Court of Appeal for 20 years. However, this is not long enough to account for longer sentences and defendants’ potential need for the reporter’s transcript to avail themselves of changes in the law. Considerations will include the requirements of Code of Civil Procedure section 271, which will require all courts to accept electronic reporter’s transcripts by January 1, 2023, thereby impacting transcript storage and storage costs. The AAC circulated a proposal in Spring 2019 but deferred the project in order to gather more information and revise the proposal. The project was deferred last year due to impacts on the judicial branch relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. Origin: Supreme Court attorney and retired Clerk/Executive Officer of a District Court of Appeal.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Current priority 1 project; completion date of January 1, 2023</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> Committee staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> All draft proposals will circulate for public comment. Stakeholders include the six District Courts of Appeal.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> N/A</p>	<p><b>Strategic Plan Goal III, IV</b></p>
5.	<p><b>Remote access to electronic appellate court records</b></p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> Amend rules 8.80-8.83, which were adopted in 2016, to provide greater electronic access to appellate court records, as appropriate, based on the courts’ improving technical capabilities and increased knowledge gained from experience. The updates may include permitting remote public access to briefs, requiring that records accessible at the courthouse be properly redacted, providing for additional access for specified persons and entities, amending definitions and scope of the rules, and modifying the appellate rules based on 2018 amendments to the trial court rules regarding remote access. This is a priority 1 project because it will increase access to the courts, improve efficiency, respond to the modern expectations of court users, and reduce costs by reducing the copying and printing of paper documents and the need to travel to a courthouse. The project would save courts and the public time, money, and resources and enhance safety. This project was on last year’s annual agenda but was deferred because the appellate courts were implementing a new document</p>	<p><b>Priority 1(e), (f)</b></p> <p><b>Strategic Plan Goals I, III, IV</b></p>

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	<p>management system. It is a two-year project to allow for collaboration with appellate court clerk’s offices and JCIT. Origin: AAC chair, assistant clerk/executive officer of a Court of Appeal, and a Judicial Council attorney.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Priority 1 project for access, efficiency and cost-reduction reasons; completion date of January 1, 2024</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> Committee staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> JCIT and appellate court clerk’s offices</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> N/A</p>	
6.	<p><b>Rules for streamlined CEQA review</b></p>	<p><b>Priority 1(a)</b></p> <p><b>Strategic Plan Goal III</b></p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> This is a joint project with Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee. This year, new statutes require streamlined CEQA review for Environmental Leadership projects and Environmental Leadership Transit projects (Senate Bill 7, Senate Bill 44). In recent years, the Legislature added Old Town Center Redevelopment in the City of San Diego, additional State Capitol Building Annex projects, the “Oakland Sports and Mixed-Use Projects” related to a new baseball stadium, and projects in Ingleside related to a new NBA arena to the list of projects to be provided with expedited CEQA review, requiring amendments to the rules of court, including rules 3.2200 et seq. for the trial court and rules 8.700–8.705 for the appellate courts. (Public Resources Code sections 21168.6.7, 21168.6.8, 21168.6.9, 21178, 21189.50, 21189.70.) The statutes for the Environmental Leadership, Environmental Leadership Transit, Oakland ballpark, and Inglewood arena projects also require the council to adopt rules regarding costs that must be paid by a project applicant/developer to the court for expedited handling of the case. This project is legislatively mandated.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Current priority 1 project. Circulation on a special cycle and council adoption at a meeting in early 2022, with an immediate effective date, is recommended.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> Committee staff, Governmental Affairs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> All draft proposals will circulate for public comment.</p>

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	<i>AC Collaboration:</i> Joint proposal with Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee	
7.	<b><i>Pilot program to reduce indexing of unpublished Court of Appeal opinions</i></b>	<b><i>Priority 1(e)</i></b> <b><i>DEFERRED</i></b>  <b><i>Strategic Plan Goal III, IV</i></b>
<p><b><i>Project Summary:</i></b> Review data, evaluate results, and draft a report regarding the ongoing pilot project, and develop recommendations for the Administrative Presiding Justices Advisory Committee and/or the Judicial Council. This program to reduce indexing of unpublished appellate opinions to better protect personal privacy without affecting public access to the opinions on the courts website was approved by the Rules Committee and has been on the AAC’s annual agenda from 2017-2020. The project is part of the privacy subcommittee’s charge to consider whether to recommend amendments to the rules of court or other actions to better protect the privacy of victims, witnesses, and others who are described in or otherwise affected by unpublished Court of Appeal opinions.</p> <p><b><i>Status/Timeline:</i></b> Pilot program to continue; report and recommendations deferred due to impacts on the judicial branch relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p><b><i>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</i></b> Committee staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b><i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i></b> Victims, witnesses, and others who are named in or identified in unpublished appellate opinions</p> <p><b><i>AC Collaboration:</i></b> N/A</p>		
8.	<b><i>Publication and posting of appellate division opinions certified for publication</i></b>	<b><i>Priority 1(e)</i></b> <b><i>PENDING ACTION BY SUPREME COURT</i></b>  <b><i>Strategic Plan Goals I, III</i></b>
<p><b><i>Project Summary:</i></b> This item is on hold pending action by the Supreme Court to revise the California Style Manual and consider changes to publication rules and procedures for posting opinions on the website. Currently, appellate division opinions certified for publication are posted on the courts website after the time for the Court of Appeal to order transfer and only if transfer is not ordered. The current procedures developed in part based on provisions in the California Style Manual (CSM), which is now under review for the first time in 20</p>		

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	<p>years. This project involves considering amendments to the rules on transfer and providing subject matter expertise as requested to the Supreme Court and the Reporter of Decisions regarding publication rules, posting, and updates to the CSM. The goals are to clarify publication status upon transfer, close any gaps in the rules, improve transparency and access, and ensure that practices and procedures are coordinated, consistent, and accord appropriate status to these opinions. This is a priority 1 project because it will improve access to the development of the law in unlawful detainer, debt collection, and fee waiver cases, among others.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Previously a priority 2 project, upgraded to priority 1 for access reasons and timing of revisions to the CSM. Deferred pending action by the Supreme Court.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> Committee staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> The Supreme Court, Reporter of Decisions, JC Information Technology; all draft rules proposals will circulate for public comment</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> N/A</p>	
9.	<b>Placeholder for projects assigned by the Ad-Hoc Workgroup on Post-Pandemic Initiatives (P3)</b>	<p><b>Priority 1</b> <b>PLACEHOLDER</b></p> <p><b>Strategic Plan Goal TBD</b></p>
	<p><b>Project Summary:</b> The Ad Hoc Workgroup on Post-Pandemic Initiatives (P3) is currently working to identify successful court practices that emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic. P3 recommendations may be referred to specific advisory bodies for development and/or implementation.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> TBD</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> TBD</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> TBD</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> TBD</p>	



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10.	<b><i>Attachment of trial court order to a petition for review</i></b>	<b><i>Priority 2(b)</i></b> <b><i>Strategic Plan Goal III</i></b>
<p><b><i>Project Summary:</i></b> Amend rule 8.504 to allow for attachment of the entire trial court order to a petition for review of a writ petition summarily denied by the Court of Appeal. Under the current rule, the trial court order being challenged may be attached only if it does not exceed 10 pages. Attaching the entire trial court order would speed the Supreme Court’s review of a summary denial of a writ petition below. The rule allows for attachment of the Court of Appeal order, but generally it is uninformative; the review analysis focuses on the trial court order. Source: Committee member on behalf of Ben Schatz, attorney</p> <p><b><i>Status/Timeline:</i></b> Priority 2 project to improve efficiency and save time for the Supreme Court; completion date of January 1, 2024</p> <p><b><i>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</i></b> Committee staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b><i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i></b> All draft proposals will circulate for public comment.</p> <p><b><i>AC Collaboration:</i></b> N/A</p>		
11.	<b><i>Respondent’s designation of reporter’s transcript in appeals under Code of Civil Procedure section 1294.4</i></b>	<b><i>Priority 2(b)</i></b> <b><i>Strategic Plan Goal IV</i></b>
<p><b><i>Project Summary:</i></b> Appeals under Code of Civil Procedure section 1294.4 from an order dismissing or denying a petition to compel arbitration must be decided within 100 days. Under rule 8.713, appellant must file a record designation with the notice of appeal and any reporter’s transcript must be filed within 10 days. However, the rule does not provide for respondent to designate any additional reporter’s transcript. The project involves amending the rule to provide for respondent’s designation and to establish the time for doing so.</p> <p><b><i>Status/Timeline:</i></b> Priority 2 project to close a gap in the rule that has been problematic; completion date of January 1, 2024</p> <p><b><i>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</i></b> Committee staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p>		

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	<p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> All draft proposals will circulate for public comment.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> N/A</p>	
12.	<p><b>Update forms for requesting an extension of time</b></p>	<p><b>Priority 2(b)</b></p> <p><b>Strategic Plan Goal III, IV</b></p>
	<p><b>Project Summary:</b> To assist the appellate projects in managing their workload and effectively representing their clients, and to provide information that may assist the courts in responding to these requests, revise forms APP-006, CR-126, JV-816, and JV-817 to include space for the applicant to describe work performed on the appeal to date. Update the forms to facilitate electronic service. Revise the language on form CR-126 regarding who is served to match the other forms and increase the space for narrative justification for an extension. Consider other suggestions for revisions to the forms. Original source: director of the First District Appellate Program in 2020; renewed in 2021.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Priority 2 project to update forms and assist justice partners and the courts; completion date of January 1, 2024</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> Committee staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> All draft proposals will circulate for public comment.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> N/A</p>	
13.	<p><b>Revise the notice of appeal form to avoid the problem of an omitted attorney</b></p>	<p><b>Priority 2(b)</b></p> <p><b>Strategic Plan Goal IV</b></p>
	<p><b>Project Summary:</b> In <i>K.J. v. LA Unified School District</i> (2020) 8 Cal.5th 875, the Supreme Court held that the reviewing court must construe a notice of appeal from a sanctions order to include an omitted attorney when it is reasonably clear that the attorney intended to join in the appeal, and the respondent was not misled or prejudiced by the omission. Revise notice of appeal form APP-002 to avoid the problem noted by the court. Source: Supreme Court</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Priority 2 project to update forms for electronic filing and improve their usefulness; completion date of January 1, 2024</p>	

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#	Ongoing Projects and Activities <sup>4</sup>	
1.	<b><i>Improve Rules and Forms</i></b>	<b><i>Priority 1</i></b> <b><i>Strategic Plan Goals I, III, IV</i></b>
<p><b><i>Project Summary:</i></b> Working through the Rules Subcommittee and the Appellate Division Subcommittee, review case law changes that impact appellate courts and appellate procedure and suggestions from committee members, judicial officers, court staff, the bar, and the public concerning appellate rules and forms and appellate administration. Make recommendations to the Judicial Council for necessary changes to appellate rules, standards, and forms (rule 10.21).</p> <p><b><i>Status/Timeline:</i></b> Ongoing</p> <p><b><i>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</i></b> Committee staff; potentially others depending on the project</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b><i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i></b> Depends on the project; all draft proposals circulate for public comment</p> <p><b><i>AC Collaboration:</i></b> As appropriate, depending on the project</p>		
2.	<b><i>Review Pending Legislation</i></b>	<b><i>Priority 1</i></b> <b><i>Strategic Plan Goals III, IV</i></b>
<p><b><i>Project Summary:</i></b> Working through the Legislative Subcommittee, review pending legislation affecting appellate procedure and court administrations and make recommendations to the Legislation Committee as to whether the Judicial Council should support or oppose the legislation (rule 10.34).</p> <p><b><i>Status/Timeline:</i></b> Ongoing</p> <p><b><i>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</i></b> Committee staff, Governmental Affairs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>The project includes allocations or distributions of funds to the courts, which have been reviewed and approved by Budget Service.</i></p> <p><b><i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i></b> California Legislature</p> <p><b><i>AC Collaboration:</i></b> N/A</p>		

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3.	<b><i>Review Enacted Legislation</i></b>	<b><i>Priority 1</i></b> <b><i>Strategic Plan Goals III, IV</i></b>
<p><b><i>Project Summary:</i></b> Review all enacted legislation referred to the committee by the Judicial Council’s Governmental Affairs office that may have an impact on appellate procedure and court administration, and, where appropriate, propose to the Judicial Council rules and forms to implement the legislation or to bring rules and forms into conformity with it.</p> <p><b><i>Status/Timeline:</i></b> Ongoing</p> <p><b><i>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</i></b> Committee staff, Governmental Affairs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b><i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i></b> N/A</p> <p><b><i>AC Collaboration:</i></b> As appropriate, depending on the legislation</p>		
4.	<b><i>Provide Subject Matter Expertise</i></b>	<b><i>Priority 2(b)</i></b> <b><i>Strategic Plan Goal III</i></b>
<p><b><i>Project Summary:</i></b> Serve as subject matter resource for other advisory groups to avoid duplication of efforts and contribute to the development of recommendations for council action. Such efforts may include providing appellate procedural expertise and review to working groups, advisory committees, and subcommittees as needed.</p> <p><b><i>Status/Timeline:</i></b> Ongoing</p> <p><b><i>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</i></b> Committee staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b><i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i></b> N/A</p> <p><b><i>AC Collaboration:</i></b> As appropriate, depending on the project for which advice or consultation was requested</p>		

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5.	<b><i>Rules and Forms: Miscellaneous Technical Changes</i></b>	<b><i>Priority 2(a)</i></b> <b><i>Strategic Plan Goals III, IV</i></b>
<p><b><i>Project Summary:</i></b> Develop rule and form changes as necessary to correct technical errors meeting the criteria of rule 10.22(d)(2): “a nonsubstantive technical change or correction or a minor substantive change that is unlikely to create controversy . . . .”</p> <p><b><i>Status/Timeline:</i></b> Ongoing</p> <p><b><i>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</i></b> Committee staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>The project includes allocations or distributions of funds to the courts, which have been reviewed and approved by Budget Service.</i></p> <p><b><i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i></b> N/A</p> <p><b><i>AC Collaboration:</i></b> N/A</p>		

## II. LIST OF 2020-2021 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	<b>Electronic signatures.</b> Amended rules to authorize the use of electronic signatures on electronic documents filed in the appellate courts. Submitted to the Judicial Council for approval on October 1, 2021; changes would take effect January 1, 2022.
2.	<b>Notice of appeal after plea or admission of probation violation.</b> Amends the rule that governs initiating an appeal in a felony case after a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or after an admission of a probation violation to reorganize the rule and simplify procedures. Eliminates the onus on the clerk to make a legal decision regarding the notice of appeal. Submitted to the Judicial Council for approval on October 1, 2021; changes would take effect January 1, 2022.
3.	<b>Publication and posting of appellate division opinions certified for publication.</b> Worked on issues regarding these opinions that involve posting procedures, rules of court, and the California Style Manual.