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The 2026 Edition of ***Civil Procedure Before Trial*** is an up-to-date guide on pretrial procedure guidance under California law. For this edition, authors Presiding Justice Lee Smalley Edmon and Judge Curtis E.A. Karnow (Ret.) have added new material and/or updated existing material based on relevant case and statutory developments, including, but not limited to, the following subjects:

- Prolawsuit considerations
- Jurisdiction and venue
- Service of summons
- Defaults and relief from default
- Pleadings
- Anti-SLAPP motions
- New case and statutory authority re discovery issues
- Statutory and case developments in law and motion
- California Supreme Court authority re arbitration
- Summary judgment procedure
- Statutory offer to compromise
- Class actions
- California Private Attorneys General Act
- Sanctions for use of artificial intelligence tools

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