

Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions
Annual Agenda—2020
To Be Approved by RUPRO: October 28, 2019

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Hon. Peter J. Siggins, Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Three
Lead Staff:	Kara Portnow, Attorney, Criminal Justice Services
Committee's Charge/Membership: Make recommendations to the Judicial Council to update, revise, and add topics to the Judicial Council criminal jury instructions (CALCRIM) [Rule 10.59] The Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions currently has 13 members. The attached term of services chart provides the composition of the committee. 2 appellate court justices; 6 trial court judges; 2 attorneys whose primary area of practice is criminal defense; 2 attorneys whose primary area of practice is representing the People of the State of California in criminal matters; 1 law school professor whose primary area of expertise is criminal law.	
Subcommittees/Working Groups: The committee has one subcommittee, the CALCRIM Workgroup, consisting of six members who meet to pre-vet all materials before they go to the full committee for review.	

II. COMMITTEE PROJECTS

#	New or One-Time Projects	
1.	<i>Project Title</i> Not applicable.	<i>Priority</i>
	<i>Project Summary:</i> <i>Status/Timeline:.</i> <i>Fiscal Impact/Resources:.</i> <i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i> <i>AC Collaboration:</i>	

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities	
1.	Project Title: Maintenance—Case Law and Legislation	Priority 1
<p>Project Summary: Review case law and new legislation affecting jury instructions to determine whether changes to the criminal jury instructions are required. Judicial Council Direction: Draft and maintain jury instructions that accurately and understandably state the law.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: Ongoing, with delivery to Judicial Council at March and September meetings.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: No implementation costs are associated with this project. To the contrary, under the publication agreement, the official publisher, LexisNexis, will print a new edition and pay royalties to the Judicial Council. The council’s contract with West Publishing provides additional royalty revenue.</p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Not applicable.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: Not applicable.</p>		
2.	Project Title: Maintenance—Comments From Users	Priority 1
<p>Project Summary: Review comments received from jury instruction users and propose any necessary changes and improvements. Judicial Council Direction: Draft and maintain jury instructions that accurately and understandably state the law.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: Ongoing, with delivery to Judicial Council at March and September meetings.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: No implementation costs are associated with this project. To the contrary, under the publication agreement, the official publisher, LexisNexis, will print a new edition and pay royalties to the Judicial Council. The council’s contract with West Publishing provides additional royalty revenue.</p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Not applicable.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: Not applicable.</p>		

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities	
3.	Project Title: New Instructions and Expansion into New Areas.	Priority 1
<p>Project Summary: Review suggestions received from jury instruction users, new legislation, and case law and propose new criminal jury instructions as appropriate. Judicial Council Direction: Draft and maintain jury instructions that accurately and understandably state the law.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: Ongoing, with delivery to Judicial Council at March and September meetings.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: No implementation costs are associated with this project. To the contrary, under the publication agreement, the official publisher, LexisNexis, will print a new edition and pay royalties to the Judicial Council. The council’s contract with West Publishing provides additional royalty revenue.</p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Not applicable.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: Not applicable.</p>		
4.	Project Title: Technical Corrections	Priority 1
<p>Project Summary: Make any necessary corrections or editing changes to the jury instructions. Judicial Council Direction: Draft and maintain jury instructions that accurately and understandably state the law.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: Ongoing, with delivery to Judicial Council at March and September meetings.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Resources: No implementation costs are associated with this project. To the contrary, under the publication agreement, the official publisher, LexisNexis, will print a new edition and pay royalties to the Judicial Council. The council’s contract with West Publishing provides additional royalty revenue.</p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Not applicable.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: Not applicable.</p>		

III. LIST OF 2019 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	Maintenance—Case Law and Legislation: Review case law and new legislation affecting jury instructions to determine whether changes to the criminal jury instructions are required. Ongoing. Releases presented to Judicial Council for approval in March 2019 and September 2019.
2.	Maintenance—Comments From Users: Review comments received from jury instruction users and propose any necessary changes and improvements. Ongoing. Releases presented to Judicial Council for approval in March 2019 and September 2019.
3.	New Instructions and Expansion into New Areas: Review new legislation and case law and suggestions received from jury instruction users and propose new criminal jury instructions as appropriate. Ongoing. Releases presented to Judicial Council for approval in March 2019 and September 2019.
4.	Technical Corrections: Make any necessary corrections or editing changes to the jury instructions. Ongoing. Releases presented to Judicial Council for approval in March 2019 and September 2019.