

Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions
Annual Agenda—2021
Approved by Rules Committee: November 2, 2020

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Hon. Peter J. Siggins, Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Three
Lead Staff:	Kara Portnow, Supervising Attorney, Criminal Justice Services
<p>Committee’s Charge/Membership: Rule 10.59 of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions (CALCRIM), which is to regularly review case law and statutes affecting jury instructions and to make recommendations to the Judicial Council for updating, amending, and adding topics to the council’s criminal jury instructions.</p> <p>Rule 10.59 also sets forth the membership position of the committee. The Advisory Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions currently has 13 members. The current committee roster is available on the committee’s web page.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>Meetings Planned for 2021 (Advisory body and all subcommittees and working groups) Date/Time/Location or Teleconference: Two full committee meetings in June and in November. Two workgroup meetings in May and in October. Dates and location TBD.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if exception to policy is granted by Executive Office or rule of court.</p>	

COMMITTEE PROJECTS

#	New or One-Time Projects	
1.	<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Priority</i>
		<i>Strategic Plan Goal</i>
	<p><i>Project Summary:</i></p> <p><i>Status/Timeline:</i></p> <p><i>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</i></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><i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i></p> <p><i>AC Collaboration:</i></p>	

#	Ongoing Projects and Activities Error! Bookmark not defined.	
1	Project Title: Maintenance—Case Law and Legislation	Priority 1
		Strategic Plan Goal IV
<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><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>Internal/External Stakeholders: Not applicable.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: Not applicable.</p>		
2	Project Title: Maintenance—Case Law and Legislation	Priority 1
		Strategic Plan Goal IV
<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><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>Internal/External Stakeholders: Not applicable.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: Not applicable.</p>		

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3	Project Title: New Instructions and Expansion into New Areas.	Priority 1
		Strategic Plan Goal IV
<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><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>Internal/External Stakeholders: Not applicable.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: Not applicable.</p>		
4	Project Title: Technical Corrections.	Priority 1
		Strategic Plan Goal IV
<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><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>Internal/External Stakeholders: Not applicable.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: Not applicable.</p>		

II. LIST OF 2020 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 April 2020 and September 2020.
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 April 2020 and September 2020.
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 April 2020 and September 2020.
4.	Technical Corrections: Make any necessary corrections or editing changes to the jury instructions. Ongoing. Releases presented to Judicial Council for approval in April 2020 and September 2020.