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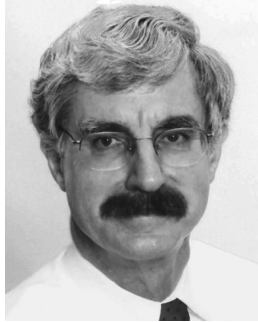


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PREFACE

This Practice Guide is written for and dedicated to attorneys, paralegals, collection agency licensees and others who handle both routine and complex California debt collection and judgment enforcement matters.

Creditors' remedies have evolved dramatically since the days when debtors were summarily imprisoned or exiled. Debt collection and judgment enforcement now require thorough knowledge of a broad area of procedural and substantive law, notably including civil procedure, attachment law, the Enforcement of Judgments Law, the Bankruptcy Code, and state and federal debt collection laws and regulations. In addition, efficient collection practice requires practical know-how and common sense.

This Practice Guide covers the essential substantive and procedural law and offers indispensable practical knowledge. The text explains the applicable statutes and cases to provide overall direction. Then, "Practice Pointers," comments and relevant forms are provided to illustrate the most efficient enforcement and collection approaches.

Of course, no book is a substitute for thorough research and analysis in a particular case. However, the information contained in this Practice Guide will position you to successfully collect debts and enforce judgments in California.

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