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The Fall 2025 Edition of Procedure (California Civil Practice) includes the latest caselaw, statutory changes and updated forms pertaining to civil procedure in California. Topics with extensive updates include:

- Selecting the Forum: Jurisdiction and Venue (Chapter 4).
- Removal to Federal Court (Chapter 5).
- Demands For Relief (Chapter 8).
- Motion Practice (Chapter 14).
- Vexatious Litigants (Chapter 15).
- Summary Judgment (Chapter 21).
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (Chapter 26).
- Settlement (Chapter 27).
- Enforcement of Judgments (Chapter 30).
- Costs and Attorney's Fees (Chapter 33).
- Briefs (Chapter 40).
- New and updated forms.

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Justice Eileen C. Moore

Justice Eileen C. Moore was appointed to the Superior Court of California, County of Orange in 1989 and to the Fourth District Court of Appeal in 2000.

For the last 30 years Justice Moore has been an author for the Thomson West Civil Practice series on Procedure. For the last 13 years she has been the author of *Litigation Update* for the California Lawyers Association. For the last six years, she has authored monthly articles about veterans for the *Daily Journal*. She is also the author of two books: *Race Results* compares the treatment of African Americans by the U.S. Supreme Court and in Hollywood movies; *Gender Results* compares the treatment of gender issues by the U.S. Supreme Court and in Hollywood movies.

Justice Moore spent her nonjudicial legal career in private practice in Newport Beach. Prior to becoming a lawyer, she practiced as a registered nurse, including service as a combat nurse in Vietnam. She is a life member of Vietnam Veterans of America.

In addition to her judicial position, Justice Moore has spent the past 25 years in support of veterans, particularly those who interact with the courts and the justice system. Since 2008, when she launched it, she has chaired the Judicial Council's Veterans and Military Families Subcommittee.

Justice Moore has been presented with many awards and honors by courts, legal organizations and civic and educational groups, including the California Judges Association's Humanitarian Award in 2019. In 2020, the California Department of Veterans Affairs, CalVet, presented Justice

Moore with its trailblazer award, and in 2021, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the VA, presented her with its trailblazer award. In 2022, the Daughters of the American Revolution also honored her. In 2023, Justice For Vets, part of ALL RISE [fka National Assn. of Drug Court Professionals], presented her with its Hall of Fame Award.

Justice Moore is on the Veterans Justice Commission, headed by two former Secretaries of Defense, Chuck Hagel and Leon Panetta. The Commission has only 15 members and makes reports to Congress. It works toward improving the transition of military service members into civilian life in ways that avoid involvement with the criminal justice system.

Michael Paul Thomas

Michael Paul Thomas is a graduate of UC Berkeley School of Law and is widely recognized for his extensive expertise in California Civil Procedure. For over two decades, Mr. Thomas has been named in *The Best Lawyers in America*, universally regarded as the definitive referral guide to the nation's best legal talent; has been repeatedly named to *Super Lawyers*, an honor bestowed upon only 5% of California lawyers; and has received an "AV" rating by the Martindale-Hubbell Lawyers Directory, denoting the highest level of ethics and legal ability. He is also a multi-time member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, whose membership is limited to trial lawyers who have demonstrated exceptional skill, experience and excellence in advocacy by achieving a trial verdict, award or settlement in the amount of one million dollars or more. Mr. Thomas has been honored with a lifetime achievement award by *America's Top 100 Attorneys*.

In addition to his legal practice, Mr. Thomas is a well-known author and educator. He is the author of *California Civil Courtroom Handbook & Desktop Reference*; lead author of the five-volume *California Civil Practice: Torts*; coauthor of *California Premises Liability*; creator and author of The Rutter Group's *FlipLaw* legal guides and has published over 150 articles on various legal topics, including seven MCLE

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Mr. Thomas has served as a judge pro tem and is a CADRA certified mediator. He is a member of the Orange County Sheriff's Advisory Council and serves on the Advisory Board for Crime Survivors Inc., a crime victims' rights advocacy organization.



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