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Re: Proposal to the Judicial Council for Changes to California Rule of Court 2.1050

Dear Professor Urban, Ms. Hewitt, and Mr. Valencia:

This is to give you an update on the Judicial Council's consideration of your letter on behalf of Public.Resource.org, proposing that the Judicial Council amend California Rules of Court, rule 2.1050, Judicial Council jury instructions, specifically subpart (c) of that rule, and that the council remove various references to the copyright in its jury instructions and from the www.courts.ca.gov website.

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As stated in our letter of December 3, 2020, consistent with rule 10.21(c), the rule proposal was referred to Justice Harry E. Hull, Jr., Chair of the council's Rules Committee. Staff are in the process of reviewing the proposal for Justice Hull and the committee.

The focus of much of the council's work this past year has been addressing the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic on court services for the residents of California. This focus has resulted in delays in attending to other matters, including your proposal. Please do not take this delay as reflecting in any way on the merits of the proposal or its disposition.

If you have any additional information you would like me to provide to Justice Hull and the Rules Committee, please forward it to my attention.

Thank you for your interest in improving the California court system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Giden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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cc: Deborah C. Brown, Chief Counsel, Judicial Council