



The State Bar Court of California

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SUPERVISING HEARING JUDGE

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 February 17, 2026. The specific changes are as follows:

1. **Waiver of transcript preparation costs.** Litigants will now be permitted to apply for a waiver of the cost of having a transcript prepared for the purpose of seeking review pursuant to rule 5.151 of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar. As amended, rule 1311 of the Rules of Practice allows any party who would meet the criteria for a reduction of license fees under rule 2.15 of the Rules of the State Bar (currently, having an income less than \$60,478.35) and is requesting review under rule 5.151 to apply for a waiver of transcript costs. The application must be submitted on a court-approved form available on the State Bar Court's website and must be submitted at the same time as the request for review as a separate submission. If the waiver is granted, any party may file a motion to revoke the order granting the waiver within 15 days of service of the order.
2. **Rejection of pleadings marked "confidential" or "under seal."** In rule 1112, a new ground for rejection of a pleading for filing is added, requiring rejection of a pleading marked "confidential," "filed under seal," or with other language indicating that it includes confidential information, when the pleading is not filed with a motion to seal or with the confidential information redacted as required under rule 5.40(C) of the Rules of Procedure.

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