

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 8 of *Win Your Lawsuit*, entitled [Lawsuits From the Defendant's Point of View](#), provides instructions for completing the Judicial Council Answer 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 or affirmative defense to retrieve examples of answers filed successfully in California Superior courts.

LexisNexis (Library Use Only)

- [California Forms of Pleading & Practice \(CAFPAP\)](#)

Accessible through LexisNexis, *California Forms of Pleading & Practice* offers procedural guidance and form templates for drafting responsive pleadings. 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.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

East Bay Community Law Center

General Legal Clinic

3130 Shattuck Ave.

Berkeley, CA 94705

TuTh 10:00 am - 1:00 p.m.

1st and 3rd Monday 6:00 –8:00 p.m.

For appointment: (510) 548-4064

Alameda County Bar Association/ EBCLC

Debt Collection Defense Clinic

Rene C. Davidson Courthouse

1225 Fallon Street, Room 240

Oakland, CA 94612

Mondays 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

For an appointment call: (510) 548-4064

Flyer: [http://www.ebclc.org/documents/](http://www.ebclc.org/documents/Debt_Collection_Defense_Clinic.pdf)

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LAW LIBRARY

HOURS & LOCATIONS

Main Library (Oakland)

125 12th Street

Oakland, CA 94607

Hours: MWF 8:30 am-6:00 pm

TuTh 8:30 am - 9:00 pm

Public Transit: Lake Merritt BART

Branch Library (Hayward)

224 W. Winton Ave., Rm 162

Hayward, CA 94544

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

Public Transit: Hayward BART

AC Transit Bus 22



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LAW LIBRARY**

Resources for... Drafting Responsive Pleadings in Superior Court



www.acgov.org/law

510-208-4832

Resources for Drafting Responsive Pleadings...

This brochure lists useful print and electronic resources at the Alameda County Law Library, on the Internet, and in the community for preparing responsive pleadings to civil complaints filed in Superior Court.

LIBRARY RESOURCES

Answers

California Affirmative Defenses
Call Number: KFC 995/S38

California Elements of an Action
Call Number: KFC 1010/S74

California Forms of Pleading and Practice
Chapter 26: Answers
Call Number: KFC 1010/A65/C3

Judicial Council of California Civil Jury Instructions (CACI)
Call Number: KFC 1047/A65/J8

Win Your Lawsuit
Chapter 8: Lawsuits from the Defendant's Point of View
Call Number: KFC 968/D86

Demurrers

California Law & Motion Model Forms
Chapter 47: Sample Demurrers
Call Number: KFC 1012/A65/P37

California Forms of Pleading and Practice
Chapter 206: Demurrers And Motions For Judgment On The Pleadings
Call Number: KFC 1010/A65/C3

Motion to Quash

California Law & Motion Model Forms
Chapters 40-43: Sample Motions to Quash Service of Summons
Call Number: KFC 1012/A65/P37

California Summary Judgment and Related Termination Motions
Chapter 1: Motions to Quash
Call Number: KFC 1012/B33



Setting Aside a Default/Default Judgment

California Law & Motion Model Forms
Chapters 11-13: Sample Motions for Relief from Default/Judgment
Call Number: KFC 1012/A65/P37

California Practice Guide: Civil Procedure Before Trial
Chapter 5: Defaults: How to Obtain Them & How to Cure Them
Call Number: KFC 995/W44

USEFUL WEBSITES

Judicial Council Form Pleadings

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>

General Denial: <http://courts.ca.gov/documents/pld050.pdf>

Drafting an Answer

Blank Pleading Paper: [://www.saclaw.lib.ca.us/Uploads/files/forms/fillablepleading.pdf](http://www.saclaw.lib.ca.us/Uploads/files/forms/fillablepleading.pdf)

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

Procedural Guidance

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

Being Sued: <http://courts.ca.gov/1314.htm> (Prepared by the Judicial Council of California)

Filing an Answer in an Injury Case: <http://www.courts.ca.gov/partners/documents/civ-negcivilaction.pdf> (Prepared by Stanislaus County Self-Help)

Setting Aside a Default: <http://www.saclaw.lib.ca.us/pages/relief-from-default.aspx> (Prepared by the Sacramento County Law Library)

Responding to Debt Collection Cases (Prepared by the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles)

Debt Collection Cases: <http://www.courts.ca.gov/partners/documents/2011SRL5eContractCase.pdf>

Deciding Whether to File an Answer: <http://www.courts.ca.gov/partners/documents/2011SRL5eDCFile.pdf>

Affirmative Defenses (Debt Collection Cases): <http://www.courts.ca.gov/partners/documents/2011SRL5eADContract.pdf>