

The Rutter Group California Practice Guide: Family Law

"What's New or Updated" 2025

The 2025 edition of the *Family Law* Practice Guide contains new and updated material on the following subjects, among others:

- Collaborative law process
- Joint petition for dissolution or legal separation
- Venue transfers of postjudgment proceedings involving local child support agencies
- Securing court-ordered pendente lite relief on stipulation
- Domestic violence petitions (California residency not required)
- Ex parte requests for Fam.C. §6218 protective orders
- Supplemental permissive “wiretap” orders
- Temporary visitation orders in favor of presumed parents
- Modification/termination of remaining orders once DV-130 restraining orders expire
- Changing/ending domestic violence restraining orders
- Ex parte custody orders (parent’s illegal access to firearms/ammunition)
- Refund of overage after termination of contingent child support order
- Oral surrogacy agreements
- Supervised visitation rights
- UVTA inapplicable when court itself adjudicates disposition of marital property
- Managing spouse’s burden of proof re missing assets
- “Meet and confer” expenses under Civil Discovery Act

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