

Finding California Forms

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Overview

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Practice Guides
&
Form Books

Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB)

- Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), an office of the California State Bar, publishes more than 100 Practice Guides on a variety of legal topics.
 - *California Landlord-Tenant Practice*
 - *California Real Property Practice Forms Manual*
 - *California Domestic Partnerships*
- Access to electronic *CEB* guides available through the library's subscription to OnLaw

Matthew Bender

- Along with subject specific practice guides, Matthew Bender also produces several general litigation-oriented sets, providing forms and practice tips.
 - *California Forms of Pleading and Practice*
 - *California Points and Authorities*
 - *California Legal Forms: Transaction Guide*
- The Matthew Bender practice guides are available electronically through the library's subscription to LexisNexis

Rutter Group

- The Rutter Group publishes the *California Practice Guide* series.
 - *California Practice Guide: Bankruptcy*
 - *California Practice Guide: Civil Procedure Before Trial Forms*
- The Rutter Group *California Practice Guide* series is available electronically through the library's subscription to Westlaw

Bancroft-Whitney

- The *California Transactions: Forms* series of books is published by Bancroft-Whitney (West). This set updates the older *Cal Forms: Practice-Oriented Forms for California Legal and Business Transactions*.
 - *California Transactions: Forms – Business Entities*
 - *California Transactions: Forms – Business Transactions*
 - *California Transactions: Forms – Estate Planning*
 - *California Transactions: Forms – Family Law*
- The *California Transactions: Forms* set is available electronically through the library's subscription to Westlaw.

Practice Guides & Form Books Online

- Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB) guides are available through OnLAW ← link
 - USD students may access OnLAW off campus using their name and barcode.
 - Non-USD students may access OnLaw in the LRC
- Matthew Bender practice guides are available through [LexisNexis](#)
 - Legal > Secondary Legal > Matthew Bender(R) > By Jurisdiction > California



Practice Guides & Form Books Online

- Rutter Group – California Practice Guides available on [Westlaw](#)
 - Database Identifier: TRG-CA
- Bancroft-Whitney – California Transactions Forms available on [Westlaw](#)
 - Database Identifier: CTF-ALL



General Procedural Forms

Judicial Council

- Judicial Council Forms - California Courts website
 - <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/forms/>
- Forms Manual: California Judicial Council (CEB)
 - LRC Reserve KFC68 .F67
- WESTLAW: West's California Judicial Council Forms
- LEXIS: California Judicial Council Automated LexisNexis Forms

Jury Instructions - Civil

- Judicial Council of California Civil Jury Instructions (CACI)
 - LRC Reserve KFC1047.A65 S9635
 - [Westlaw](#) and [Lexis](#)
- California jury instructions. Civil (BAJI)
 - LRC Reserve KFC1047.A65 S963
 - [Westlaw](#) and [Lexis](#)
- The Civil Jury Instructions Resource Center
 - Includes free access to the Civil Jury Instructions (CACI)
 - <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jury/civiljuryinstructions/>

Jury Instructions - Criminal

- Judicial Council of California Criminal Jury Instructions (CALCRIM)
 - LRC Reserve KFC1171.A65 C355
 - Westlaw and Lexis
- California Jury Instructions, Criminal (CALJIC)
 - LRC Reserve KFC1171.A65 C342
 - Westlaw and Lexis
- The Criminal Jury Instructions Resource Center
 - Includes free access to the Criminal Jury Instructions (CALCRIM)
 - <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jury/criminaljuryinstructions/>



Topical Practice Materials and Forms



Example: Property & Real Estate Law

- California Legal Forms: Transaction Guide (Matthew Bender)
- California Practice Guide: Real Property Transactions (Rutter Group).
- California Real Property Practice Forms Manual (CEB)
- Miller & Starr California Real Estate Forms, 2d ed., by Alexander E. Hamilton (Thomson/West)

Finding Topical Form Books

- University of San Francisco, California Form Books
 - http://www.usfca.edu/law_library/calforms.html
- University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, California Practice Guides
 - http://www.mcgeorge.edu/documents/library/calif_practice_guides.pdf
- Library catalogs
 - [University of San Diego](#)
 - [San Diego County Public Law Library](#)
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