



The State Bar Court *of California*

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NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES

The Board of Trustees of the State Bar of California has approved amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California (Rules of Procedure) which will become effective April 1, 2025. Rules 5.28 and 5.127 of the Rules of Procedure and Standard 1.2 of the Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct have been amended.

The changes to Rule 5.28 clarify how time to act or respond is to be computed by adding a sentence stating that when the end of the prescribed period to act or respond, including any extension based on the manner of service, falls on a non-court day, it is extended to the next court day. In addition, the rule is changed to state that when service is made electronically, by overnight mail, or by fax, the prescribed period to act or respond is extended by two calendar days, rather than two court days.

Rule 5.127 is revised to reflect the adoption of new Business and Profession Code section 6086.20, which, effective January 1, 2025, precludes the Chief Trial Counsel from issuing a private reproof to any attorney accused of misconduct. The changes clarify that all reprovals, whether designated public or private, will be public discipline that will be disclosed in response to public inquiries and reported as a record of public discipline on the State Bar's webpage. To align with this change, in Standard 1.2 the definition of "Private Reproval" is repealed and the definition of "Public Reproval" is revised to include private reprovals and to state that for a private reproval, the attorney is not obligated to pay discipline costs.

The revised rules and revised standard are available on the State Bar Court's website in a supplement to the Rules of Procedure.