The Rutter Group California Practice Guide: Civil Appeals and Writs

What's New or Updated 2025

For the 2025 Edition of *Civil Appeals and Writs*, the authors have added new material and/or updated existing material based on new case law, rules and statutory developments, including, but not limited to, the following subjects:

- Appeal of orders of dismissal
- Appealability of Probate Code orders
- Review of attorney discipline cases
- California Supreme Court grant of review to resolve split of authority re proper standard of review in cases involving trial court's across-the-board reductions to statutory fee award
- Standard of review in cases involving waiver of the right to arbitrate
- Forfeiture of issues raised in the trial court
- Three-step approach to assessing prejudice in context of failure to render requested statement of decision
- CCP §231.7, prohibiting bias-based preemptory challenges, applicable in civil cases effective January 1, 2026
- Revisions based on August 13, 2025 amendments to, and renumbering of, the Supreme Court rules re electronic filing
- General rule of automatic stay during pendency of appeal inapplicable to writ proceedings
- CCP §914 inapplicable to proceedings that were officially electronically recorded (matter of first impression)
- Amended guidelines for oral argument by remote appearance, effective January 1, 2026

Please refer to the "Update highlights and filing (PDF)" for a more comprehensive summary of the most significant developments in this edition.