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NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES

The State Bar Court Executive Committee has approved new and amended Rules of Practice of the State Bar Court (Rules of Practice) which will become effective November 4, 2024. Rule 1260 has been added to the Rules of Practice, creating the new Compliance and Accountability Program (CAAP). In addition, minor changes have been made to rule 1311, regarding the requirements for proof of transcript order when a request for review is filed.

The CAAP program is a pilot program intended to allow minor probation or reproval violations to be addressed without the Office of Case Management and Supervision (OCMS) filing a motion to revoke probation or the Office of Chief Trial Counsel (OCTC) filing a new disciplinary action. Instead, OCMS will be able to file a request for a CAAP conference in the underlying matter. At a CAAP conference, the court can address the non-compliance and any other issues regarding the respondent's probation or reproval conditions. The court will be able to issue orders including an order to complete the conditions within a specified time period, an order for minor modifications to the reproval or probation conditions, or other appropriate orders.

The changes to rule 1311 delete the requirement that a copy of the check used to pay for the transcript deposit be attached to a request for review filed pursuant to rule 5.151 of the Rules of Procedure. The party requesting review will still be required to submit a declaration stating that payment for the required transcript deposit and the transcript order form have been delivered to the Clerk.

The revised Rules of Practice with the new and amended rules have been made available on the State Bar Court's website.

Parties should also note that changes to rule 1110 of the Rules of Practice, regarding the page limits for exhibits, declarations and attachments, are expected to go into effect on December 2. These changes will create new exceptions to the page limits, change the procedures for making a request to exceed the page limits, and create a new requirement that filings over 500 pages must be submitted in volumes. Please watch for a further notice announcing the approval of these changes.

The Rules of Practice are adopted by the Executive Committee to facilitate proceedings conducted in the State Bar Court. (Bus. & Prof. Code, §6086.5; Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 1010.)