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## HOT TOPICS

### Mandatory E-Filing Court Rules

July, 2013 Rules of Court (see Cal. Rules of Ct., Rule 2.250 et seq.) now allow California counties to opt into the mandatory E-Filing and E-Service pilot project that has been in effect in Orange County since the start of 2013 (see amended Code Civ. Proc. § 1010.6, backed by the Judicial Council, Orange, LA, Riverside, and San Diego counties).

Counties, by local rule, may now choose which type of civil actions must be filed and served electronically; and per the JC's 6/28/13 news release: “[D]espite being given until July 2014 to adopt the rules, the council intended to accomplish this well before the statutory deadline so that more courts would be able to take advantage of this important technology.”

Coverage of the new July rules was already included in the August update of Matthew Bender® Practice Guide: California Pretrial Civil Procedure (see Ch. 27, Service of Papers, § 27.35, plus two new JC forms in §§ 27.56, 27.57). This is a compelling example of the importance of the twice-a-year updating we offer for our entire California Matthew Bender® Practice Guide line.

## RESEARCH TIPS

California Forms of Pleading & Practice offers encyclopedic coverage of civil actions and more from pleadings to appeal.

### Same-Sex Marriage Updates

In the December 2013 release of California Forms of Pleading and Practice, two recent U.S. Supreme Court cases on same-sex marriage, *Hollingsworth v. Perry* (2013) 2013 US Lexis 4919, and *United States v. Windsor* (2013) 2013 US Lexis 4921, have been incorporated in several chapters. As of June 28, 2013, following from these cases and resulting action by Governor Brown, same-sex marriage is legal throughout California.

### Condominiums

In the March 2014 release of California Forms of Pleading and Practice, Ch. 124, *Condominiums and Other Common Interest Developments*, will be completely revised, following California's adoption of a new statutory scheme for this type of property development. California Legal Forms will include transactional coverage of the new scheme in its December 2013 release.

### Quieting Title

In the upcoming December 2013 release of California Forms of Pleading and Practice, Ch. 482, *Quieting Title*, has been updated with reorganized and edited discussion, and updated forms, in this key area of real estate practice.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

### California Leave Law

California has a complicated and difficult to understand variety of leave laws. There also are overlapping provisions with federal law to add to the mix. How to navigate the complex issues surrounding family leave, military leave, worker's compensation and personal time is the subject of California Leave Law: A Practical Guide for Employers (Pub. #1717). Whether as an attorney seeking guidance on where to begin one's inquiry of the statutory provisions or as an employer hoping to avoid inadvertent violations of legal requirements, this handy guide offers practical guidance, informative checklists and tables, as well as numerous sample forms and model notices.

Authors Bernadette O'Brian and Lizbeth West are practicing attorneys who have used their insight and experience in the world of complex employment law issues to put together a concise and informative practice guide. This guide lays out important considerations and sorts out how to account for the many different governing rules through the use of case studies and consideration of key cases throughout the chapters.

### CALCRIM 2013 Supplement, revised Felony Murder Instructions

In the June 2013 CALCRIM Supplement, the Homicide Series had many felony murder instructions revised as a result of the 2013 *Wilkins* California Supreme Court (56 Cal.4th 333) case (CALCRIM Nos. 520, 540A-540C, 541A-541C). LexisNexis® Matthew Bender is the official publisher for the state of CALCRIM (criminal) and CACI (civil) jury instructions.

### Complete Revision of California Forms of Pleading & Practice Trust Coverage

Release 199 (September 2013) includes a comprehensive revision of the set's trust coverage. The revisions completely modernized the coverage, added and/or expanded a number of key topics (offering hundreds of new pages), and included analytical participation by the expert authors who contributed to Matthew Bender® Practice Guide: California Trust Litigation.

### New California Limited Liability Company Law, effective January 1, 2014

Coverage:

- Makes major changes in LLC Law.
- Impacts how LLCs are formed, structured, merged, and dissolved.
- Will eventually impact LLC litigation as well.
- Although it doesn't go into effect until 1/1/2014, business attorneys need to familiarize themselves with it in 2013 so they know what's coming

Look for complete revisions to chapters in the following publications to reflect the above changes in LLC Law coverage: Ballantine & Sterling California Corporation Laws (Release 123, June 2014); California Forms of Pleading & Practice (Release 201, March 2014) and California Legal Forms: Transaction Guide (Release 143, December 2013; coverage to continue in 2014 releases).

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