

# INTRODUCTION TO THE 2025 EDITION

The four volumes of Methods of Practice provide an introduction to and overview of the entire Washington Practice Series, bringing its comprehensive resources together in a unified format. It provides references to suggested resources for additional research and it includes several resource guides in table format to allow rapid searching for topics of interest. Expert authors Cheryl C. Mitchell and Ferd H. Mitchell have prepared thorough overviews and summaries, including the research guides, to enhance and streamline your research and optimize your use of the Washington Practice Series.

The following author changes are included for this 2025 edition:

- New Rule GR 43 has been added and selected rules have been modified (eg, RAP 18.7, § 12:134) to allow the use of personal pronouns in courtrooms and court filing procedures, as described in Rules Practice, Vol 2 of Washington Practice (see Vol. 1 of Methods of Practice § 3:51).
- New Rule SPR 24W has been added to define when an individual qualifies for an attorney at public expense in unlawful detainer cases, as described in Rules Practice, Vol 4A of Washington Practice (see Vol. 1 of Methods of Practice § 16:13).
- Mental Proceedings Rules (MPR) have been replaced by reserved Superior Court Civil Commitment Rules (SCCCR) due to passage of the Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) RCWA Chapters 71.05 and 71.34, as described in Rules Practice, Vol 4A of Washington Practice (see Vol. 1 of Methods of Practice §§ 19:1-19:34).
- Discussion has been included of some of the attorney issues that may develop from the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) as described in Civil Procedure and Washington Handbook on Civil Procedure, Vols 15-15A of Washington Practice (see Vol 1B of Methods of Practice, § 55A:1).
- A summary has been added of the Washington Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act RCWA Ch 7:54 and the Uniform Relocation of Easement Act RCWA Ch 65.66 passed in 2023, as described in Real Estate Law and Practice, Vols 17-18 of Washington Practice (see Vol 1C of Methods of Practice §§ 72:8 and 72:15).
- Major changes were made by the legislature in 2023 to increase the supply of “middle housing” in areas traditionally dedicated to single family detached housing, as described in Real Estate Law and Practice, Vols 17-18 of Washington Practice (see Vol 1C of Methods of Practice § 72:19).

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- Numerous statutory updates on Family Law have been added to Vols 19-21 of Washington Practice (see Vol 1C of Methods of Practice, Chapter 73).
- Expanded discussion has been added of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Elder Law and Health Law, as described in Washington Elder Law and Health Law, Vols 26-26A of Washington Practice (see Vol 1C of Methods of Practice, § 76:1).
- Analysis has been added of the ways in which Artificial Intelligence (AI) making use of ChatGPT may possibly be applied to enhance practice management in Elder Law, Health Law, and Probate Law as described in Vols 26-26A-26B of Washington Practice (see Vol 1C of Methods of Practice, §§ 76:1, 76A:1, 77:1).
- A Chapter on “What is Insurance?” as been added as described in Vol 35 of Washington Practice (see Vol 1C of Methods of Practice, §§ 86:1-86:3).