

California Rules of Court

**Rule 7.703. Extraordinary compensation**

**(a)–(d) \*\*\***

**(e) Use of paralegals in the performance of extraordinary services**

Extraordinary legal services may include the services of a paralegal as defined in Business and Professions Code section 6450(a) ~~acting under the direction and supervision of an attorney~~. Only if the ~~A~~ request for extraordinary legal fees for a the paralegal's services ~~must~~:

(1) Describes the qualifications of the paralegal (including education, certification, continuing education, and experience). The description must state that the paralegal:

(A) Acted under the direction and supervision of an attorney;

(B) Satisfies one or more of the minimum qualifications specified in 24 Business and Professions Code section 6450(c); and

(C) Has completed mandatory continuing education required by Business and Professions Code section 6450(d) for the last two-year certification period ending before the year during which any part of the paralegal's services were performed.

(2) States the hours spent by the paralegal and the hourly rate requested for the paralegal's services;

(3) Describes the services performed by the paralegal;

(4) States why it was appropriate to use the paralegal's services in the particular case; and

(5) Demonstrates that the total amount requested for the extraordinary services of the attorney and the paralegal does not exceed the amount appropriate if the attorney had performed the services without the paralegal's assistance.

*(Subd (e) amended effective July 1, 2010.) Rule 7.703 amended effective July 1, 2010; adopted effective January 1, 2003; previously 46 amended effective January 1, 2007.*