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INVITATION TO COMMENT

The Rules and Forms Committee of the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, has proposed revisions to the Local Rules of Court. Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 10.613, the Court invites you to comment on the following proposed changes to the local rules:

[Revised Local Rule 180](#) – *Photographing, Recording, and Broadcasting on Justice Center Grounds, Including in the Courthouse and the Courtroom.* The proposed revisions to Local Rule 180 will clarify that the rule applies to both the public and media.

[Revised Local Rule 244](#) – *Complaints, Procedures Concerning Superior Court Commissioners, Referees, and Temporary Judges.* The proposed revisions to Local Rule 244 will include a formalized process for handling future complaints against volunteer mediators in non-general civil cases.

[Revised Local Rule 352](#) – *Electronic Filing in Civil Cases.* The proposed revisions to Local Rule 352 will require electronic service when a party represented by counsel electronically files documents. It also updates references to Code of Civil Procedure and California Rules of Court. It requires the parties to provide an email address on the first page of a filing and clarifies that the email address provided will be used for electronic service.

[Revised Local Rule 360](#) – *Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).* The proposed revisions to Local Rule 360 will include guidelines to address complaints about mediators in court-connected mediation programs for general civil cases. It also makes grammatical corrections and updates the rule. Finally, it deletes section (F) on Early Neutral Evaluation pursuant to a recommendation by the ADR Committee because litigants do not use it.

[Revised Juvenile Local Rules 900.1 to Appendix A](#). The proposed revisions to the Division 9, Juvenile Court rules incorporate current administrative orders, juvenile court practices, and statutory requirements.

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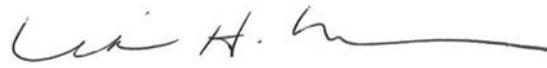
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The proposed revisions and invitation to comment are posted on the Superior Court's website at [Invitation to Comment](#).

You can submit comments via an online form or download and submit the form in paper. All comments must be submitted no later than **12:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2019**. Comments being submitted by U.S. mail should be directed to:

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A hard copy of any proposed rule is available upon request. For copies or additional information, please contact: Sheri Bull, Judicial Assistance Group, by e-mail at sbull@occourts.org or by telephone at (657) 622-7872.



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