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MEMORANDUM

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To

Presiding Judges of the Superior Courts
Court Executive Officers of the Superior
Courts

Deadline

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Subject

New Form TR-130 (Traffic/Nontraffic
Notice to Appear)

On September 19, 2023, the Judicial Council adopted a new TR-130 form (commonly known as a “citation” or “traffic ticket”).¹ This form has been redesigned to reflect recent statutory changes as well as to improve readability. In particular, newly added Vehicle Code section 2806.5 requires, among other things, that beginning January 1, 2024, peace officers document the reason for a stop on the citation.² The new TR-130 will become effective January 1, 2024.

Unlike the previous TR-130, which had boxes shaded in gray to indicate optional fields for jurisdictions to customize, the new TR-130 has optional fields shaded in yellow. Gray shading on

¹ Other related changes also recently approved by the Judicial Council include an amendment to California Rules of Court, rule 4.103 (Notice to appear forms); revocation of two redundant electronic versions (TR-135 and TR-145); revision of the notice to correct violation form (TR-140); and revisions to the instructions about these forms (TR-INST).

² Assembly Bill 2773 (Stats. 2022, ch. 805).

the new TR-130 is now used to enhance readability. Unless a field is shaded yellow, it is mandatory on the new form.

The redesign process of the TR-130 encompassed approximately two years. During this time, the Judicial Council's Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) convened a working group to consider changes to the TR-130 and related forms. The working group was comprised of TAC members and other stakeholders, including representatives from law enforcement agencies and the Department of Motor Vehicles, court administrators, and criminal defense attorneys. The working group undertook an extensive redesign process that consisted of reviewing statutory requirements, interviewing stakeholders and subject-matter experts, contemplating the design of citations in other states, and gaining an understanding of the workflow and processing of each citation.

Ideas42, a behavioral science research firm that specializes in behaviorally informed design, recommended and supported design revisions to the form. Feedback was sought from law enforcement officers, court clerks, and litigants to ensure that the design met the needs of all users. Staff also requested feedback from the California Highway Patrol, California Peace Officers' Association, California Police Chiefs Association, California State Sheriffs' Association, and Assembly and Senate public safety leadership.

It is our expectation that these outreach efforts have prepared California law enforcement agencies to implement the new TR-130 form on its effective date of January 1, 2024. However, we want to confirm that all law enforcement agencies who may have missed these earlier discussions are also alerted so that they have adequate time to prepare. The Judicial Council intends to distribute the new TR-130 to statewide agencies, and we strongly encourage you to distribute this memorandum to your local law enforcement agencies. A PDF version of the new form TR-130 is attached.³

With your help, we can ensure that all law enforcement agencies are familiar with the new form and have adequate time to print and distribute it for use in the field by January 1, 2024.

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Attachment

³ The new form TR-130 may also be accessed on January 1, 2024, at www.courts.ca.gov/documents/tr130.pdf.