

PREFACE TO JANUARY 2026 EDITION

Thomson Reuters is pleased to publish the forms adopted or approved by the Judicial Council for use in the courts of California. *West's California Judicial Council Forms, January 2026 Edition*, which replaces the September 2025 edition, includes revised forms effective January 1, 2026.

New and revised forms have been added in the following subject areas:

- Adoption
- CARE
- Case Management
- Civil Harassment Prevention
- CLETS
- Criminal
- Decedents Estates (Probate)
- Domestic Violence
- Elder or Dependent Adult Abuse Prevention
- Enforcement of Judgment
- Family Law
- Guardianships and Conservatorships (Probate)
- Gun Violence Prevention
- Indian Child Welfare Act
- Juvenile
- Miscellaneous
- Retail Crime Prevention
- School Violence Prevention
- Service
- Small Claims
- Summons
- Unlawful Detainer
- Wage Garnishment
- Workplace Violence Prevention

Each form starts on a right-hand page, with the form number printed in the upper-right corner. Left pages (on the reverse sides) are upside-down when printed in that manner by the Judicial Council, to facilitate filing by court clerks in two-hole punched “top file” folders. Generally, pages containing only informational or instructional content will appear as a normal page (i.e., not upside-down).

Several features assist users in finding forms:

- a subject index, at the end of each volume
- a list of new and revised forms (Table 1), in the front matter
- a numerical, topical list of forms (Table 2), in the front matter
- an alphabetical list of forms (Table 3), in the front matter
- a margin index referring to the subject areas, on each volume’s back cover

The perforated pages allow forms to be easily removed and reproduced. The number of each form is printed at the top, inside margin of right-facing pages to indicate its original location.

To help coordinate statutory research, italic reference notes are contained throughout *West's Annotated California Codes*, referring to the forms contained in this publication.

Occasionally, the Judicial Council releases or modifies a form between biannual updates. Midseason forms will no longer be made available on the online store. Customers should refer to Westlaw for access to the most current versions of *West's California Judicial Council Forms* released or modified between print updates.

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