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Re: *Proposed Amendments to California Rule of Court,  
rule 976*

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The California Academy of Appellate Lawyers strongly endorses the Committee's proposal to amend rule 976 to provide that a court "should" publish an opinion that meets one of the criteria for publication enumerated in the rule. We agree with the Committee's observation that the proposed amendment is a positive step toward ensuring that opinions meeting those criteria are treated in a consistent fashion. The proposed amendment therefore serves the larger goal of promoting the uniform application of legal principles through the State.

We also wish to express our appreciation for the Committee's careful consideration of comments from the appellate bar, and its further important and significant revisions to the originally-proposed rule based on those comments. The Committee's openness to improving upon its own proposal

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confirms that the comment process is meaningful, and encourages future participation in that process by the appellate bar.

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