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Administrative Docket

California Supreme Court
350 McAllister Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: California Style Manual (Fifth Edition)
Request to Add a Section on Disability Terminology

Attention: Mr. Jorge E. Navarrete
Court Administrator

To the Court:

By this letter, we request the Supreme Court to direct the Reporter of Decisions to include a section on disability terminology in the forthcoming fifth edition of the California Style Manual.

The reasons for this request and the need for such a section in the manual are more fully explained in the attached commentary.

The Supreme Court should also consider the advisability of having the manual provide guidance on linguistic references pertaining to marital status and unmarried relationships as well as matters involving an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity.

If we may be of assistance to the Reporter of Decisions or to the Supreme Court on these issues, please have a staff member contact us.

Respectfully,

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cc: Lawrence W. Striley
Reporter of Decisions