

LIBRARY DATABASES

EBSCO Legal Information Center

This database provides free, full-text access to many legal self-help books, including *Win Your Lawsuit*, published by Nolo Press. Chapter 5 of *Win Your Lawsuit*, entitled Preparing Your Complaint, provides instructions for completing the Judicial Council Complaint forms. **Access EBSCO at home** from the library's website: <http://www.acgov.org/law/refservices/legaldata.htm>

Westlaw (Library Use Only)

- California Civil Trial Court Filings- (CA-FILING)

This Westlaw database contains the full-text of select documents filed in California state and federal trial courts since 2000. Search by cause of action to retrieve examples of complaints filed successfully in California Superior courts.

LexisNexis (Library Use Only)

- California Forms of Pleading & Practice (CAFAP)

Accessible through LexisNexis, *California Forms of Pleading & Practice* offers procedural guidance and form templates for drafting a variety of civil complaints. Content may be downloaded and saved to flash drive or emailed free of charge.

OnLaw (Library Use Only)

The OnLaw database contains the full-text of practice guides and formbooks published by Continuing Education of the Bar, including titles on civil procedure and substantive areas of the law. OnLaw can be accessed on library computers and on patron laptops through the library's wireless network. Forms can be downloaded as Microsoft Word documents.

MAIN LIBRARY



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Oakland, CA 94607

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TuTh: 8:30 am - 9:00 pm

SOUTH BRANCH



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Hayward, CA 94544

Hours: M - F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

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ALAMEDA COUNTY
LAW LIBRARY

Resources for...
Drafting
Complaints in
Superior Court



www.acgov.org/law

510-208-4800

Resources for Drafting Complaints...

This brochure lists useful print and electronic resources at the Alameda County Law Library and on the Internet for preparing civil complaints.

LIBRARY RESOURCES

Identifying a Cause of Action

California Causes of Action

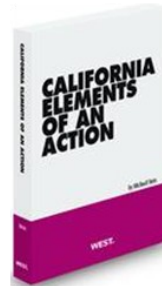
Call Number: KFC 1010/C32

California Elements of an Action

Call Number: KFC 1010/S74

Judicial Council of California Civil Jury Instructions

Call Number: KFC 1047/A65/J8



Statutes of Limitations

California Practice Guide: Statutes of Limitations

Call Number: KFC 995/W445

Naming the Defendant

Matthew Bender Practice Guide: CA Pretrial Civil Procedure

Chapter 5: Parties

Call Number: KFC 1020/M384

Jurisdiction & Venue

California Practice Guide: Civil Procedure Before Trial

Chapter 3: Jurisdiction and Venue

Call Number: KFC 995/W44

Drafting the Complaint

California Forms of Pleading and Practice

Chapter 123: Complaints And Cross Complaints

Call Number: KFC 1010/A65/C3

California Litigation by the Numbers

Chapter 1: Appearance by the Plaintiff

Call Number: KFC 995/A65/G78

Matthew Bender Practice Guide: CA Pretrial Civil Procedure

Chapter 7: Complaints

Call Number: KFC 1020/M384'



Win Your Lawsuit

Chapter 5: Preparing the Complaint

Call Number: KFC 968/D86

Damages

California Attorney's Guide to Damages

Call Number: KFC 100 D3/C34

California Tort Damages

Call Number: KFC 100/D3/C36

Tort Actions

California Practice Guide: Personal Injury Litigation

Chapter 5: Filing Suit

Call Number: KFC 1028/P4/F42

Contract Actions

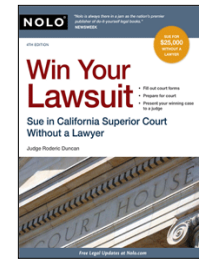
California Forms of Pleading and Practice

Chapter 140: Contracts

Call Number: KFC 1010/A65/C3

Matthew Bender Practice Guide: California Contract Litigation

Call Number: KFC 225/C76



USEFUL WEBSITES

Judicial Council Form Complaints

Pleadings in Contract Cases: <http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm?filter=CO>

Pleadings in Tort Cases: <http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm?filter=PL>

Drafting Complaints

CA Civil Jury Instructions (CACI): http://www.courts.ca.gov/partners/documents/2011_Edition.pdf

California Rules of Court: http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/title_2.pdf

Blank Pleading Paper: <http://www.saclaw.lib.ca.us/Uploads/files/forms/fillablepleading.pdf>

Procedural Guidance

Before You File Your Case: <http://courts.ca.gov/12414.htm> (Prepared by The Judicial Council of California)

Filing a Lawsuit: <http://www.saclaw.lib.ca.us/pages/filing-a-lawsuit.aspx> (Prepared by Sacramento Public Law Library)