

The Rutter Group California Practice Guide: Probate

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The 2026 Edition of **Probate** is an up-to-date guide on probate issues under California law. For this edition, authors Bruce S. Ross and Jeryll S. Cohen have added new material and/or updated existing material based on relevant case and statutory developments, including, but not limited to, the following subjects:

- New rules governing virtual representation in probate matters
- New requirement to provide notice of death to the Department of Child Support Services if the personal representative or estate attorney knows or has reason to believe that the decedent had a court-ordered child support obligation
- The effect of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act on trust and estate tax obligations
- New lower burden of proof in elder and dependent adult abuse cases involving spoliation of evidence
- New requirements for requesting a statement of decision

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