



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 become effective July 1, 2024. Rules 5.30 and 5.341 have been amended.

The changes to rule 5.30 rename Early Neutral Evaluation Conferences as Prefiling Settlement Conferences (PSCs) and eliminate the requirement that the judge give an evaluation of the facts and charges at the conference. In addition, the requirements for the parties in connection with PSCs are revised to be more like those for Voluntary Settlement Conferences, requiring the parties to meet and confer before the PSC and to lodge settlement conference statements with the court.

The changes to rule 5.341 create a new procedure for Prefiling Settlement Conferences to be held in misdemeanor conviction proceedings. The Office of Chief Trial Counsel will be able to request a PSC prior to filing a certified copy of the record of conviction. If the attorney joins in the request, the court will hold the PSC within 14 days of the request, following procedures similar to those for PSCs in other case types.

The newly revised, fully updated [Rules of Procedure](#) are available on the State Bar Court's website. The revised Rules incorporate the changes to rules 5.30 and 5.341 and also the changes previously published as separate supplements dated May 10, 2022, April 1, 2024, and May 1, 2024, are available on the State Bar Court's website.