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EVALUATION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE  
OF STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

In September 2010, the Board of Trustees approved for adoption the State Bar Court's proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California, effective January 2011. The Board also required the Court to perform an evaluation, in consultation with the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel and other interested parties, two years after the effective date and to prepare a report assessing the efficacy of the amendments. This letter is to inform all interested parties that the Court has commenced its evaluation process.

The State Bar Court's evaluation will focus on the extent to which the new rules have advanced our two main goals: (1) simplifying the language, and (2) streamlining the process to increase efficiency and public protection. We hope the new rules have proven to be more user-friendly in terms of general language and reorganization. More importantly, I'm pleased to report that our initial review of the relevant data shows an overall improvement in case processing, including a reduction in time from filing to final disposition.

We intend to report in detail on specific objectives, including timeliness of trials, briefing, and submission dates. Feedback on your experience with the expedited timeframes will be crucial to our evaluation. Accordingly, the State Bar Court is asking all interested parties to provide their input regarding the amendments to the rules. While we have discovered minor typographical errors that will be corrected in the near future, we also welcome any suggestions to address similar errors or to further improve case processing.

All comments should be sent no later than May 31 to Jenny Fontes, State Bar Court of California, 180 Howard Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco, California 94105.

Joann Remke  
Presiding Judge