

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Uniform Trial Court Rules Committee

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m. to completion of agenda
Place: Enterprise Technology Services Division (ETSD)
Oregon Room
1158 Chemeketa St NE
Salem, Oregon

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Items submitted after preparation of this public notice will be placed on a supplemental agenda and distributed at the beginning of the meeting. The agenda for this meeting (subject to change) includes:

A. SUPPLEMENTARY LOCAL RULES (SLR)

1. Review of SLR, pursuant to UTCR 1.050(2).
2. SLR recommended as proposed UTCR.

B. UNIFORM TRIAL COURT RULES (UTCR)

1. 4.140 Adopt a new rule requiring that plea petitions and rights waiver forms be read aloud to defendants using certified text to speech technology before signature, with defendants confirming on the record that they listened to and understood the audio.
2. 5.050 Amend UTCR 5.050(1) to add an exception to the mandatory hearing requirement when a party fails to comply with UTCR 5.020(1).
3. 6.210 Adopt a new rule requiring attorneys and parties to certify that any exhibit they offer has not been created or altered in a manner that could deceive or defraud the factfinder.
4. 7.200 Adopt a new rule providing that a motion to disqualify a judge under ORS 14.260(7) must be referred for decision to a judge other than the one whose disqualification is sought, and that local "one judge" or similar calendaring policies cannot override statewide statutory disqualification rights.

5. 8.120 Revise UTCR 8.120(1) to authorize Informal Domestic Relations Trials in cases arising under ORS chapter 25.
6. 15.040 Adopt a new rule establishing uniform statewide requirements for small claims settlement agreements filed with the court.
7. 15.050 Adopt a new rule creating a consistent procedure for seeking relief when a party materially fails to comply with a small claims agreement.
8. 15.060 Adopt a new rule establishing standardized procedures for filing, serving, and resolving motions for relief from judgment.
9. 19.010 Amend to clarify that only the Supreme Court has authority to approve changes to contempt procedure rules under UTCR chapter 19.
10. 19.020 Amend by changing “appropriate” to “applicable” to better align with the intended rule usage.
11. 19.050 Proposal to clarify the procedural limits for remedial contempt proceedings by specifying which claims may be joined, defining how ORCP terms apply, requiring key attachments to contempt complaints, and identifying ORCP provisions that do not apply.
12. 21.140 Adopt a new subsection that would require high volume filers in eviction actions to submit all complaints beyond the first 10 electronically rather than conventionally.

C. REVIEW PUBLIC COMMENT ON OUT-OF-CYCLE AMENDMENTS

1. 4.130 Review public comment on amendments adopted out of cycle by Chief Justice Order (CJO) 26-019, effective July 1, 2026.
2. 21.040 Review public comment on amendments adopted out of cycle by CJO 26-028, effective July 22, 2026.
3. 21.070 Review public comment on amendments adopted out of cycle by CJO 26-028, effective July 22, 2026.

D. OTHER

1. Committee membership update.
2. Spring 2027 meeting.
3. Fall 2027 meeting.

Proposed UTCR changes discussed at this meeting and a schedule of next year's meetings will be posted for public comment on the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) website. At the spring 2027 meeting, the UTCR Committee will consider public comment on these UTCR proposals before making final recommendations to the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court. Final changes to the UTCR adopted by the Chief Justice will be posted on the OJD website. They will take effect August 1, 2027, unless otherwise stated.

The committee encourages public participation and comment on all proposals before the committee. Please send your comments, questions, information, and agenda items to the UTCR Reporter:

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