



The State Bar Court *of California*

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NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES

The State Bar Court Executive Committee has approved amendments to the Rules of Practice of the State Bar Court (Rules of Practice) which will become effective July 21, 2025. Rule 1103 has been amended to state that the electronic record, along with any documents and exhibits kept in paper or tangible form, constitute the official court record. This change is needed as the State Bar Court transitions away from maintaining a paper file for each case and will allow for case files to be transmitted to the Supreme Court electronically.

The changes also include deletion of the rules 1130 through 1142, the rules that would have governed electronic filing in the State Bar Court, and deletion of references to electronic filing in rules 1110, 1111 and 1112. The electronic filing rules were to become effective upon the court's launch of electronic filing. They were crafted specifically to apply to electronic filing as it would work with FSX, the court's intended electronic filing vendor. Unfortunately, FSX was unable to offer a product that would meet the court's needs and electronic filing has not been implemented. If the court moves forward with electronic filing in the future it will create new rules appropriate to the electronic filing system to be used.

Finally, two changes are made in accordance with recent changes in the Rules of Procedure. In Rule 1112, filing of a pleading by a vexatious litigant who has not obtained leave of court (when required) is added to the grounds for rejection for filing. This change allows implementation of the provisions of rule 5.19 of the Rule of Procedure that authorize the court to require a person designated as a vexatious litigant to get pre-filing approval. In Rule 1206, the references to Early Neutral Evaluation Conferences are corrected to instead refer to Prefiling Settlement Conferences, the new terminology used in rule 5.30.

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