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Primary heading:	**ARBITRATION**
Cross reference:	[See Fee arbitration.]
Subheading:	Agreement with client to arbitrate any malpractice claim by client
Citation to subheading:	CAL 1977-47
Next subheading:	Arbitrator
Sub-subheading:	appointment of law office associate as
Secondary sub-subheading:	-by attorney representing claimant in same proceeding
Citation to preceding subheadings:	LA 302 (1968)

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JURISDICTION	LEVEL OF COURT	ORDER
California:	Selected statutes	In numerical order.
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Federal:	United States Supreme Court	Most recent cases first, descending chronologically to oldest cases.
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EXAMPLE: **RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT** [The full text of the rules are reprinted in part I A above; [See below for former rules.]
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Rule 2-101 Professional Employment. [See Advertising. Business activity. Solicitation.]

STATUTES: Selected statutes are listed alphabetically by code and numerically by statute number.

EXAMPLE: **BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE** [The entire text of the State Bar Act (Business and Professions Code, §6000 et seq.) is reprinted as Part I A to this Compendium.]
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Section 6067 [See Oath of attorney.]
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KEY TO SYMBOLS

CAL 1981-64:	Formal Opinion No. 1981-64 of the State Bar's Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct. (The full text of each opinion is reprinted within Tab II A.)
LA 402 (1982):	Formal Opinion No. 402 of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Legal Ethics Committee.
LA (I) 1970-1:	Informal Opinion No. 1970-1 of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Legal Ethics Committee.
11 LABB (1934):	Indicates opinions published in the Los Angeles County Bar Bulletin.
OC 93-001:	Formal Opinion No. 93-001 of the Orange County Bar Association. (The full text of each opinion is reprinted within Tab II D.)
SD 1970-1:	Opinion No. 1970-1 of the San Diego County Bar Association Legal Ethics and Unauthorized Practice Committee. (The full text of each opinion is reprinted within Tab II C.)
SF 1980-1:	Opinion No. 1980-1 of the Legal Ethics Committee of the Bar Association of San Francisco. (The full text of each opinion is reprinted within Tab II B.)
46 Ops. Cal.Atty.Gen. 74 (l965):	Refers you to Opinions of the Attorney General of California, 46th volume, at page 74. [Issued in 1965.]
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Hersch v. Citizens Savings & Loan Assoc. (1983) 146 Cal.App.3d 1002 [194 Cal.Rptr. 628]
--sanctions for multiple meritless claims
Reber v. Beckloff (1970) 6 Cal.App.3d 341 [85 Cal.Rptr. 807]

--subjective bad faith or motive required
Llamas v. Diaz (1990) 218 Cal.App.3d 1043 [267 Cal.Rptr. 427]
-simply meritless appeal is not frivolous
Marriage of Flaherty (1982) 31 Cal.3d 637 [183 Cal.Rptr. 508]
Padres L.P. v. Henderson (2003) 114 Cal.App.4th 495 [8 Cal.Rptr.3d 584]
-solely for delay
Ainsworth v. State Bar (1988) 46 Cal.3d 1218
DeRose v. Heurlin (2002) 100 Cal.App.4th 158 [122 Cal.Rptr.2d 630]
-spite as a motive is frivolous
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In re Stephens (1890) 84 Cal. 77, 81
-suit with no questions of law or fact remaining
--libel
Maple Properties v. Harris (1984) 158 Cal.App.3d 997 [205 Cal.Rptr. 532]
Katz v. Rosen (1975) 48 Cal.App.3d 1032 [121 Cal.Rptr. 853]
--real estate commission action
Towle v. Lewis (1969) 274 Cal.App.2d 376 [79 Cal.Rptr. 58]
-Supreme Court adjudication is law of the case; so further appeal on same matter is meritless and improper
Maple Properties v. Harris (1984) 158 Cal.App.3d 997 [205 Cal.Rptr. 532]
-waiver of right to appeal in settlement makes the appeal frivolous for delay
McConnell v. Merrill Lynch (1985) 176 Cal.App.3d 480
-wholly inadequate appeal is frivolous
McCosker v. McCosker (1954) 122 Cal.App.2d 498 [265 P.2d 21]
-will contest is personal; so an appeal may not be frivolous
Estate of Bloom (1980) 107 Cal.App.3d 195 [165 Cal.Rptr. 591]
-writ of execution on sale of property is quashed by trial court at its discretion; appeal therefore is frivolous
Wellborn v. Wellborn (1945) 67 Cal.App.2d 545 [155 P.2d 99]
criminal proceeding
-appeal on jurisdiction and legality of the proceedings where no error existed is meritless
People v. Wallace (1963) 217 Cal.App.2d 440 [31 Cal.Rptr. 697]
-death penalty appeals exhausted; re-appeal on same issues is frivolous
People v. Smith (1933) 218 Cal. 484, 489
-dismissal of frivolous appeals should be used sparingly in criminal matters
People v. Sumner (1968) 262 Cal.App.2d 409, 414-415 [69 Cal.Rptr. 15]
-limited review of errors of fact or factual disputes; appeal was frivolous
Edwards v. People (1950) 99 Cal.App.2d 216 [221 P.2d 336]
--facts not known or available to defendant at the time of the verdict
People v. Malone (1950) 96 Cal.App.2d 270 [215 P.2d 109]
-withdrawal
--attorney may include brief to support
McCoy v. Court of Appeals of Wisconsin (1988) 486 U.S. 429 [108 S.Ct. 1895]
Frivolous motion
In re Disciplinary Action Mooney (9th Cir. 1988) 841 F.2d 1003
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LA 502 (1999)
Malicious prosecution
attorney is jointly liable with client for malicious prosecution
Jarrow Formulas, Inc. v. LaMarche (2003) 31 Cal.4th 728 [3 Cal.Rptr.3d 636]
Tool Research & Engineering v. Henigson (1975) 46 Cal.App.3d 675 [120 Cal.Rptr. 291]
attorney may be held liable for continued prosecution of a case that lacks probable cause
Zamos v. Stroud (2004) 32 Cal.4th 958 [12 Cal.Rptr.3d 54]
Cole v. Patricia A. Meyer & Associates, APC (2012) 206 Cal.App.4th 1095 [142 Cal.Rptr.3d 646]
burden of proof on plaintiff to show "want of probable cause" necessary for a malicious prosecution action
Grant v. Moore (1866) 29 Cal. 644, 648
client must fully disclose all necessary facts to attorney before defense of "advice of counsel" is allowed
Siffert v. McDowell (1951) 103 Cal.App.2d 373, 378 [229 P.2d 388]
Walker v. Jensen (1949) 95 Cal.App.2d 269 [212 P.2d 569]
-evidence of self defense kept from district attorney who then prosecutes, destroys probable cause defense
Starkweather v. Eddy (1930) 210 Cal. 483
defendant entitles to attorney's fees when claim filed by county found to be frivolous and brought to harass defendant
County of Kern v. Jadwin (2011) 197 Cal.App.4th 65 [127 Cal.Rptr.3d 837]
defendant has burden of proving action taken in good faith
Masterson v. Pig-N-Whistle Corp. (1958) 161 Cal.App.2d 323 [326 P.2d 918]
discrepancies of fact not enough for court to find "want of probable cause"
Lee v. Levinson (1916) 173 Cal. 166
dismissal of action by negotiation is not "want of probable cause," but may be used as evidence
Weaver v. Superior Court (1979) 95 Cal.App.3d 166 [156 Cal.Rptr. 745]
evidence of misappropriation of money enough for probable cause, even though acquitted
Haydel v. Morton (1935) 8 Cal.App.2d 730
felony grand theft evidence is disputed; enough to show probable cause
Richter v. Neilson (1936) 11 Cal.App.2d 503
felony of grand theft acquittal was malicious prosecution because defendant had an "honest" belief that goods were plaintiff's
Singleton v. Singleton (1945) 68 Cal.App.2d 681 [157 P.2d 886]
good faith belief in action is a defense to malicious prosecution
Kassan v. Bledsoe (1967) 252 Cal.App.2d 810 [60 Cal.Rptr. 799]
malice does not exist if client acted in good faith on attorney advice
Brinkley v. Appeley (1969) 276 Cal.App.2d 244 [80 Cal.Rptr. 244]
negligence or failure of attorney to conduct factual research and lack of probable cause do not support an inference of malice, an element of malicious prosecution
Daniels v. Robbins et al. (2010) 182 Cal.App.4th 204 [105 Cal.Rptr.3d 683]
probable cause exists even where plaintiff in first action claimed only a small portion
Murdock v. Gerth (1944) 65 Cal.App.2d 170
reliance of attorney on client's distorted facts in filing an action creates a want of probable cause
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-take solely for delay
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litigation
-claim/defense not warranted under existing law
Rule 2-110(B), Rules of Professional Conduct Rules of Professional Conduct (operative until May 26, 1989)
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-good faith exception
Rule 2-110(B), Rules of Professional Conduct (operative until May 26, 1989)
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malicious injury to a person
-bringing action, conducting defense or asserting position in litigation
Rule 2-110(A), Rules of Professional Conduct (operative until May 26, 1989)
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-harassing a person by bringing action, conducting defense, or asserting position in litigation
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-spite, prosecute, or defend action solely out of
Sorensen v. State Bar (1991) 52 Cal.3d 1036
Special appearance by an attorney results in the formation of an attorney-client relationship with the litigant
Streit v. Covington & Crowe (2000) 82 Cal.App.4th 441 [82 Cal.Rptr.2d 193]
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Act for employer; later represent against in same matter as lawyer
LA 216 (1953)
Former acts against former employer
LA 216 (1953)
Settlement negotiated with or by
SD 1978-8

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY [See Public office.]
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foreign attorney appears before
LA 168 (1948), LA 156 (1945)
Foreign attorney practices before
LA 168 (1948), LA 156 (1945)
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SD 1974-1, SD 1973-9
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Business and Professions Code section 6060 et seq.
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Admission denied
Greene v. Committee of Bar Examiners (1971) 4 Cal.3d 189
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history of drug trafficking
Seide v. Committee of Bar Examiners (1989) 49 Cal.3d 933 [264 Cal.Rptr. 361]
history of felony convictions as an attorney in New Jersey for theft of client funds, failure to file tax returns, manufacture of methamphetamines and failure to make restitution
In re Menna (1995) 11 Cal.4th 975 [47 Cal.Rptr.2d 2]
omission of felony convictions in application demonstrates lack of frankness and truthfulness required by the admission process
In re Gossage (2000) 23 Cal.4th 1080 [99 Cal.Rptr.2d 130]
Admission granted
Lubetzky v. State Bar (1991) 54 Cal.3d 308 [285 Cal.Rptr. 268]
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Admission revoked
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Admission to Practice, Rules Regulating
Text is located in:
Deerings Annotated California Codes, Court Rules, vol. 2, and in
West's Annotated California Codes, Court Rules, vol. 23, pt 3, p. 232
Text available through State Bar's home page:
http://www.calbar.ca.gov
Admission to the federal bar
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Bar examination
accomodations for use of computer programs for legally blind applicant, likely to be successful under Americans with Disabilities Act
Enyart v. National Conference of Bar Examiners, Inc. (9th Cir. 2011) 630 F.3d 1153
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Committee of Bar Examiners of The State Bar of California. [See Addresses, supra.]
determines that an applicant possesses the good moral character required of an officer of the court
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criminal defendant's rights and privileges restored upon a pardon by the governor may not operate to usurp the authority of the rules relating to admission
In re Lavine (1935) 2 Cal.2d 324
may initiate investigation of criminal charges against applicant but may not "re-try" applicant
Martin v. Committee of Bar Examiners (1983) 33 Cal.3d 717 [190 Cal.Rptr. 610, 661; P.2d 160]
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attorney's petition for reinstatement, after disbarment for misappropriation, is denied
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Misconduct prior to admission
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Arizona requirement for pro hac vice admission could not be waived orally by a hearing officer
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Shapiro v. Paradise Valley Unified School District No. 69 (2004) 374 F.3d 857
California Rules of Court do not require out-of-state law firms to apply to appear *pro hac vice* in California courts when firm employs attorneys who are licensed to practice law in California to represent clients
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State Supreme Court's rules governing bar admissions does not violate First Amendment right
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Unqualified person
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Award of attorney's fees
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-advance payment retainer distinguished from true retainer
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-of legal fees to attorney
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-conducted for existing clients
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Jacoby v. State Bar (1977) 19 Cal.3d 359 [738 Cal.Rptr. 77, 562 P.2d 1326]
Johnson v. State Bar (1935) 4 Cal.2d 744, 752 [52 P.2d 928]
Attorney as partner or employee of two law firms
LA 511 (2003)
Attorneys not partners nor associates share office space
People v. Pastrano (1997) 52 Cal.App.4th 610 [60 Cal.Rptr.2d 620]
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Bankruptcy
attorneys are "debt relief agencies" within meaning of BAPCAPA and must make required disclosures, they may, however, also mention that they are attorneys in their advertisements
Milavetz v. United States (2010) 559 U.S. 229 [130 S.Ct. 1324]
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LA 286 (1965), LA 256 (1959), LA 241 (1957)
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-actual bias in an arbitrator is not required to trigger disclosure requirements; rather, the arbitrator's duty to disclose is measured by an objective, reasonable person standard
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LA 125 (1940)
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-alcoholic client requests funds be held by attorney and attorney claims a right to use such funds for own purposes
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-attorney claims funds are a loan from client but court determines funds are held in trust
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-an attorney who uses a single account for both personal and client funds is subject to discipline
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-failure to notify workers' compensation board that an advance of attorney's fees was received from a claimant
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-layperson signatory okay if attorney ultimately responsible for integrity of account
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-where attorney uses personal account for clients' funds, mere bookkeeping entries will not be a sufficient protection of clients
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-wife of attorney acts as bookkeeper and is told personal use of clients' funds is okay
Burns v. State Bar (1955) 45 Cal.2d 296, 300 [288 P.2d 514]
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-actual financial detriment to a client is not an element and neither good faith nor restitution is a defense to commingling
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-little weight is given to an attorney's restitution of client funds when it is done under pressure and as a matter of expediency
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-violation found even when all parties involved ultimately received every cent to which they were entitled
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-abdication of responsibility for proper maintenance of client trust account
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-practice of designating accounts as "trust accounts" but not using them as such is a violation
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Costs advanced
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holding client's funds in
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Damages to a client is not necessary for a finding of commingling or a failure to manage trust funds
Internal Revenue Code section 6050(I)
-any person engaged in a trade or business must report to the IRS the receipt in any year of $10,000 or more in cash payments from any one person
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-permitted when not representing a party in the matter for the sole purpose of advising person of the competence of representation
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-plaintiff's attorney in civil matter communicated with criminal defendant witness without consent of defendant's criminal defense attorney
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-rule prohibiting ex parte communications does not bar discussions initiated by employee of defendant corporation with government attorney for the purpose of disclosing that corporate officers are attempting to suborn perjury and obstruct justice
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In the Matter of Collins (Review Dept. 1992) 2 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 1
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Accepting legal employment without sufficient time, resources or ability to perform the services with competence
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Acts of privately retained counsel and publicly appointed counsel should be measured by the same standards of care, except as otherwise provided by statute
Barner v. Leeds (2000) 24 Cal.4th 676 [102 Cal.Rptr.2d 97]
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CAL 2003-162
Alcohol abuse
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-enrollment as inactive member
Business and Professions Code section 6007 (b)
-jurisdiction of the courts
Business and Professions Code sections 6190-6190.6
-unfinished client business due to
Business and Professions Code section 6190
Lawyers Personal Assistance Program of the State Bar of California
for confidential assistance, contact:
Center for Human Resources/West
Telephone: (415) 502-7290
for information about program, contact:
Office of Professional Competence, Planning & Development
Telephone: (415) 538-2107
Attorney is responsible for supervising work delegated to paraprofessionals
Pincay v. Andrews (9th Cir. 2004) 389 F.3d 853
Attorney prepares will and receives a substantial gift
LA 462
Bonus program for public agency attorneys tied to savings by agency
SD 1997-2
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Cessation of law practice leaving unfinished client matter
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disbarment
Business and Professions Code section 6180
inactive status
Business and Professions Code section 6180
jurisdiction of the courts
Business and Professions Code sections 6180-6180.14
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Business and Professions Code section 6180
suspension
Business and Professions Code section 6180
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In the Matter of Greenwood (Review Dept. 1998) 3 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 831
In the Matter of Hinden (Review Dept. 1997) 3 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 657
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In the Matter of Johnston (Review Dept. 1997) 3 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 585
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CAL 2012-184
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OC 2011-01
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Spindell v. State Bar (1975) 13 Cal.3d 253, 260
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SD 2007-1
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if involuntary disclosure, privilege will be preserved if the holder has made efforts "reasonably designed' to protect the privilege
Gomez v. Vernon (9th Cir.(Idaho) 2001) 255 F.3d 1118 [50 Fed. R. Serv.3d (Callaghan) 436]
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Hollywood v. Superior Court (2008) 43 Cal.4th 721 [76 Cal.Rptr.3d 264]
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*People v. Municipal Court (Wolfe) (1975) 69 Cal.App.3d 714 [138 Cal.Rptr. 235]
CAL 1981-63
LA 363 (1979)
absent an actual conflict between an opposing attorney's clients, a party should not be able to create one by merely filing a meritless cross-complaint
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation v. La Conchita Ranch Company (1998) 68 Cal.App.4th 856 [80 Cal.Rptr.2d 634]
city attorney disqualified from representing city in matter related to prior representation of private company
City and County of San Francisco v. Cobra Solutions, Inc. (2006) 38 Cal.4th 839 [43 Cal.Rptr.3d 771]
disqualification based on double imputation of confidential knowledge not found when lawyer is two steps removed from attorney who has confidential information about a client
Derivi Construction & Architecture Inc. v. Wong (2004) 118 Cal.App.4th 1268 [14 Cal.Rptr.3d 329]
former employee of defendant may become a client of plaintiff's attorney and may communicate confidential information to that attorney
Neal v. Health Net, Inc. (2002) 100 Cal.App.4th 831 [123 Cal.Rptr.2d 202]
multiple and interconnected family entanglements results in an appearance of impropriety and undermines the integrity of the judicial system
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standard has never been used by a California court as the sole basis for disqualification
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Arising from relationship with non-client
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Arising out of formation of partnership with out-of-state law firm
LA 392 (1981)
Assignee
represent
-against former client's assignee in matter in which acted for client
LA(I) 1961-2
Associate
city attorney's
-practice by
LA(I) 1975-4
city council member's, practice by
CAL 1977-46, LA(I) 1975-4
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Dill v. Superior Court (1984) 158 Cal.App.3d 301 [205 Cal.Rptr. 671]
LA 363 (1976)
practice by employer when associate
-is prosecutor
LA 377 (1978)
Attorney acting as arbitrator
improper for an attorney appearing before him to represent him
LA 415 (1983)
Attorney acting as class action class representative
Apple Computer, Inc. v. Superior Court (2005) 126 Cal.App.4th 1253 [24 Cal.Rptr.3d 818]
Attorney as partner or employee of two law firms
LA 511 (2003)
Attorney general
withdrawing from representation of one party then suing the same clients on the identical controversy
People ex rel.Deukmejian v. Brown (1981) 29 Cal.3d 150, 155 [172 Cal.Rptr. 478, 624 P.2d 1206]
Attorney-client relationship
consultation in non-office setting
CAL 2003-161
consultation where potential client submits legal question via website
CAL 2005-168
-is not created by receipt of private information from potential client via an unsolicited email
SD 2006-1
Cumis counsel does not have attorney-client relationship with insurer for purposes of disqualification
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existence of
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CAL 1977-47
-arising out of a joint defense agreement
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-fiduciary relationship exists in absence of fee agreement
Beery v. State Bar (1987) 43 Cal.3d 802 [239 Cal.Rptr. 121]

-for conflicts of interest purposes, an attorney represents the client when the attorney knowingly obtains material confidential information from the client and renders legal advice or services as a result
In re Tevis (9th Cir. BAP 2006) 347 B.R. 679 [39 Cal.Rptr.3d 1]
People ex rel. Dept. of Corporations v. Speedee Oil Change Systems (1999) 20 Cal.4th 1135 [86 Cal.Rptr.2d 816]
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-former client
--exists when transaction involves funds obtained by representation
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--law firm acquires former client's collection business
David Welch Company v. Erskine and Tully (1988) 203 Cal.App.3d 884 [250 Cal.Rptr. 339]
-minor and guardian
Evidence Code section 951
CAL 1988-96
-"on-going relationship" between attorney and client based on periodic visits to attorney's office seeking legal assistance
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-preparing answer for in propria persona defendant creates relationship
LA 432 (1984)
-purchaser of client's assets
LA 433 (1984)
-telephone "hotline" providing legal advice to callers
LA 449 (1988)
for purposes of disqualification, attorney representing insured is also representing insurance company
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company v. Federal Insurance Company (1999) 72 Cal.App.4th 1422 [86 Cal.Rptr.2d 20]
formed with bank when attorney writes an opinion letter for bank at the request of a client who is a customer of the bank
City National Bank v. Adams (2002) 96 Cal.App.4th 315 [117 Cal.Rptr.2d 125]
substantial attorney-client relationship must be shown
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without separate relationship, there can be no conflict of interest between governmental entity and constituent entity
North Hollywood Project Area Committee v. City of Los Angeles (1998) 61 Cal.App.4th 719 [71 Cal.Rptr.2d 675]
Avoiding adverse interests
Rule 5-101, Rules of Professional Conduct (operative until May 26, 1989)
Rule 3-300, Rules of Professional Conduct (operative as of May 27, 1989)
Avoiding representation of adverse interests
Rule 5-101, Rules of Professional Conduct (operative until May 26, 1989)
Rule 3-300, Rules of Professional Conduct (operative as of May 27, 1989)
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attorney-trustee was removed when it was shown she was not disinterested(had an indirect relationship with debtor)
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attorney failed to disclose debtor owed prior fees to attorney
In re Elias (9th Cir. BAP 1999) 188 F.3d 1160 [34 Bankr.Ct.Dec. 1229]
attorney for bankruptcy estate not inherently in conflict if represent estate creditors against others in a separate action
Vivitar Corp. v. Broidy (1983) 143 Cal.App.3d 878 [192 Cal.Rptr. 281]
attorney for bankruptcy estate trustee had prior consulation with debtor
In re Tevis (9th Cir. BAP 2006) 347 B.R. 679 [39 Cal.Rptr.3d 1]
attorney for bankruptcy estate has duty to disclose all facts concerning his transactions with the debtor
In re Tevis (9th Cir. BAP 2006) 347 B.R. 679 [39 Cal.Rptr.3d 1]
attorney has a clear conflict of interest when he represents client in bankruptcy, solicits client to use his services as a real estate broker, and serves client as loan broker
Price v. Lehtinen (In re Lehtinen) (9th Cir. BAP 2005) 332 B.R. 404
concurrent representation of clients with adverse interests
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company v. Federal Insurance Company (1999) 72 Cal.App.4th 1422 [86 Cal.Rptr.2d 20]
represent
-bankrupt/creditor
LA 50 (1927)
-receiver
--party in divorce and
LA 51 (1927)
-receiver/general creditor
LA 74 (1934)
Bond
indemnity company counsel acts against assured by way of subrogation
LA(I) 1966-1
Bonus program for public agency attorneys tied to savings by agency
SD 1997-2
Breach of fiduciary duty
attorney acting as counsel for both sides in leasing transaction
Olivet v. Frischling (1980) 104 Cal.App.3d 831, 842 [164 Cal.Rptr. 87]
attorney's purchase of judgment from adverse party and his attempt to enforce that judgment against former client in the same matter was a violation of the confidential relationship between attorney and client
Styles v. Mumbert (2008) 164 Cal.App.4th 1163 [79 Cal.Rptr.3d 880]
business dealings between attorney and client subject to scrutiny
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Codiga v. State Bar (1978) 20 Cal.3d 788, 794-795 [144 Cal.Rptr. 404, 575 P.2d 1186]
disclose to court representation of related trust
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duty component defined
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misrepresentation and undue influence induce client to sell real property to attorney
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-law firm acquires former client's collection business
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Business activity
recommend own to client
LA(I) 1971-16

represent
-customers of own
LA 205 (1953), LA(I) 1976-7
Business or financial transactions with clients
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SD 1992-1
-partner not an independent counsel
Connor v. State Bar (1990) 50 Cal.3d 1047
authorization for attorney to keep any extra sums resulting from a compromise of the claims of medical care providers
In the Matter of Silverton (Review Dept. 2001) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 252
burden of proof on attorney that dealings fair and reasonable
In re Silverton (2005) 36 Cal.4th 81 [29 Cal.Rptr.3d 766]
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SD 1992-1
deed of trust to secure fees
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LA 492 (1998)
duty to disclose interest
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fair market value is not determinative of whether a transaction is fair and reasonable to a client
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full disclosure required
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-by attorney's spouse
Fergus v. Songer (2007) 150 Cal.App.4th 552 [59 Cal.Rptr.3d 273]
moral turpitude found
In re Casey (Review Dept. 2008) 5 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 117
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In the Matter of Priamos (Review Dept. 1998) 3 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 824
no violation found if no financial gain and not a party to the transaction
In re Casey (Review Dept. 2008) 5 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 117
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CAL 2002-159
overreaching and/or undue influence, presumption of
Ritter v. State Bar (1985) 40 Cal.3d 595
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-Probate Code, § 16004(c), prohibiting a fiduciary from obtaining an advantage from the beneficiary, applies to the attorney-client relationship
Fair v. Bakhtiari et al. (2011) 195 Cal.App.4th 1135 [125 Cal.Rptr.3d 765]
stock promise to attorney is unenforceable
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strictly scrutinized for fairness
Rodgers v. State Bar (1989) 48 Cal.3d 300
Beery v. State Bar (1987) 43 Cal.3d 802
BGJ Associates, L.L.C. v. Wilson (2003) 113 Cal.App.4th 1217 [7 Cal.Rptr.3d 140]
Passante, Jr. v. McWilliam (1997) 53 Cal.App.4th 1240
unsecured promissory note does not give attorney a present interest in client's property to trigger rule 3-300
Law Offices of Dixon R. Howell v. Valley (2005) 129 Cal.App.4th 1076 [29 Cal.Rptr.3d 499]
Business transaction with former client
no violation of rule 3-300 found in disciplinary action where attorney did not comply with rule regarding the transactiion
In the Matter of Allen (Review Dept. 2010) 5 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 198
using funds obtained in the representation
In the Matter of Gillis (Review Dept. 2002) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 387
-attorney-client relationship continues to exist
Hunniecutt v. State Bar (1988) 44 Cal.3d 362
Child custody proceeding, disclosure to court, improper
-conflict between client and child
--suggest appointment of separate counsel for child
CAL 1976-37
"Chinese Wall"
settlement confidentiality agreement
LA 512 (2004)

Circumstances of case evidence, reasonable possibility that district attorney's office may not act in even-handed manner
People v. Conner (1983) 34 Cal.3d 141 [193 Cal.Rptr. 148, 666 P.2d 5]
City
act against while representing insurance carrier of
SD 1974-22
advising constituent public agency ordinarily does not give rise to attorney-client relationship separate and distinct from entity of which agency is a part
North Hollywood Project Area Committee v. City of Los Angeles (1998) 61 Cal.App.4th 719 [71 Cal.Rptr.2d 675]
Civil Service Com. v. Superior Court (1984) 163 Cal.App.3d 70, 78 [209 Cal.Rptr. 159]
assist in representation of actions and represent city employee against city in unrelated matter
LA 77 (1934)
associate of
-practice by
LA(I) 1975-4
attorney
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CAL 2001-156
-city attorney disqualified from representing city in matter related to prior representation of private company
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-may serve simultaneously as a city council member
85 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 115 (6/7/02; No. 01-1107)
-partner
--appointed as county counsel may contract with own firm to assist in the performance of duties
74 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 155 (8/13/91; No. 91-201)
--practice by
LA(I) 1975-4
-partner represents
--in criminal matters
LA 242 (1957), LA(I) 1975-4
-practice by
--associate of
LA(I) 1975-4
-private attorney under contract to government agency
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-recusal of
People v. Municipal Court (Byars) (1978) 77 Cal.App.3d 294 [143 Cal.Rptr. 491]
-simultaneously acts as a member of Coastal Regional Commission which votes on matters relating to the city
SD 1977-1
-vicarious disqualification of city attorney's office not required, when attorney representing party took job in city attorney's office which was adverse to the attorney's former client and where screening measures were timely and effective
City of Santa Barbara v. Stenson (2004) 122 Cal.App.4th 17 [18 Cal.Rptr.3d 403]
city council member
-defense attorney in criminal matter
People v. Municipal Court (Wolfe) (1977) 69 Cal.App.3d 714 [138 Cal.Rptr. 235]
-practice by
CAL 1977-46
-practice by partners of
CAL 1981-63, CAL 1977-46
LA(I) 1975-4
SD 1976-12
-represent tort claimants against city
CAL 1981-63
-represents
--civil litigants
CAL 1977-46
--criminal defendants
CAL 1977-46
--in ordinance violations
LA 273 (1962)
SD 1969-1
--in traffic cases
SD 1969-1
fee, contingency contract with government agency
Orange County Water District v. Arnold Engineering Company et al. (2011) 196 Cal.App.4th 1110 [127 Cal.Rptr.3d 328]
Priceline v. City of Anaheim (2010) 180 Cal.App.4th 1130 [103 Cal.Rptr.3d 521]
People ex rel. Clancy v. Superior Court (1984) 161 Cal.App.3d 894, 899-900
Government Code section 1090
-city council may not contract with a law firm to represent the city when a member of the city council is also a member of the law firm, even where the firm will receive no fees for the representation
86 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 137 (7/24/2003; No. 03-302)
Class action
Anti-SLAPP statute inapplicable to claims that attorney abandoned clients in order to represent adverse interests
Freeman v. Schack (2007) 154 Cal.App.4th 719 [64 Cal.Rptr.3d 867]
class action representatives may waive conflicts of interest on behalf of potential class members
Sharp v. Next Entertainment, Inc. (2008) 163 Cal.App.4th 410 [78 Cal.Rptr.3d 37]
class counsel offers to dismiss case if defendant makes multimillion dollar payment to attorney personally
Cal Pak Delivery, Inc. v. United Parcel Service, Inc. (1997) 52 Cal.App.4th 1
conflict of interest when firm who employs attorney/plaintiff is counsel for the class for which attorney/plaintiff is a class representative
Apple Computer, Inc. v. Superior Court (2005) 126 Cal.App.4th 1253 [24 Cal.Rptr.3d 818]
defendant agreed to hire class counsel to monitor the proposed settlement if approved
Linney v. Cellular Alaska Partnership (9th Cir. 1998) 151 F.3d 1234 [41 Fed.R.Serv.3d 1079]
disqualification not required when representing class in two cases since putative class members are not 'clients' and no conflict exists
Kullar v. Footlocker Retail, Inc. (2011) 191 Cal.App.4th 1201 [121 Cal.Rptr.3d 353]
duty of class counsel runs to the class and, in the event of conflicts, withdrawal is appropriate
7-Eleven Owners for Fair Franchising v. The Southland Corporation (2000) 85 Cal.App.4th 1135 [102 Cal.Rptr.2d 277]
incentive agreement between class representatives and class counsel
Rodriguez v. Disner (9th Cir. 2012) 688 F.3d 645]
Rodriguez v. West Publishing Corporation (9th Cir. 2009) 563 F.3d 948
no automatic various disqualification of law firm when tainted attorney is properly screened
Kirk v, First American Title Ins. Co. (2010) 183 Cal.App.4th 776 [108 Cal.Rptr.3d 620]

withdrawal by counsel who previously represented members opposed to the settlement, then later represented those in favor, was not improper
7-Eleven Owners for Fair Franchising v. The Southland Corporation (2000) 85 Cal.App.4th 1135 [102 Cal.Rptr.2d 277]
Client [This heading is used for fact situations that do not easily fit under other, less abstract headings. Most conflict of interest matters involving clients are indexed under various other headings.]
act against
LA(I) 1972-15
SD 1976-10
-in related matter
LA 448 (1987), LA(I) 1974-13, LA(I) 1971-7
-in unrelated matter
LA 266 (1959), LA(I) 1975-2, LA(I) 1971-7, LA(I) 1965-2
SD 1974-14
-witness
--against present client
---in criminal proceedings
CAL 1979-49
--expert witness is former client of attorney
LA 513 (2005)
of associate
-represent client in claim against
CAL 1981-57
SD 1972-15
-witness
--against present client
CAL 1980-52
former
-act against
LA(I) 1972-5
--in related matter
LA(I) 1977-1, LA(I) 1972-7, LA(I) 1971-7, LA(I) 1969-2
SD 1970-2
--in unrelated matter
LA(I) 1971-7, LA(I) 1969-2, LA(I) 1964-6, SD 1974-14, SD 1974-12, SD 1970-2
-expert witness is former client of attorney
LA 513 (2005)
holder of the privilege
Evidence Code section 953
initiation of conservatorship proceedings against
CAL 1989-112
LA 450 (1988), SD 1978-1
multiple clients
Evidence Code section 962
represent
-despite client malpractice suit against attorney's former law corporation
SD 1978-10
-self and
LA 39 (1927)
Co-counsel
attorney's self-interest does not create conflict with client when attorney seeks indemnification in malpractice action
Musser v. Provencher (2002) 28 Cal.4th 274 [121 Cal.Rptr.2d 373]
no fiduciary duty owed to co-counsel, where no collateral duties may interfere with duty of undivided loyalty and total devotion to client's best interest
Beck v. Wecht (2002) 28 Cal.4th 289 [121 Cal.Rptr.2d 384]
Communicate with client
potential malpractice claim, facts related to
CAL 2009-178
where attorney has professional or financial interest in the subject matter
CAL 2009-178
Communication with treating physician
SD 1983-9
sibling relationship between a lawyer and the opposing party's physician is insufficient, standing alone, to preclude the lawyer from representing her client
Addam v. Superior Court (2004) 116 Cal.App.4th 368 [10 Cal.Rptr.3d 39]
Cone of silence
In re Complex Asbestos Litigation (1991) 232 Cal.App.3d 572 [283 Cal.Rptr. 732]
Condemnation
assist governmental body, former employer, when clients of partnership involved in the matter
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common interest between prosecutor's office and agency that funded a nuisance abatement specialist position in prosecutor's office does not in itself create a conflict
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--in criminal matters
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-erroneous denial of recusal motion is harmless error if it does not involve due process violation
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People v. Gamache (2010) 48 Cal.4th 347 [106 Cal.Rptr.3d 771]
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-no separate counsel needed where attorney represented two siblings with different plans. In this case, even if separate counsel had been appointed, the result would have been the same.
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-separate counsel must be appointed when actual conflict exists among minor clients or when there is a reasonable probability that a potential conflict will become actual
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-represents
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-charges personal representative personally for services performed
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SD 1992-1
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-member, trustee
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-contingency fee agreements distinguished
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-prosecution's witness' offer to pay for criminal defendant's legal fees impaired defense counsel's ability to impeach witness
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-city is not obligated to provide for defense of employees separate from that retained to jointly represent the city and the employees
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-attorney's representation of two defendants, one of whom paid the legal fees for both, was not adversely affected, even though payment by one defendant created a theoretical division of loyalty
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OC 2011-02
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46 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 74 (10/14/65; No. 64-65)
Financial interest
Government Code section 1090
-city council may not contract with a law firm to represent the city when a member of the city council is also a member of the law firm, even where the firm will receive no fees for the representation
86 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 137 (7/24/2003; No. 03-302)
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85 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 115 (6/7/02; No. 01-1107)
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-plaintiff's purchase real property involved
LA 282 (1963)
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-adverse to
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--knowledge of former clients' property and property rights involved in action
LA 31 (1925)
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LA 30 (1925)
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-no violation of rule 3-300 found in disciplinary action where attorney did not comply with rule regarding the transaction with former client
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LA 423 (1983)
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-city attorney disqualified from representing city in matter related to prior representation of private company
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-former represents against as counsel for wife of deceased ward
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attorney who mediates one case is generally not disqualified from litigating later cases against the same party
Barajas v. Oren Realty and Development (1997) 57 Cal.App.4th 209 [67 Cal.Rptr.2d 62]
Minor's counsel
no ineffective assistance where counsel informed the court of the conflict between minor's stated interest and what counsel believed was minor's best interests
In re Kristen B. (2008) 163 Cal.App.4th 1535 [78 Cal.Rptr.3d 495]
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absent an actual conflict between an opposing attorney's clients, a party should not be able to create one by merely filing a meritless cross-complaint
-mortgagee and mortgagor
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation v. La Conchita Ranch Company (1998) 68 Cal.App.4th 856 [80 Cal.Rptr.2d 634]
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In re Shared Memory Graphics (9th Cir. 2011) 659 F.3d 1336
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-Administrative Procedure Act does not prohibit state agency attorney from acting as an agency prosecutor in one case and concurrently acting as agency advisor in unrelated case
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attorney for former business associates later represents one of those clients against the others in a matter directly related to earlier representation
*Croce v. Superior Court (1937) 21 Cal.App.2d 18, 19 [68 P.2d 369]
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Olivet v. Frischling (1980) 104 Cal.App.3d 831 [164 Cal.Rptr. 87]
attorney representing conflicting issues in litigation
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attorney represents two insureds with potentially divergent interests
Spindle v. Chubb/Pacific Indemnity Group (1979) 89 Cal.App.3d 706, 713 [152 Cal.Rptr. 776]
LA 395 (1982)
attorney's former joint representation of parties justified disqualification from representing one against the other
Western Continental Operating Co. v. Natural Gas Corp. (1989) 212 Cal.App.3d 752 [261 Cal.Rptr. 100]
attorney's former joint representation of parties did not require disqualification where valid waiver found
Zador Corp. v. Kwan (1995) 31 Cal.App.4th 1285 [37 Cal.Rptr.2d 754]
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Olivet v. Frischling (1980) 104 Cal.App.3d 831 [164 Cal.Rptr. 87]
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CAL 1993-132
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LA 397 (1982)
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-actual conflict amongst multiple siblings requires disqualification of appointed counsel from joint representation
In re Zamer G. (2007) 153 Cal.App.4th 1253 [63 Cal.Rptr.3d 769
In re Jasmine S. (2007) 153 Cal.App.4th 835 [63 Cal.Rptr.3d 593]
-no separate counsel needed where attorney represented two siblings with different plans. In this case, even if separate counsel had been appointed, the result would have been the same.
In re T.C. (2011) 191 Cal.App.4th 1387 [120 Cal.Rptr.3d 569]
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-separate counsel must be appointed when actual conflict exists among minor clients or when there is a reasonable probability that a potential conflict will become actual
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--insurer that voluntarily provided courtesy defense but no indemnification had duty to defend uninsured as if they had been insured
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-in individual capacity against co-executor
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-against
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---city attorney
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partner of
-practice by
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-represents
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-defendant's right to conflict free counsel required that new appointed counsel be present before conducting further proceedings in open court to hear PD's request to be re-appointed after being relieved for a conflict of interest
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Disqualification denied because former legal secretary of defendant became a client, not an employee of attorney for plaintiff
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Disqualification denied where attorney received information from plaintiff's former coworker who was litigant in unrelated case
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district attorney's office cannot be recused from case where alleged conflict was speculative and did not show actual unfairness
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People v. Cannedy (2009) 176 Cal.App.4th 1474 [98 Cal.Rptr.3d 596]
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Sixth Amendment right to counsel of one's choice does not apply
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no disqualification where attorney owned shares in a company that purchased shares from a client that the attorney represented
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Marital relationship or "appearance of impropriety" insufficient to deprive party of choice of counsel
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Mediator is generally not disqualified from litigating later cases against the same party
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attorney-client relationship not always required for a party to have standing to bring a motion to disqualify
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Non-client litigant has no standing to assert conflict and no expectation of confidentiality
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Non-client litigant may have standing to move for disqualification of counsel in cases where they have a sufficient personal stake
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Not required even if attorney received confidential information about defendant because defendant did not meet burden of showing that the information could give plaintiff an unfair advantage or affect outcome of litigation
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Prior representation of plaintiff's expert witness does not required disqualification where expert waives conflict
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-employed by attorney
--based upon contingent of recovery of unsatisfied judgment proper unless division of fees
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Advance no fact prejudicial to honor or reputation of a party or witness, unless required by the justice of the cause
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-applies to the advance of prejudicial facts, but perhaps not prejudicial intimations
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-acceptance of ministerial function invokes a duty
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-attorney who overstates his client's rights or position violates no independent duty of care to the client's adversary
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Advise client of disability of employer attorney
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Advise client of partner and firm's malpractice
LA 383 (1979)
Advise client of prior attorney's malpractice
LA 390 (1981)
Advise client of reasonably apparent legal problems outside the scope of representation
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Advise client of settlement and liability exposure
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Advise client of significant developments in case
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Advise court of material fact
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Advise court of violation of court order by third party
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Advise court to correct known misrepresentation
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Agent
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counsel must consult defendant about appeal when either a rational defendant would appeal or defendant shows interest in appealing
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Artifice
never seek to mislead judge or judicial officer with
Business and Professions Code section 6068(d)
Rule 5-200(B), Rules of Professional Conduct
Associate's duties runs to client
LA 383 (1979)

Attempt to effectuate settlement where standards of professional care compel that most reasonable manner of disposing of action is settlement
Lysick v. Walcom (1968) 258 Cal.App.2d 136, 156 [65 Cal.Rptr. 406]
Attorney's liability for fraud extends to non-clients
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conflict of interest based on divided loyalties when law firm that represents class also employs an attorney who serves as class representative
Apple Computer, Inc. v. Superior Court (2005) 126 Cal.App.4th 1253 [24 Cal.Rptr.3d 818]
counsel owed a duty, post certification, to advise clients of other claims related to but outside the scope of the representation
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counsel owed a duty, post-judgment, to pursue class claims through enforcement of judgment
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Commence remedial action
*Datig v. Dove Books, Inc. (1999) 73 Cal.App.4th 964 [87 Cal.Rptr.2d 719]
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Communicate with clients
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SD 2012-1
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CAL 1997-151
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failure to communicate for two and a half years does not reasonably mean that client should have known that attorney had withdrawn or abandoned the case for purposes of tolling the statute of limitations on filing a malpractice action
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may supercede an attorney's right to claim work product privilege as to material the attorney knows is relevant to former client's defense
SD 2004-1
misleading client deliberately and depriving client of opportunity to preserve rights
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no duty to separately explain arbitration agreement when attorney changes firms and client signs new fee agreement when client is a sophisticated businessperson
Desert Outdoor Advertising v. Superior Court (2011) 196 Cal.App.4th 866 [127 Cal.Rptr.3d 158]
no duty, as an element of malpractice action, to disclose to client that law firm had hired law clerk of judge before whom law firm was appearing in pending matter
First Interstate Bank of Arizona v. Murphy, Weir & Butler (9th Cir. 2000) 210 F.3d 983
on any matter which requires client understanding, the attorney must take all reasonable steps to insure that the client comprehends the legal concepts involved and advice given
LA 504 (2000)
potential malpractice claim, facts related to
CAL 2009-178
prohibited from advising a debtor to incur more debt because the debtor is filing for bankruptcy, rather than for a valid purpose. However, attorneys may talk fully and candidly about the incurrence of debt in contemplation of filing a bankruptcy case. The inhibition of frank discussion serves no conceivable purpose within the statutory scheme
Milavetz v. United States (2010) 559 U.S. 229 [130 S.Ct. 1324]
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-which include fee-waiver provisions under fee shifting statutes
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Compelled to deal directly with opposing party
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-duty of counsel to perform in an effective and professional manner is implicit in statute (Welf. & Inst. Code § 5365) providing for appointment of attorney for proposed conservatee
In re Conservatorship of Estate of David L. (2008) 164 Cal.App.4th 701 [79 Cal.Rptr.3d 530]
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Comply with and be familiar with standards of professional conduct required of members of the State Bar of California, Civil Local Rule 11-4
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Condone violation of duties, violates public policy
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OC 2011-01
client's absence from court, attorney may not answer court's inquiry if harmful to client
SD 2011-1
duty to follow a minor client's instruction not to disclose confidential information
LA 504 (2000)
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LA 519 (2006)
duty to maintain where client comes to attorney to discuss concerns regarding co-counsel
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LA 504 (2000)
Conflict of duties may require withdrawal
CAL 2003-163
Conform to professional standards of attorney in whatever capacity
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California Rules of Professional Conduct do not apply only to lawyers who are acting in their roles as advocates for others
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no discipline for a negligent mistake made in good faith
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Consult governing legal authorities and make a reasonable determination of the amount attorney is entitled to receive
CAL 2009-177
Control communications of employees under attorney's letterhead and signature
Crane v. State Bar (1981) 30 Cal.3d 117, 122 [177 Cal.Rptr. 670, 635 P.2d 163]
Cooperate in disciplinary proceeding
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Corrupt motive of passion or interest
not to encourage action or proceeding from
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Counsel or maintain such actions, proceedings, or defenses only as appear legal or just
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attorneys, by virtue of their professional position, must undertake certain special duties to avoid conduct that undermines the integrity of the adjudicative process
Federal Trade Commission v. Network Services Depot, Inc., et al. (9th Cir. 2010) 617 F.3d 1127
On withdrawal not affected by who terminates the relationship
Kallen v. Delug (1984) 157 Cal.App.3d 940, 950 [203 Cal.Rptr. 879]
Opposing counsel
disclose death of client during settlement negotiation
LA 300 (1967)
dishonesty to
In the Matter of Dahlz (Review Dept. 2001) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 269
In the Matter of Phillips (Review Dept. 2001) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 315
-attorney's signature block on contract stating approval as to form and content not actionable misrepresentation
Freedman v. Brutzkus (2010) 182 Cal.App.4th 1065 [106 Cal.Rptr.3d 371]
making settlement offers which include fee-waiver provisions under fee shifting statutes
CAL 2009-176
Opposing party
attorney by purchasing judgment against client seeks to become the party adverse to former client in the appeal on the same matter in which he had originally represented that client
Styles v. Mumbert (2008) 164 Cal.App.4th 1163 [79 Cal.Rptr.3d 880]
attorney has duty to avoid knowingly making false statements and misrepresentations to non-clients
Freedman v. Brutzkus (2010) 182 Cal.App.4th 1065 [106 Cal.Rptr.3d 371]
attorney may be liable to a non-client if the attorney's actions went beyond his role as legal representative
Panoutsopoulos et al. v. Chambliss et al. (2007) 157 Cal.App.4th 297 [68 Cal.Rptr.3d 647]
disbursement of funds to client and attorney when funds held for the benefit of client and the adverse party without knowledge or consent of the adverse party and opposing counsel
In the Matter of Hertz (Review Dept. 1991) 1 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 456
litigation privilege
-is absolute and protects attorney from tort actions based on misleading statements made to opposing side
--dissolution proceedings
Silberg v. Anderson (1990) 50 Cal.3d 205
--settlement negotiation
GeneThera, Inc. v. Troy and Gould (2009) 171 Cal.App.4th 901 [90 Cal.Rptr.3d 218]
Home Insurance Co. v. Zurich Insurance Co. (2002) 96 Cal.App.4th 17 [116 Cal.Rptr.2d 583]
-justifies dismissal of defamation action against law firm
Dove Audio Inc. v. Rosenfeld, Meyer and Susman (1996) 47 Cal.App.4th 777 [54 Cal.Rptr.2d 830]
-letter of warning to prospective customers of former company employee who was alleged to have misappropriated trade secrets was not only protected by the litigation privilege but also protected under the anti-SLAPP statute
Neville v. Chudacoff (2008) 160 Cal.App.4th 1255 [73 Cal.Rptr.3d 383]
-protects attorney conduct which is communicative in nature
Schneider v. Cerlo (1992) 5 Cal.App.4th 528 [7 Cal.Rptr.2d 323]
no California authority allows an attorney to disclose attorney-client communications or confidential information in defense of a lawsuit by a third party
LA 519 (2006)
no duty of care owed
In re Complex Asbestos Litigation (1991) 232 Cal.App.3d 572 [283 Cal.Rptr. 732]
Schick v. Bach (1987) 193 Cal.App.3d 1321, 1330
Morales v. Field, DeGoff, et al. (1979) 99 Cal.App.3d 307, 318 [160 Cal.Rptr. 239]
Norton v. Hines (1975) 49 Cal.App.3d 917, 921 [123 Cal.Rptr. 237]
to advise regarding opposing party's mistake of law affecting settlement
LA 380 (1979)
Oppressed, cause of duty not to reject for personal considerations
Business and Professions Code section 6068(h)
Outlast employment
LA 389 (1981)
duties to client extend beyond the closing of the client file
In the Matter of Respondent G (Review Dept. 1992) 2 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 175
does not dissolve when attorney is discharged
Woods v. Superior Court (1983) 149 Cal.App.3d 931 [197 Cal.Rptr. 185]
Owed to third parties [See Professional liability, duty owed to third parties.]
Haldane v. Freedman (1962) 204 Cal.App.2d 475 [22 Cal.Rptr. 445]
attorney for corporation owes no duty to shareholders
Skarbrevik v. Cohen, England & Whitfield (1991) 231 Cal.App.3d 692, 703 [282 Cal.Rptr. 627]
attorney owes no duty to beneficiaries to evaluate and ascertain client's testamentary capacity to draft or amend a will
Hall v. Kalfayan (2010) 190 Cal.App.4th 927 [118 Cal.Rptr.3d 629]
Boranian v. Clark (2004)123 Cal.App.4th 1012 [20 Cal.Rptr.3d 405]
Moore v. Anderson Zeigler Disharon Gallagher & Gray (2003) 109 Cal.App.4th 1287 [135 Cal.Rptr.2d 888]
attorney's representation of assignee for the benefit of creditors does not give rise to a duty owed to the class of creditors
Berg & Berg Enterprises, LLC v. Sherwood Partners, Inc. (2005) 131 Cal.App.4th 802 [32 Cal.Rptr.3d 325]
non-fiduciary who is asked for or volunteers information in the course of a business negotiation must be truthful to non-client
Vega v. Jones (2004) 121 Cal.App.4th 282 [17 Cal.Rptr.3d 26]
Partner's malpractice
associate's duty to disclose to client
LA 383 (1979)
Partnership dissolution
Reeves v. Hanlon (2004) 33 Cal.4th 1140 [17 Cal.Rptr.3d 289]
CAL 1985-86
fiduciary duty owed by partners of a dissolved partnership to complete the partnership's unfinished business and to act in the highest good faith
*Dickson, Carlson & Campillo v. Pole (2000) 83 Cal.App.4th 436 [99 Cal.Rptr.2d 678]

Party
honor of
-advance no fact prejudicial to
Business and Professions Code section 6068(f)
reputation of
-advance no fact prejudicial to
Business and Professions Code section 6068(f)
Pay court reporter fees
CAL 1979-48
Perform services for client
Butler v. State Bar (1986) 42 Cal.3d 323
McMorris v. State Bar (1983) 35 Cal.3d 78
In the Matter of Phillips (Review Dept. 2001) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 315
In the Matter of Johnson (Review Dept. 2000) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 179
Personal considerations, not to reject cause of defenseless or oppressed for
Business and Professions Code section 6068(h)
LA 445 (1987)
Power of attorney, on advice of attorney
Civil Code section 2421(3)(2)
Preserve confidences and secrets
Business and Professions Code section 6068(e)
Pro bono client
Bradshaw v. U.S. Dist. Court (9th Cir. 1984) 742 F.2d 515, 518-519
Segal v. State Bar (1988) 44 Cal.3d 1077 [245 Cal.Rptr. 404]
*Yarbrough v. Superior Court (1983) 150 Cal.App.3d 388, 397
Proceeding
encouraging commencement or continuance from corrupt motive of passion or interest
Business and Professions Code section 6068(g)
legal or just
-duty to counsel or maintain only
Business and Professions Code section 6068(c)
Professionalism
LA 339 (1973), LA 272 (1962)
Prosecutor
People v. Gamache (2010) 48 Cal.4th 347 [106 Cal.Rptr.3d 771]
People v. Eubanks (1996) 14 Cal.4th 580 [59 Cal.Rptr.2d 200 927 P.2d 310] (mod. at 14 Cal.4th 1282D)
People v. Conner (1983) 34 Cal.3d 141 [193 Cal.Rptr. 148, 666 P.2d, 5]
People v. Petrisca (2006) 138 Cal.App.4th 189 [41 Cal.Rptr.3d 182]
People v. Manson (1976) 61 Cal.App.3d 102, 164
duty to seek justice, not merely to convict
People v. Brown (1989) 207 Cal.App.3d 741 [255 Cal.Rptr. 67]
Protect a client in every possible way
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation v. O'Melveny & Myers (9th Cir. 1992) 969 F.2d 744
Public agency attorneys
participation in bonus program tied to savings by agency
SD 1997-2
Public defender
acts of privately retained counsel and publicly appointed counsel should be measured by the same standards of care, except as otherwise provided by statute
Barner v. Leeds (2000) 24 Cal.4th 676 [102 Cal.Rptr.2d 97]
Radio call-in show formal is unlikely to support reasonable expectation of confidentiality, loyalty, or competence.
no duty of confidentiality, loyalty, competence
CAL 2003-164
Refer client to specialist
Horne v. Peckham (1979) 97 Cal.App.3d 404, 414 [158 Cal.Rptr. 714]
Reject for personal considerations
cause of defenseless or oppressed
Business and Professions Code section 6068(h)
Cunningham v. Superior Court (1986) 177 Cal.App.3d 336
Waitz v. Zumwalt (1985) 167 Cal.App.3d 835 [213 Cal.Rptr. 529]
CAL 1981-64
Report
child abuse
Penal Code section 11165 et seq.
LA 504 (2000)
crime discovered
SF 1975-2
impropriety of another attorney
Business and Professions Code section 6100 et seq.
LA 440 (1986)
SD 1992-2, SF 1977-1
to the IRS
-cash receipts from any one transaction (or two related transactions) of $10,000 or more during one year
In the Matter of Curtis (Review Dept. 2003) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 601
Internal Revenue Code section 6050(I)
to the State Bar
-address of attorney
Business and Professions Code section 6002.1
-civil judgment for fraud, misrepresentation and breach of fiduciary duty in a professional capacity
In the Matter of Peavey (Review Dept. 2002) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 483
-conviction of attorney
Business and Professions Code section 6068(o)(5)
In the Matter of Sullivan II (Review Dept. 2010) 5 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 189
-imposition of discipline
Business and Professions Code section 6068(o)(6)
-indictment or information
Business and Professions Code section 6068(o)(4)
In the Matter of Sullivan II (Review Dept. 2010) 5 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 189
-judgment against attorney for moral turpitude
Business and Professions Code section 6068(o)(2)
In the Matter of Sullivan II (Review Dept. 2010) 5 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 189
In the Matter of Kittrell (Review Dept. 2000) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 195
-judicial sanctions
Business and Professions Code section 6068(o)(3)
Eskanos & Adler, P.C. v. Leetien (9th Cir. 2002) 309 F.3d 1210
Canatella v. California (9th Cir. 2002) 304 F.3d 843
Hill v. MacMillan/McGraw Hill Company (9th Cir. 1996) 102 F.3d 422
Sarraf v. Standard Insurance Co. (9th Cir. 1996) 102 F.3d 991
In the Matter of Thomson (Review Dept. 2006) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 966
In the Matter of Respondent Y (Review Dept. 1998) 3 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 862
In the Matter of Blum (Review Dept. 1994) 3 State Bar Ct. Rptr. 170
CAL 1997-151
--duty to report runs from the time sanctions ordered regardless of pendency of an appeal
In the Matter of Riordan (Review Dept. 2007) 5 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 41
In the Matter of Respondent Y (Review Dept. 1998) 3 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 862
-malpractice lawsuits
Business and Professions Code section 6068(o)(1)
Represent client zealously
*People v. McKenzie (1983) 34 Cal.3d 616 [194 Cal.Rptr. 462, 668 P.2d 769]

People v. Bolton (2008) 166 Cal.App.4th 343 [82 Cal.Rptr.3d 671]
People v. Pangelina (1984) 153 Cal.App.3d 1
In the Matter of Davis (Review Dept. 2003) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 576
attorneys generally must pursue all available legal theories although it is impossible to know in advance whether a potential theory will prevail
Greene v. Dillingham Construction, N.A., Inc. (2002) 101 Cal.App.4th 418 [124 Cal.Rptr.2d 250]
attorneys obliged to do their best for their clients whatever the fee arrangement and are duty bound to maximize results and expedite resolution; anything less would be unethical and dishonorable
In re County of Orange (C.D. Cal. 1999) 241 B.R. 212 [4 Cal. Bankr. Ct. Rep. 117]
should not interfere with attorney's duties under rule 3-200 or B&P § 6068(c)
Canatella v. California (9th Cir. 2002) 304 F.3d 843
zeal must be subordinate to an attorney's paramount obligation to assure orderly administration of justice
Scott Moody, Inc. v. Staar Surgical Company (2011) 195 Cal.App.4th 1043 [128 Cal.Rptr.3d 89]
Research law
In re Disciplinary Action Mooney (9th Cir. 1988) 841 F.2d 1003
Torbitt v. Fearn (1984) 161 Cal.App.3d 860, 864-865
Respect courts and judicial officers
Business and Professions Code section 6068(b)
*Datig v. Dove Books, Inc. (1999) 73 Cal.App.4th 964 [87 Cal.Rptr.2d 719]
Return client files to client
In the Matter of Phillips (Review Dept. 2001) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 315
CAL 2007-174
SD 1997-1, SD 1984-3, SD 1977-3
SF 1996-1, SF 1984-1
Return records mistakenly delivered to sender
SD 1987-3
Reveal
United States v. Kellington (9th Cir. (Oregon) 2000) 217 F.3d 1084
client perjury in a civil non-jury trial
CAL 1983-74
the fruits of crime in his possession to the prosecutor
CAL 1984-76, LA 466
Secrets of client
duty to preserve
Business and Professions Code section 6068(e)
duty to supervise [See Employee.]
Serve indigent client without compensation
Mowrer v. Superior Court (1984) 156 Cal.App.3d 462, 470
Settlement
attempt to effectuate settlement where standards of professional care compel that most reasonable manner of disposing of action is settlement
Lysick v. Walcom (1968) 258 Cal.App.2d 136, 156
settlement check issued only to client, but delivered to attorney who has a lien
OC 99-002
successor attorney's obligation to notify prior attorney of the existence of a settlement
CAL 2008-175
Special obligation to obey the law
Standing Com. on Dis. of United States v. Ross (9th Cir. 1984) 735 F.2d 1168, 1171
Statutory duty to assist indigent
Arnelle v. City and County of San Francisco (1983) 141 Cal.App.3d 693 [190 Cal.Rptr. 490]
Statutory requirement for service on attorney
National Advertising Co. v. City of Rohnert Park (1984) 160 Cal.App.3d 614, 618-619
Supervise client trust account
Coppock v. State Bar (1988) 44 Cal.3d 665 [244 Cal.Rptr. 462]
LA 488 (1996)
responsibility to monitor client trust account is nondelegable, notwithstanding even reasonable reliance on partner, associate, or responsible employee
In the Matter of Blum (Review Dept. 2002) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 403
Supervise employees
Gadda v. State Bar (1990) 50 Cal.3d 344 [787 P.2d 95]
Bernstein v. State Bar (1990) 50 Cal.3d 221 [786 P.2d 352]
Palomo v. State Bar (1984) 36 Cal.3d 785
Crane v. State Bar (1981) 30 Cal.3d 117, 122
Black v. State Bar (1972) 7 Cal.3d 676, 692
Moore v. State Bar (1964) 62 Cal.2d 74, 81 [41 Cal.Rptr. 161, 396 P.2d 577]
In the Matter of Malek-Yonan (Review Dept. 2003) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 627
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CAL 1997-150, CAL 1988-103
LA 522 (2009), LA 488 (1996)
OC 94-002
attorney employees
Bernstein v. State Bar (1990) 50 Cal.3d 221, 231
In the Matter of Hinden (Review Dept. 1997) 3 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 657
-pattern of similar constitutional violations by untrained employees was necessary to demonstrate deliberate indifference for purposes of failure to train, where exculpatory evidence was not produced as requested under *Brady*
Connick v. Thompson (2011) __ U.S. __ [1318 S.Ct. 350]
outside lawyers or providers of outsourced legal services
CAL 2004-165, CAL 1994-138
LA 518 (2006)
SD 2007-1
paralegal
Pincay v. Andrews (9th Cir. 2004) 389 F.3d 853
In re Complex Asbestos Litigation (1991) 232 Cal.App.3d 572 [283 Cal.Rptr. 732]
In the Matter of Phillips (Review Dept. 2001) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 315
OC 94-002
-lack of supervision over paralegal which lead to late filing of opposition to summary judgment is not excusable neglect
Henderson v. Pacific Gas and Elec. Co. (2010) 187 Cal.App.4th 215 [113 Cal.Rptr.3d 692]
responsibility for calendaring error falls on attorney regardless of whether the error was made by the attorney or paralegal
Pincay v. Andrews (9th Cir. 2004) 389 F.3d 853
Support of United States and California Constitution and Laws
Business and Professions Code section 6068(a)
-no discipline for a negligent mistake made in good faith
Silberg v. Anderson (1990) 50 Cal.3d 205
In the Matter of Respondent P (Review Dept. 1993) 2 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 622, 631

Take reasonable measures to determine law at time of action
no duty to foresee changes in law
Jones v. Stevenson (1983) 149 Cal.App.3d 560, 565
*Sharpe v. Superior Court (1983) 143 Cal.App.3d 469 [192 Cal.Rptr. 16]
Third party
Moore v. Shaw (2004) 116 Cal.App.4th 182 [10 Cal.Rptr.3d 154]
B.L.M. v. Sabo & Deitsch (1997) 55 Cal.App.4th 823 [64 Cal.Rptr.2d 335]
duty to intended beneficiaries of a testamentary instrument
Harrigfeld v. Hancock (9th Cir. (Idaho) 2004) 364 F.3d 1024
estate planning
-duty to act with due care as to the interests of the intended beneficiary
Osornio v. Weingarten (2004) 124 Cal.App.4th 304
-no duty owed to non-client potential beneficiary absent testator's express intent to benefit non-client
Chang v. Lederman (2009) 172 Cal.App.4th 67 [90 Cal.Rptr.3d 758]
no duty to insurer to turn over portions of third-party recoveries made on behalf of client
Farmers Insurance Exchange et al. v. Smith (1999) 71 Cal.App.4th 660 [83 Cal.Rptr.2d 911]
no duty to third party
In re Emery (9th Cir. 2003) 317 F.3d 1064 [40 Bankr.Ct.Dec. 259]
non-fiduciary who is asked for or volunteers information in the course of a business negotiation must be truthful to non-client
Vega v. Jones (2004) 121 Cal.App.4th 282 [17 Cal.Rptr.3d 26]
not to convert funds
Johnstone v. State Bar (1966) 64 Cal.2d 153 [49 Cal.Rptr. 97, 410 P.2d 617]
Plummer v. Day/Eisenberg, LLP (2010) 184 Cal.App.4th 38 [108 Cal.Rptr.3d 455]
PCO, Inc. v. Christensen, Miller, Fink, Jacobs, Glaser, Weil & Shapiro, LLP (2007) 150 Cal.App.4th 384 [58 Cal.Rptr.3d 516]
LA 454
reasonable duty to communicate with a lienholder as to the subject of the fiduciary obligation
In the Matter of Nunez (Review Dept. 1992) 2 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 196
To adverse party
Silberg v. Anderson (1988) 203 Cal.App.3d 29, mod. 204 Cal.App.3d 150A, mod. 50 Cal.3d 205
Schick v. Bach (1987) 193 Cal.App.3d 1321, 1330
To clients
*GATX/Airlog Company v. Evergreen International Airlines, Inc. (1998) 8 F.Supp.2d 1182
In the Matter of Silverton (Review Dept. 2001) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 252
In the Matter of Johnson (Review Dept. 2000) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 179
advice attorney to in propria persona litigants
LA 502 (1999)
breach warrants discipline
Alberton v. State Bar (1984) 37 Cal.3d 1, 14-15
class action
-counsel owed a duty, post certification, to advise clients of other claims related to but outside the scope of the representation
Janik v. Rudy, Exelrod & Zieff et al. (2004) 119 Cal.App.4th 930 [14 Cal.Rptr.3d 751]
-counsel owed a duty, post-judgment, to pursue class claims through enforcement of judgment
Barboza v. West Coast Digital GSM Inc. (2009) 179 Cal.App.4th 540 [102 Cal.Rptr.3d 295]
duty owed to client, not to potential beneficiary
Hall v. Kalfayan (2010) 190 Cal.App.4th 927 [118 Cal.Rptr.3d 629]
good faith and fiduciary duty owed to clients
Van Sloten v. State Bar (1989) 48 Cal.3d 921 [258 Cal.Rptr. 235, 771 P.3d 1323], mod. 49 Cal.3d 38a
Gassman v. State Bar (1976) 18 Cal.3d 125, 130
Furia v. Helm (2003) 111 Cal.App.4th 945 [4 Cal.Rptr.3d 357]
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specially appearing attorney owes a duty of care to the litigant
Streit v. Covington & Crowe (2000) 82 Cal.App.4th 441 [82 Cal.Rptr.2d 193]
To client's prior attorney
successor attorney's obligation to notify prior attorney of the existence of a settlement
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To co-clients
Lysick v. Walcom (1968) 258 Cal.App.2d 136, 146 [65 Cal.Rptr. 406]
To co-counsel
specially appearing attorney undertakes a limited association with the litigant's attorney of record
Streit v. Covington & Crowe (2000) 82 Cal.App.4th 441 [82 Cal.Rptr.2d 193]
LA 454
To communicate
McMorris v. State Bar (1983) 35 Cal.3d 78
policy limits to client
LA 350 (1975)
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-basis for calculating fees
OC 99-001
To former client's insurer
San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority v. Aerojet-General Corp. (C.D. Cal. 2000) 105 F.Supp.2d 1095
To honor medical lien when client consents
Cooper v. State Bar (1987) 43 Cal.3d 1016, 1020 [239 Cal.Rptr. 709, 741 P.2d 206]
To insured when retained by insurer
Purdy v. Pacific Automobile Ins. Co. (1984) 157 Cal.App.3d 59, 76 [203 Cal.Rptr. 524]
no duty to turn over portions of third-party recoveries made on behalf of client
Farmers Insurance Exchange et al. v. Smith (1999) 71 Cal.App.4th 660 [83 Cal.Rptr.2d 911]
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Silberg v. Anderson (1990) 50 Cal.3d 205
Sodikoff v. State Bar (1975) 14 Cal.3d 422 [121 Cal.Rptr. 467, 535 P.2d 331]
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B.L.M. v. Sabo & Deitsch (1997) 55 Cal.App.4th 823 [64 Cal.Rptr.2d 335]
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In the Matter of Wyshak (Review Dept. 1999) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 70
accepting non-client funds/securities to secure client fees
Hartford v. State Bar (1990) 50 Cal.3d 1139 [791 P.2d 598]
Guzzetta v. State Bar (1987) 43 Cal.3d 962 [239 Cal.Rptr. 675, 741 P.2d 172]
Galardi v. State Bar (1987) 43 Cal.3d 683 [238 Cal.Rptr. 774, 739 P.2d 134]
attorney acting as a mediator assumes duty to disclose to the parties any information that might reasonably cause doubt in the attorney's impartiality
Furia v. Helm (2003) 111 Cal.App.4th 945 [4 Cal.Rptr.3d 357]
attorney for corporation owes no duty to shareholders
Skarbrevik v. Cohen, England & Whitfield (1991) 231 Cal.App.3d 692, 703 [282 Cal.Rptr. 627]
attorney may be liable to a non-client if the attorney's actions went beyond his role as legal representative
Panoutsopoulos et al. v. Chambliss et al. (2007) 157 Cal.App.4th 297 [68 Cal.Rptr.3d 647]
attorney who overstates his client's rights or position violates no independent duty of care to the client's adversary
Panoutsopoulos et al. v. Chambliss et al. (2007) 157 Cal.App.4th 297 [68 Cal.Rptr.3d 647]
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Osornio v. Weingarten (2004) 124 Cal.App.4th 304 [21 Cal.Rptr.3d 246]
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Chang v. Lederman (2009) 172 Cal.App.4th 67 [90 Cal.Rptr.3d 758]
joint venture
Pavicich v. Santucci (2000) 85 Cal.App.4th 382 [102 Cal.Rptr.2d 125]
limitations on liability do not apply to liability for fraud
-non-fiduciary's active concealment or suppression of facts during a business negotiation is the equivalent of false representation and non-fiduciary therefore is held liable
Vega v. Jones (2004) 121 Cal.App.4th 282 [17 Cal.Rptr.3d 26]
no duty to third-party absent an intent to benefit third party
Zenith Ins. Co. v. Cozen O'Connor (2007) 148 Cal.App.4th 998 [55 Cal.Rptr.3d 911]
no obligation to indemnify agent when no attorney-client relationship established between client's attorney and client's agency who negotiated a contract concurrently on behalf of their mutual client
Major Clients Agency v. Diemer (1998) 67 Cal.App.4th 1116 [79 Cal.Rptr.2d 613]
unrepresented party to pre-marital agreement negotiation, duty to client requires attorney to take steps to ensure agreement will be enforceable and the best assurance of enforceability is independent representation for both parties
In re Marriage of Bonds (2000) 24 Cal.4th 1 [99 Cal.Rptr.2d 252]
wife, an attorney, was advised of potential conflict of interest orally and twice in writing, and wife voluntarily entered into the post-nuptial agreement while acting as her own attorney
In re Marriage of Friedman (2002) 100 Cal.App.4th 65 [122 Cal.Rptr.2d 412]
To refrain from acquiring pecuniary interest adverse to former client
David Welch Company v. Erskine and Tully (1988) 203 Cal.App.3d 884 [250 Cal.Rptr. 339]
To third parties
estate planning
-attorney has duty to act with due care as to the interests of the intended beneficiary
Winans v. Timar (2010) 183 Cal.App.4th 102 [107 Cal.Rptr.3d 167]
Truth, employ means only consistent with
Business and Professions Code section 6068(d)
Rule 5-200, California Rules of Professional Conduct
In the Matter of Chestnut (Review Dept. 2000) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 166
LA 504 (2000), LA 464 (1991)
Truthfulness
advice to client to terminate co-counsel
SF 2011-1
Undivided loyalty to client
Commercial Standard Title Co. v. Superior Court (1979) 92 Cal.App.3d 934, 945 [155 Cal.Rptr. 393]
LA 428 (1984)
Unpaid
settlement negotiations do not require attorney to withdraw
CAL 2009-178
Use such skill and diligence as others in the profession commonly used
Harris v. Smith (1984) 157 Cal.App.3d 100, 103-104
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honor of
-advance no fact prejudicial to
Business and Professions Code section 6068(f)
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-advance no fact prejudicial to
Business and Professions Code section 6068(f)
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Disclosure of client confidences [See Confidences of the client.]
CAL 1979-50
Duty of attorney
to adequately supervise
-attorney is responsible for calendaring error regardless of whether the error was made by the attorney or paralegal
Pincay v. Andrews (9th Cir. 2004) 389 F.3d 853
-attorney liable for overdrawn bank account
Black v. State Bar (1972) 7 Cal.3d 676, 692 [103 Cal.Rptr. 288, 499 P.2d 968]
-attorney unaware collection procedures already initiated
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-calendaring paralegal
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-employees' repeated neglect of client's case
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-lapses in office procedure deemed willful
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-negligent office management
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-regarding client trust account
--no intent to defraud need be shown
Waysman v. State Bar (1986) 41 Cal.3d 452 [224 Cal.Rptr. 101]
-secretary's negligent management of client trust account
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CAL 1979-50
Duty to employer
Labor Code section 2650
Public agency attorney may be compelled, under threat of job discipline, to answer questions about the employee's job performance, so long as the employee is not required to waive the constitutional protection against criminal use of those answers
Spielbauer v. County of Santa Clara (2009) 45 Cal.4th 704 [88 Cal.Rptr.3d 590]
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EMPLOYMENT [See Acceptance of employment. Attorney-client relationship. Confidences of the client. Conflict of interest.]
Of attorney by office secretary
SD 1972-3
EMPLOYMENT AGENCY
CAL 1992-126
EMPLOYMENT WANTED [See Advertising. Collections. Insurance company attorney. Lay intermediaries. Referral of legal business. Solicitation of business. Substitution of counsel.]
Accept employment from
committee of accident victims
LA 165 (1947)
customers of own business
LA 205 (1953), LA(I) 1977-2, LA(I) 1976-9, LA(I) 1976-7
group of property owners
LA 257 (1959)
lay person or entity to serve customers of
LA 327 (1972), LA(I) 1969-4, LA(I) 1963-5
SD 1974-20
-employees of
SD 1972-3
members of client association
LA(I) 1974-14, LA(I) 1947-8
participants in educational activity
CAL 1972-29
party when criticized work of counsel of
LA 313 (1969)
pro bono clients
LA(I) 1975-6
viewers of television program
LA 318 (1970)
Except when selected from list prepared by insurance agent
LA(I) 1964-3
ENVELOPE [See Advertising, Solicitation.]
ESCROW [See Real estate transaction.]
Agent
represents against grantor
LA 266 (1959)
-one party in dispute over escrow
LA(I) 1955-6
returns client's deposit after discovery that client was fraudulently induced into agreement
LA(I) 1957-1
Lawyer employee for escrow company prepares escrow documents for customers of employer
LA 205 (1953)
Sue client for damages while holding client's stock in
LA 266 (1959)
ESTATE [See Conflict of interest, estate. Fee. Will.]
Administrator
beneficiary under will
Probate Code section 21350 et.seq.
own employee for opponent's estate
LA 341 (1973)
Administrator's attorney
buys property for estate
LA 238 (1956)
extraordinary attorney's fees for settlement of claims against estate of decedent under a contingency fee agreement must be approved by the court after noticed hearing
Estate of Stevenson (2006) 141 Cal.App.4th 1074 [46 Cal.Rptr.3d 573]
represents administrator in that capacity and in capacity as heir
CAL 1976-41
LA 237 (1956), LA 193 (1952), LA 144 (1943), LA 72 (1934), LA(I) 1967-6
takes assignment of administrator's interest in estate to secure loan
LA 228 (1955)
Attorney as beneficiary of trust
Bank of America v. Angel View Crippled Children's Foundation (1998) 72 Cal.App.4th 451 [85 Cal.Rptr.2d 117]
Attorney for conservatee owes no duty to beneficiary of conservatee's estate
Hall v. Kalfayan (2010) 190 Cal.App.4th 927 [118 Cal.Rptr.3d 629]
Attorney-client relationship does not extend to beneficiaries
Chang v. Lederman (2009) 172 Cal.App.4th 67 [90 Cal.Rptr.3d 758]
trust attorney owes no duty to non-client potential beneficiary absent testator's expressed intent to benefit non-client
Chang v. Lederman (2009) 172 Cal.App.4th 67 [90 Cal.Rptr.3d 758]

Executor
beneficiary as
LA 219 (1954)
commission for sale of estate property
LA 317 (1970)
employs own lawyer employer as executor's attorney
LA 382 (1979)
in individual capacity against co-executor
LA 72 (1934)
lawyer's secretary as
LA 382 (1979)
represents
-beneficiaries in contest over heirship
LA(I) 1958-2
will contents revealed to after incompetency of client
LA 229 (1955)
Executor's attorney
acts as real estate broker in the sale of estate property
LA 470 (1992)
attorney-client relationship extends only to the executor not to the beneficiaries
Lasky, Haas, Cohler & Munter v. Superior Court (1985) 172 Cal.App.3d 264 [218 Cal.Rptr. 205]
SD 1990-2
commission for sale of estate property
LA 470 (1992), LA 317 (1970)
fee for doing executor's work
Probate Code sections 10804 and 15687
LA 382 (1979), LA 347 (1975)
fees for services rendered to executor in individual capacity
Miller v. Campbell, Warburton, Fitzsimmons, Smith, Mendel & Pastore (2008) 162 Cal.App.4th 1331 [76 Cal.Rptr.3d 649]
offers to prepare claims of creditors of estate for fee
LA(I) 1961-6
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LA 219 (1954)
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SD 1989-2
represents beneficiaries against reopened estate
LA 269 (1960)
-estate as contestant in probate
LA 193 (1952)
-person in determination of heirship
LA 193 (1952), LA(I) 1965-8
-re-opened estate against
LA 269 (1960)
Independent review required under Probate Code section 21350
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Liability to intended beneficiaries of amended trust resulting from attorney's failure to deliver amendment to trustee prior to death of settlor
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Liability to intended beneficiary where attorney failed to advise client regarding requirements governing presumptively disqualified donees, resulting in damage to intended beneficiary
Winans v. Timar (2010) 183 Cal.App.4th 102 [107 Cal.Rptr.3d 167]
Osornio v. Weingarten (2004) 124 Cal.App.4th 304 [21 Cal.Rptr.3d 246]
Partnership
represents
-member-executor/trustee
LA 219 (1954)
Personal representative
attorney for heir bills for services covered by statutory fees to be paid from estate
LA(I) 1956-7
Reasonableness of fees in trust administration, inefficient and duplicative not permitted
Donahue v. Donahue (2010) 182 Cal.App.4th 259 [105 Cal.Rptr.3d 723]
Successor fiduciary has the same powers and duties as the predecessor including the power to sue attorney for malpractice
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Successor in interest may be liable for award of attorney's fees under a contract entered into by decedent
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Trustee
as beneficiary
LA 219 (1954)
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-denied where a trustee voluntarily becomes a party to a contest between the beneficiaries over who should control and benefit from the trust
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-trust beneficiaries are entitled to attorney fees from trustee whose opposition to the contest was without reasonable cause and in bad faith
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mishandling of estate
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partnership represents when member is
LA 219 (1954)
trust obligations between the United States and Indian tribes are defined by statute and are not comparable to a private trust relationship
U.S. v. Jicarilla Apache Nation (2011) __ U.S. __ [131 S.Ct. 2313]
Will
will depository, Probate Code sections 700 et seq provide for termination of deposit with attorney, attorney may not use a commercial will depository without client consent
CAL 2007-173
will registry, attorney may register certain identifying information about a client's will or estate documents if the attorney can determine, based on knowledge of client, that disclosure will not be detrimental to the client and will advance the client's interests
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Adverse credibility determination in a disciplinary proceeding
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Inadequate evidence to determine conflict of interest
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No error in excluding evidence of attorney's willingness to stipulate to reasonable discipline
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Objections must be timely and specific
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Waiver of a constitutional due process and equal protection argument against the application of B&P Code section 6049.1
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Business and Professions Code sections 6200-6206
Guidelines and Minimum Standards for the Operation of Mandatory Fee Arbitration Programs
Text is located in:
Deerings Annotated California Codes, Court Rules, and in West's Annotated California Codes, Court Rules, Rules of Procedure for Fee Arbitration and the Enforcement of Awards, vol. 23, pt 3, p. 679
Information about the State Bar Fee Arbitration Program is available from:
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Arbitration award becomes binding 30 days after notice of award
Maynard v. Brandon (2005) 36 Cal.4th 364 [30 Cal.Rptr.3d 558]
Attorney's dismissal of fee action was an attempt to evade both mandatory fee arbitration award and the arbitral process as a whole
Corell v. Law Firm of Fox and Fox (2005) 129 Cal.App.4th 531 [28 Cal.Rptr.3d 310]
Binding agreement
arbitration in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6200 et seq. is non-binding unless parties agree in writing to make it binding
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Insurer is not a "client" for purposes of mandatory fee arbitration and may not demand an arbitration of attorney's fees incurred on behalf of an insured client
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Notice of client's right to arbitrate a dispute must be given after dispute has arisen
Huang v. Chen (1998) 66 Cal.App.4th 1230 [78 Cal.Rptr.2d 550]
OC 99-002
dismissal is not automatic after attorney fails to give client arbitration right notice in fee dispute action
Phillipson & Simon v. Gulsvig (2007) 154 Cal.App.4th 347 [64 Cal.Rptr.3d 504]
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Advance payment retainer distinguished from true retainer
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SF 1997-1
agreement providing that attorney waives specified fees if client agrees not to accept a confidentiality clause in any settlement permitted if client retains the authority to settle the case without the lawyer's consent and without the imposition of any unconscionable penalty fee
LA 505 (2000)
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handle probate matter
-for less than statutory fee
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-contract between attorney and client giving attorney interest in subject matter of representation
Cooley v. Miller & Lux (1914) 168 Cal. 120 [142 P. 83]
-fee contract with client after creation of attorney-client relationship -- attorney carried burden to demonstrate fairness
Carlson, Collins, Gordon & Bold v. Banducci (1967) 257 Cal.App.2d 212, 227 [64 Cal.Rptr. 915]
-lien agreement assigning anticipated statutory fees in one case to satisfy fees incurred in another unrelated case does not give rise to
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-presumption does not attach where fee agreement reached before or at creation of attorney-client relationship
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-presumption of overreaching is rebuttable
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-presumption that contract is without sufficient consideration
Lady v. Worthingham (1943) 57 Cal.App.2d 557, 560 [135 P.2d 205]
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-without specific agreement to do a major adjustment, agreement based on fixed hourly rate which provides for possible increase is valid, but only authorizes minor adjustments
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-arbitration in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6200 et seq. is non-binding unless parties agree in writing to make it binding
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fee guarantor entitled to arbitrate fee dispute
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insurer is not a "client" for purposes of mandatory fee arbitration and may not demand an arbitration of attorney's fees incurred on behalf of an insured client
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Arrangement not subject to attorney-client privilege, no revelation of confidential information
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accrued interest on balance due
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confidences divulged in collection effort
LA 452 (1988)
discharge [See 24 Hastings Law Journal 771; 61 Cal.L.Rev. 397; 9 Cal.Western L. Rev. 355; 6 West L.A. L.Rev. 92; 3 G.G. L.Rev. 285; 92 L.L.R.3d 690.]
Abrams & Fox v. Briney (1974) 39 Cal.App.3d 604, 609 [114 Cal.Rptr. 328]

-contingent [See Fee, attempt to collect, discharge, quantum meruit.]
--attorney properly discharged for cause entitled to enforce lien to extent of reasonable value of services performed to date of discharge
Salopek v. Schoemann (1942) 20 Cal.2d 150, 153 [124 P.2d 21]
--discharged attorney entitled only to reasonable value of services performed before discharge
Weiss v. Marcus (1975) 51 Cal.App.3d 590 [124 Cal.Rptr. 297]
--right of discharged attorney to sue for agreed fee does not arise until recovery through services of the substituted attorney
Echlin v. Superior Court (1939) 13 Cal.2d 368, 375-376 [90 P.2d 63]
-quantum meruit [See Liens.]
--attorney discharged with or without cause entitled to recover only reasonable value of services rendered prior to discharge
Ramirez v. Sturdevant (1994) 21 Cal.App.4th 904 [26 Cal.Rptr.2d 554]
Fracasse v. Brent (1972) 6 Cal.3d 784, 792 [100 Cal.Rptr. 385, 494 P.2d 9]
--discharged attorney entitled to quantum meruit recovery for reasonable value of services, upon occurrence of contingency
Ramirez v. Sturdevant (1994) 21 Cal.App.4th 904 [26 Cal.Rptr.2d 554]
Hensel v. Cohen (1984) 155 Cal.App.3d 563, 567 [202 Cal.Rptr. 85]
--discharged attorney refuses to accept offer of reasonable value of services from substituted attorney
Kallen v. Delug (1984) 157 Cal.App.3d 940, 947 [203 Cal.Rptr.879]
--pro rata formula used where contingent fee insufficient to meet quantum meruit claims of both discharged and existing counsel
Spires v. American Buslines (1984) 158 Cal.App.3d 211, 215-216 [204 Cal.Rptr. 531]
duty of succeeding attorney
Pearlmutter v. Alexander (1979) 97 Cal.App.3d Supp. 16 [158 Cal.Rptr. 762]
-action to recover
LA 109 (1937)
-award of attorney fees based on expert testimony fixing reasonable value of services
Mayock v. Splane (1943) 56 Cal.App.2d 563, 573 [132 P.2d 827]
-award of attorney fees based on reasonable value of services supported by expert testimony
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-by associate attorney
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-*Civil Code section 2235 dealing with the presumption of invalidity in contracts between trustee and beneficiary does not apply to attorney/client contracts (Civil Code section 2235 was repealed 7/1/87)
Probate Code sections 16002 and 16004
Walton v. Broglio (1975) 52 Cal.App.3d 400, 403-404 [125 Cal.Rptr.123]
In the Matter of Kroff (Review Dept. 1998) 3 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 838
-contracts between attorney-client; client cannot escape full payment of fees merely because attorney's services prove less valuable than contemplated
Berk v. Twentynine Palms Ranchos, Inc. (1962) 201 Cal.App.2d 625, 637 [20 Cal.Rptr. 144]
-determination of reasonable attorney fees primarily a question of fact for trial court; expert testimony unnecessary
Bunn v. Lucas, Pino & Lucas (1959) 172 Cal.App.2d 450, 468 [342 P.2d 508]
-discretion of trial court in setting value of services and in considering expert testimony; review by appeals court
Libby v. Kipp (1927) 87 Cal.App. 538 [262 P. 68]
-effect of express contract on fees where attorney performs additional services beyond contract
Biaggi v. Sawyer (1946) 75 Cal.App.2d 105, 111-112 [170 P.2d 678]
-evidence considered in determining attorney fees
Deberry v. Cavalier (1931) 113 Cal.App. 30, 35-36 [297 P. 611]
-expert opinion by attorney on value of services questions of fact for jury; overhead office expenses may be considered in fixing value of services
Tasker v. Cochrane (1928) 94 Cal.App. 361, 365-366, 368 [271 P. 503]
-expert testimony on value of services admissible, but not essential
Spencer v. Collins (1909) 156 Cal. 298, 306-307 [104 P. 320]
-factors considered by court in determining reasonable value of attorney fees; when appeals court may modify award
Boller v. Signal Oil & Gas Co. (1964) 230 Cal.App.2d 648, 652-653, 656 [41 Cal.Rptr. 206]
-fee arbitration
Business and Professions Code §§ 6200-6206
-power of jury to use independent judgment in fixing value of attorney services irrespective of expert testimony
Lady v. Ruppe (1931) 113 Cal.App. 606, 608 [298 P. 859]
-suit for reasonable value of services under oral contract; trial court's power to determine value independently
Elconin v. Yalen (1929) 208 Cal. 546, 548-550 [282 P. 791]
-trial court determines what constitutes reasonable attorney fees; factors considered
Melnyk v. Robledo (1976) 64 Cal.App.3d 618, 623-624 [134 Cal.Rptr.602]
-where no finding of fact made as to reasonable value of services by trial court, but evidence exists in records, Supreme Court will enter finding
Kirk v. Culley (1927) 202 Cal. 501, 508 [261 P. 994]
from trustee in bankruptcy
-post-petition services
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-attorney's lien not payable in circumvention of the Bankruptcy Code
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-legal services rendered to executor in individual capacity
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-effect of contract for attorney fees made after attorney-client relationship exists
Estate of Mallory (1929) 99 Cal.App. 96, 103 [278 P. 488]
Countryman v. California Trona Co. (1917) 35 Cal.App. 728, 735 [170 P. 1069]
-under invalid contingent fee contract, attorney entitled to reasonable value of services
Calvert v. Stoner (1948) 33 Cal.2d 97, 104-105 [199 P.2d 297]

-under invalid contract with client, attorney may secure reasonable value of services
Hall v. Orloff (1920) 49 Cal.App. 745, 749-750 [194 P. 296]
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applies to all causes of action arising from malpractice claim
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Attorney obliged to do their best for their clients whatever the fee arrangement and are duty bound to maximize results and expedite resolution; anything less would be unethical and dishonorable
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Attorney sued for malpractice is entitled to indemnification from law firm employer for costs of defending lawsuit arising from claims made by a former client
Cassady v. Morgan, Lewis, & Bockius LLP (2006) 145 Cal.App.4th 220 [51 Cal.Rptr.3d 527]
Attorney's fees agreed to by contract
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In re County of Orange (C.D. Cal. 1999) 241 B.R. 212 [4 Cal. Bankr. Ct. Rep. 117]
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In re Salazar (9th Cir. BAP 1988) 82 B.R. 538
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Attorney's fees should be adequate to promote consumer class action
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Authority of arbitrator
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Authority of court to compensate counsel
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San Diego County Dept. of Social Services v. Superior Court (2005) 134 Cal.App.4th 761 [36 Cal.Rptr.3d 294]
Authority of arbitrator to award fees under the terms of the controlling arbitration agreement
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Authority of attorney
attorney had no right to file proposed fee order after discharge and substitution out of case
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Award of attorney's fees
Civil Code section 51 (Unruh Civil Rights Act)
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Turner v. Assn of American Medical Colleges (2011) 193 Cal.App.4th 1047 [123 Cal.Rptr.3d 395]
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Henry M. Lee Law Corporation v. Superior Court (Chang) (2012) 204 Cal.App.4th 1375 [139 Cal.Rptr.3d 712]
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Flannery v. Prentice (2001) 26 Cal.4th 572 [110 Cal.Rptr.2d 809, 28 P.3d 860]
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-limited to cases where the parties do not have an agreement as to award of fees
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-conflict between city ordinance and state statute
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-denied where city ordinance conflicts with state law which forbids unilateral recovery of fees by city
City of Monte Sereno v. Padgett (2007) 149 Cal.App.4th 1530 [58 Cal.Rptr.3d 218]
-denied where city ordinance had retroactive application, which changed the legal consequences of past conduct by imposing new or different liabilities based on that conduct
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-denied where city rent control ordinance authorizes recovery of attorney fees only between landlords and tenants
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-fees awarded pursuant to a city council resolution
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-fees denied to prevailing defendants in housing discrimination action brought by non-party regulatory agency because Government Code § 12989.2 disallows an award of fees to or against the state
Department of Fair Employment and Housing v. Mayr et al. (2011) 192 Cal.App.4th 719 [120 Cal.Rptr.3d 938]
-plaintiff who filed a civil rights claim against a public entity and was subsequently awarded attorney's fees in an administrative proceeding may challenge the fees award in federal district court which is the proper forum for seeking those fees
Porter v. Winter (9th Cir. 2010) 603 F.3d 1113
-under Brown Act
Galbiso v. Orosi Public Utility Dist. (2008) 167 Cal.App.4th 1063 [84 Cal.Rptr.3d 788]
--court has discretion to deny fees if defendant can show the existence of special circumstances that would render the award unjust
Los Angeles Times Communications v. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (2003) 112 Cal.App.4th 1313 [5 Cal.Rptr.3d 776]
-under California Tort Claims Act
--defense fees and costs awarded to public entity under CCP § 1038
California Correctional Peace Officers v. Virga (2010) 181 Cal.App.4th 30 [103 Cal.Rptr.3d 699]
Clark v. Optical Coating Laboratory, Inc. (2008) 165 Cal.App.4th 150 [80 Cal.Rptr.3d 812]
-under Code of Civil Procedure 1021.5
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--attorney's fees can only be recovered against opposing parties
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Bernardi v. County of Monterey (2008) 167 Cal.App.4th 1379 [84 Cal.Rptr.3d 754]
--denied because lawsuit did not cause defendant's change in behavior
Center for Biological Diversity v. California Fish and Game Commission (2011) 195 Cal.App.4th 128 [124 Cal.Rptr.3d 467]
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--denied where Attorney General, although the prevailing party, is the branch of government whose function is to represent the general public and to enforce proper enforcement
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--must be successful party
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--trial court is not permitted to use a public entity's status to negate a lodestar that would otherwise be appropriate
Rogel v. Lynwood Redevelopment Agency (2011) 194 Cal.App.4th 1319 [125 Cal.Rptr.3d 267]
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U.S. v. Marolf (9th Cir. 2002) 277 F.3d 1156
U.S. v. One 1997 Toyota Land Cruiser (9th Cir. 2001) 248 F.3d 899
U.S. v. Real Property Known as 22249 Dolorosa Street (9th Cir. 2000) 190 F.3d 977
--award of fees should indicate exactly what fees are traceable to the government's bad faith litigation conduct
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--fees award warranted when reckless conduct is combined with and additional factor, such as frivolousness, harassment, or improper purpose
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-under U.S.C.A. § 7430
Morrison v. Commissioner of Internal Revenue (9th Cir. 2009) 565 F.3d 658
Pacific Fisheries Inc. v. U.S. (9th Cir. (Washington) 2007) 484 F.3d 1103
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Estate of Manuel (2010) 187 Cal.App.4th 400 [113 Cal.Rptr.3d 448]
agreement providing that trial court will determine prevailing party and award of attorney fees is valid and enforceable
People ex rel. Dept. of Corporations v. SpeeDee Oil Change Systems, Inc. (2007) 147 Cal.App.4th 424 [54 Cal.Rptr.3d 225]
Jackson v. Homeowners Association Monte Vista Estates-East (2001) 93 Cal.App.4th 773 [113 Cal.Rptr.2d 363]
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-not required where attorney also represented other parties who had no written contracts because work pertained to legal issues common to all the parties and separation of attorney's activities into compensable and non-compensable time units was impossible
Cruz v. Ayromloo (2007) 155 Cal.App.4th 1270 [66 Cal.Rptr.3d 725]
"American Rule" that each party must bear its own legal fees
-city manager, analogous to a corporate employee, not liable for attorney's fees based upon conduct on behalf of employer
Golden West Baseball Co. v. Talley (1991) 232 Cal.App.3d 1294
-does not apply where each parties have agreed to allocate attorney fees by contract
Mix v. Tumanjan Development Corp. (2002) 102 Cal.App.4th 1318 [126 Cal.Rptr.2d 267]
Gilbert v. Master Washer & Stamping Co., Inc. (2000) 87 Cal.App.4th 212 [104 Cal.Rptr.2d 461]
-exceptions
Abouab v. City and County of San Francisco (2006) 141 Cal.App.4th 643 [46 Cal.Rptr.3d 206]
--public interest and substantial benefit doctrine
---doctrine does not require a fee award merely because the litigation produced changes which were relatively minor and had no actual or concrete impact on the actions taken by the adverse party
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-Labor Code § 218.5's award of attorney's fees not applicable to claims brought by former employees for failure to provide statutorily mandated meal and rest periods
Kirby v. Immoos Fire Protection, Inc. (2012) 53 Cal.4th 1244 [140 Cal.Rptr.3d 173]
-no equitable exception where party prevailed in showing that written contract was voided for lack of mutual assent
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-rule applies to regents of defendant university who are constitutionally immune from the statutory fee-shifting provision of Labor Code § 218.5
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-statutory authority for
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-"third-party tort" exception
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-district court could not deny fees based on a finding that prevailing party had unreasonably prolonged the litigation, but the court could consider prevailing party's actions in reducing fees
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-fees awarded to defendant required to defend against plaintiff's groundless state court claim following dismissal of federal court case
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-fees denied to prevailing defendant where such award under state law is pre-empted by federal law
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-fees granted where plaintiff enters into legally enforceable settlement agreement with defendant
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--burden of proving fees were covered by award following successful motion
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--mandatory award may be based on attorney's declarations instead of time records
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-reduction in number of hours as duplicative unjustified where the court failed to take into account the differences between trial court and appellate work, which entails rigorous original work in its own right and which receives greater judicial scrutiny
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-arbitration award may be modified where arbitrator inadvertently failed to rule on prevailing party's claim to attorney's fees and costs
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-arbitration award to attorney not an enforceable judgment where attorney failed to file petition for the court to confirm award or to request entry of judgment confirming award
Loeb v. Record (2008) 162 Cal.App.4th 431 [75 Cal.Rptr.3d 551]
-arbitrator's denial of attorney's fees was not subject to judicial review where issue of fees was within scope of matters submitted for binding arbitration
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-arbitrator's determination of prevailing party is not subject to appellate review
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-authority of arbitrator to amend or correct a final award
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-right to statutory award of attorney fees in civil rights case cannot be contractually assigned to attorney
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-attorney fees and costs not dischargeable when awarded for debtor's willful and malicious conduct
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-attorney's fees are recoverable if they are linked to litigation seeking to enforce a contract
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-award of fees to unsecured creditor incurred post-petition but based on a pre-petition contract
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-bankruptcy court did not abuse its discretion in declining to decide post-dismissal motion to enforce fee agreement between debtor and attorney
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-bankruptcy court erred in discharging unpaid attorney fees when debtor agreed in writing to personally pay fees upon completion of plan payments
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-chapter 11 debtor's counsel entitled to attorney's fees only for services benefitting the estate
In re Xebec (9th Cir. 1992) 147 B.R. 518
-claims for attorney fees and costs incurred in post-petition are not discharged where post-petition, the debtor voluntarily commences litigation or otherwise voluntarily returns to the fray
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-contingent fee agreement, pre-approved by the bankruptcy court, should control the amount of compensation awarded unless it is determined that the agreement was "improvident" in light of unforeseeable developments
In re Reimers (9th Cir. 1992) 972 F.2d 1127
-court may enhance fee in exceptional circumstance
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-creditor may recover attorney's fees via proof of claim without need to file application for compensation
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-debtor awarded appellate attorney's fees pursuant to 11 USCA § 362(k)
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-emergency nature of legal services provided before court appointment justifies fee award to former counsel
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-expenses incurred by petitioning creditors in connection with filing an involuntary bankruptcy petition may be reimbursed by debtor's estate
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-failure to seek relief from the bankruptcy court to characterize fees owing in a family law matter as non-dischargeable resulted in a dischargeable debt
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-fees incurred in opposing objections to final fee application for winding up estate properly disallowed
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-in accordance with state law
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-involuntary, debtors entitled to fees, costs and punitive damages in obtaining dismissal under 11 U.S.C. 303, though not for postdismissal motions themselves
In re Southern California Sunbelt Developers, Inc. (9th Cir. 2010) 608 F.3d 456
-not awarded to alleged tortfeasor who was wholly exonerated and sought attorney fees from co-defendant on theory of implied indemnity under CCP § 1021.6
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--reduction is justified where amount of time attorney spent on case was unreasonable and duplicative
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--settlement shall not include attorney fees as portion of common fund established for benefit of class
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-no abuse of discretion where district court failed to increase the fee award to account for the class members' view of the requested fee award because there was an early settlement; the court used the lodestar method and applied a 1.5 multiplier for counsel's 100% success rate
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-corporate in-house counsel entitled to reasonable fees under Civil Code section 1717
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-attorney who acted pro se who litigates an anti-SLAPP motion on his own behalf may not recover attorney fees
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-effect of voluntary dismissal upon recovery of non-contractual causes of action
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-Family Code section 272, subdivision (a), authorizes the court, in its discretion, to order one spouse to pay other spouse's attorney fees directly to attorney
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-prevailing party entitled to attorney's fees under Civil Code section 1717 if opposing party has sought attorney's fees under it
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-statute containing a unilateral fee shifting provision controls where all causes of action arise out of one transaction, notwithstanding a contract containing a fee award to prevailing party
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-section 800 is a bond or security statute, not a liability statute, and as such, prevailing defendant was precluded from recovering fees and costs in excess of the posted bond
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Grove v. Wells Fargo Financial California, Inc. (9th Cir. 2010) 606 F.3d 577
-compensation sought by creditor's attorney in connection with an involuntary bankruptcy was permissible so long as the creditor met the statutory standard
In re Wind N' Wave (9th Cir. 2007) 509 F.3d 938
-consideration of indigent losing party's financial condition
Garcia v. Santana (2009) 174 Cal.App.4th 464 [94 Cal.Rptr.3d 299]
-corporate in-house counsel entitled to reasonable fees under Civil Code section 1717
PLCM Group, Inc. v. Drexler (2000) 22 Cal.4th 1084 [95 Cal.Rptr.2d 198] as modified (June 2, 2000)
-court improperly considered an out-of-town attorney's higher rates as the basis for a fee multiplier without an adequate evidentiary showing that it was impracticable to hire local counsel
Nichols v. City of Taft (2007) 155 Cal.App.4th 1233 [66 Cal.Rptr.3d 680]
-court should look first to the contingent fee agreement, then test it for reasonableness
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-district court could not deny fees based on a finding that prevailing party had unreasonably prolonged the litigation, but the court could consider prevailing party's actions in reducing fees
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MacDougal v. Catalyst Nightclub (1999) 58 F.Supp.2d 1101
-district court must provide a concise but clear explanation of its reasons for the fee award, even though it has discretion to determine a reasonable fee
Crawford v. Astrue (9th Cir. 2009) 586 F.3d 1142
-fee awards in federal securities fraud actions must be reasonable in relation to plaintiffs' recovery
Powers v. Eichen (9th Cir. 2000) 229 F.3d 1249
-fees award that was three times the compensatory damages awarded to plaintiff not necessarily a consideration in determining a reasonable fee
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-medical malpractice cases
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-monitoring state officials' compliance with settlement
Prison Legal News v. Schwarzenegger (9th Cir. 2010) 608 F.3d 446
-no abuse of discretion found where court awarded fees even though attorney had about three years of licensure, had graduated from an unaccredited law school, and had experience mainly in another area of law
Russell v. Foglio (2008) 160 Cal.App.4th 653 [73 Cal.Rptr.3d 87]
-rate determined by current rates where there was delay, rather than by adding interest, and hourly rates were based on relevant community of attorneys engaged in similar complex litigation was not abuse of discretion
Prison Legal News v. Schwarzenegger (9th Cir. 2010) 608 F.3d 446
-reduction of fees by 90% where court found prevailing litigant had unnecessarily prolonged the litigation and counsel's time was not reasonably incurred
EnPalm, LLC, et al. v. Teitler Family Trust (2008) 162 Cal.App.4th 770 [75 Cal.Rptr.3d 902]
-reduction of fees by trial court without identifying which factors made the requested hourly rates unreasonable
Camacho v. Bridgeport Financial, Inc. (9th Cir. 2008) 523 F.3d 973
-trial judge in best position to determine value of services
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Farmers Insurance Exchange v. Law Offices of Conrado Joe Sayas, Jr. (9th Cir. 2001) 250 F.3d 1234
Dzwonkowski v. Spinella (2011) 200 Cal.App.4th 930 [133 Cal.Rptr.3d 274]
-attorneys fees may be awarded to taxpayer who incurred attorney's fees even if initially paid by others
Morrison v. Commissioner of Internal Revenue (9th Cir. 2009) 565 F.3d 658
-attorney represented by other members of his law firm is entitled to recover attorney fees where the representation involved the attorney's personal interests and not those of the firm
Gilbert v. Master Washer & Stamping Co., Inc. (2000) 87 Cal.App.4th 212 [104 Cal.Rptr.2d 461]
-attorney who acted per se in contract action may recover reasonable attorney fees for legal services of assisting counsel
Mix v. Tumanjan Development Corp. (2002) 102 Cal.App.4th 1318 [126 Cal.Rptr.2d 267]
-bankruptcy matter
--fees awarded to party who prevailed, not necessarily on all issues, but on "disputed main issue"
In re Hoopai (9th Cir. BAP 2007) 369 B.R. 506
-bond not required to stay award pending an appeal
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--absent class members not liable for employer's attorney's fees in overtime dispute
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--attorney's fees for securities class action suits should be based on individual case risk
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--attorney's fees should be adequate to promote
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--district court presiding over settlement fund had equitable power to award attorneys fees for work outside litigation immediately before court where that work helped create settlement fund
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-Clean Water Act matter
Morris-Smith v. Moulton Niguel Water District (2000) 44 F.Supp.2d 1084
--fees incurred by defendant during its unsuccessful defense of a private party Clean Water Act lawsuit are not allowable as costs under the Federal Acquisition Regulation statute
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-constitutional right to free exercise of religion at issue
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-construction contract fee provision not applicable to breach of limited partnership agreement
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-contrary provision in lease contract
Beverly Hills Properties v. Marcolino (1990) 221 Cal.App.3d Supp. 7 [270 Cal.Rptr. 605]
-corporate in-house counsel entitled to reasonable fees under Civil Code section 1717
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-court was obligated to determine which of the litigants was the prevailing party where the statutory language makes a fees award mandatory, even though the lawsuit was resolved by a settlement agreement
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-defendant entitled to reasonable attorney's fees arising from defendant's petition to compel arbitration of a dispute between the parties arising under a lease agreement
Acosta v. Kerrigan (2007) 150 Cal.App.4th 1124 [58 Cal.Rptr.3d 865
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-defendant prevails in Title VII action brought by EEOC
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-defendants entitled to attorney's fees even though plaintiffs dismissed appeal
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-defendants who fail to file an anti-SLAPP motion before the voluntary dismissal of all causes of actions against them cannot recover fees or costs
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-definition of prevailing party under Code of Civil Procedure § 1032 et seq.
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-district court may review attorney's "billing judgment" and reduce fees if some tasks should have been delegated to associate or paralegal
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-does not preclude recovery of appellate attorney fees by prevailing defendant-respondent on appeal
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-environmental groups are not "prevailing parties" since they do not prevail against EPA
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-Equal Access to Justice Act
--entitled to fees and costs if litigant is prevailing party; the government fails to show its position was substantially justified; and the requested fees are reasonable
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–computerized research may be recovered as attorney fees
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--either party may recover, not just prevailing party; claimant must show some degree of success on the merits
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-fee awards in federal securities fraud actions must be reasonable in relation to plaintiffs' recovery
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-fee provision in security agreement did not serve as ground for awarding fees and costs to oversecured creditor following its successful defense of adversary preference proceeding
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-fees denied where plaintiff prevailed on some of the claims in the lawsuit, but did not prevail on other claims that provided for attorney's fees
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-fees granted for litigating a separate case in which defendants were not parties, but where the issue was central to both actions
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-fees granted where plaintiff enters into legally enforceable settlement agreement with defendant
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-no fees to prevailing party where planning committee did not have the authority to enact attorney fees as part of the CC&Rs
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-no prevailing defendant when plaintiff dismissed all claims against defendants before motion to strike was filed by defendants
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-not entitled to award of attorney's fees under CC § 1717 where party brings tort action on the grounds that the action was not an action to enforce the contract
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-notice of appeal may subsume later order setting the amounts of the award
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-out-of-state attorney who merely assists California lawyer may recover attorney fees
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-partially prevailing defendant not entitled following voluntary dismissal of entire action
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-partially prevailing party subject to reduction in fees for counsel's work on unsuccessful or unrelated claims to the claim on which he succeeded
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-party prevails if he was able to achieve most or all of his litigation objectives
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-petition for relief from fee judgment permitted if underlying merits of judgment is reversed and party has paid adversary's attorney fees
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-prevailing party is ascertained by pragmatic assessment of the parties' ultimate positions vis à vis their litigation objectives, not by technicalities of pleading and procedure
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--attorney's fees may be reduced if prevailing defendant in anti-SLAPP action claims work not related to the motion to strike
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--defendant's motion to strike under the anti-SLAPP statute was frivolous, thus the granting of plaintiff's attorney fee request was not an abuse of discretion
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--does not authorize an award of attorney fees against plaintiff's counsel
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--advocacy groups filing amicus briefs are not opposing parties within meaning of section 1021.5 and therefore not liable for attorney fees
Connerly v. State Personnel Board (2006) 37 Cal.4th. 1169 [39 Cal.Rptr.3d 788]
---exception when amicus brief advocates same position as asserted in another case in which amici is a party
Ramon v. County of Santa Clara (2009) 173 Cal.App.4th 915 [93 Cal.Rptr.3d 278]
--application of catalyst theory
Hogar v. Community Development Com. of City of Escondido (2007) 157 Cal.App.4th 1358 [69 Cal.Rptr.3d 250]
--apportionment of attorney's fees may be appropriate under the statute if the court concludes that the successful litigant's reasonably expected financial benefits were sufficient to warrant placing part of the fee burden on the litigant
Collins v. City of Los Angeles (2012) 205 Cal.App.4th 140 [139 Cal.Rptr.3d 880]
--attorney's fees can only be recovered against opposing parties
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--does not preclude award of such fees in a family law case
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--litigant's personal non-pecuniary interest may not be used to deny litigant recovery of legal fees under the statute
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--must be successful party
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--party may receive attorney's fees incurred in an administrative hearing
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--requires a full fee award unless special circumstances would render such award unjust
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--right to attorney to intervene on own behalf in client's lawsuit to seek attorney's fees
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--trial court is not permitted to use a public entity's status to negate a lodestar that would otherwise be appropriate
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--no attorney fees are to be paid for successful defense of section 1983 claims, a federal civil rights law
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-under Endangered Species Act
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-under Fair Credit Reporting Act
--certain non-taxable costs, such as clerk and docketing fees, copying costs, can be awarded as part of a reasonable attorney's fees under 15 USCA § 1681o(a)(2); 28 U.S.C.A. § 1920 (the Fair Credit Reporting Act)
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-under Family Code section 272, subdivision (a), authorizes the court, in its discretion, to order one spouse to pay other spouse's attorney fees directly to attorney
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--finding of arbitrary and capricious action against school district
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-under Labor Code § 218.5
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--Labor Code § 218.5's award of attorney's fees not applicable to claims brought by former employees for failure to provide statutorily mandated meal and rest periods
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--salaried employee entitled to recover attorney's fees in action for non-payment of wages
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-unsuccessful plaintiff
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-award of attorney fees in an action to enforce any provision of a contract under CC § 1717 does not extend to tort claims
Gil v. Mansano (2004) 121 Cal.App.4th 739 [17 Cal.Rptr.3d 420]
-insured's assignment of a cause of action against an insurance company for tortious bad faith was entitled to recover attorney fees incurred in recovering policy benefits wrongfully withheld
Essex Insurance Co. v. Five Star Dye House Inc. (2006) 38 Cal.4th 1252 [45 Cal.Rptr.3d 362]
-under Code of Civil Procedure section 1038, the California Torts Claims Act does not authorize attorney fees for successful defense of section 1983 claims
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-fee awards in federal securities fraud actions must be reasonable in relation to plaintiffs' recovery
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-election of statutory damages precludes award
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-determination of a reasonable hourly rate based on the prevailing rates in the community in which local counsel practices
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-denial of attorney's fees where government's litigation position, although substandard, was not vexatious, frivolous, or pursued in bad faith
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-social security claimant timely files for attorney fees
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-fees paid directly to plaintiff's counsel by defendant pursuant to ADEA's fee-shifting provision is taxable income to plaintiff
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under 29 U.S.C. § 794 (Rehabilitation Act)
-claim for equal treatment in remedial programs for disabled inmates and parolees
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-court must provide detailed findings in support of any award
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-lump sum settlement offer that includes attorney's fees may violate plaintiff's implied federal right to contract with an attorney for the right to seek statutory attorney's fees
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-plaintiff who wins state claim but loses federal claim not awarded attorney fees
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-pro se attorney-defendant cannot recover statutory attorney fees as prevailing party in civil rights case
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-standing to pursue an award of fees, attorneys lack
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-superior performance in appropriate civil rights cases may allow for increase in fees beyond amount determined by lodestar calculation
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-fees denied to prevailing defendant where such award under state law is pre-empted by federal law
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--Civil Code section 55 mandatory award of attorney fees is not preempted by the federal American with Disabilities Act
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-prevailing party's conduct in unreasonably prolonging the litigation did not justify outright denial of fees
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-statutory silence regarding expenses incurred by a creditor does not necessarily mean foreclosure of a fee award from the debtor estate
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-judicial relief required for prevailing party status to recover attorney fees under the Act
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-fee application timely filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C.A. § 2412(d)(1)(B) may be amended after filing period has run may still qualify for consideration and determination on the merits
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-denial of fees to city in its successful lawsuit against a landlord, as the city sued only under the unfair competition law, which does not allow for recovery of attorney's fees
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-agreement providing that trial court will determine prevailing party and award of attorney fees is valid and enforceable
Jackson v. Homeowners Association Monte Vista Estates-East (2001) 93 Cal.App.4th 773 [113 Cal.Rptr.2d 363]
-attorney fees may be awarded to attorneys who represent each other in fee dispute with client that attorneys jointly represented
Farmers Insurance Exchange v. Law Offices of Conrado Joe Sayas, Jr. (9th Cir. 2001) 250 F.3d 1234
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-attorney represented by other members of his law firm is entitled to recover attorney fees where the representation involved the attorney's personal interests and not those of the firm
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-attorney who acted pro se in contract action may recover reasonable attorneys fees for legal services of assisting counsel
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-attorney's fees denied because prevailing party's tort action was not an action to enforce the contract
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-California law applies if its' interest in the matter is greater than that of the other state (to prevent unfair litigation tactics through one-sided attorney fee provisions)
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-denial of fees where party prevailed in enforcing contract that contained no attorney's fees provision while losing party championed another contract with a fees provision
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-equitable principles applied to reduce fees by 90% where court found prevailing litigant had unnecessarily prolonged the litigation and counsels time was not reasonably incurred
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-party that scored procedural victory not deemed to be prevailing party
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-plaintiff not prevailing party entitled to attorney fees when successful on defendant's appeal from denial of attorney fees
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-precluded where plaintiff voluntarily dismisses unlawful detainer matter sounding in contract
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-trial court must determine if an attorney-client relationship existed between co-plaintiffs before awarding attorney fees to pro se attorney in contempt proceedings
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-vacation of judgment as part of post-judgment settlement effectively eliminates fee award based on contract
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-where both contract and statute govern award of attorney's fees, prevailing party may also be entitled to recovery of appellate fees
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-claim to recover is a simple breach of contract claim and not a claim to recover a "retention," therefore fees are not recoverable
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-defendants entitled to attorney's fees even though plaintiffs dismissed appeal
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-defendants who fail to file an anti-SLAPP motion before the voluntary dismissal of all causes of actions against them cannot recover fees or costs
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-defendant's motion to strike under the anti-SLAPP statute was frivolous, thus the granting of plaintiff's attorney fee request was not an abuse of discretion
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-does not authorize an award of attorney fees against plaintiff's counsel
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-litigant who only partially successful on anti-SLAPP motion entitled to recover attorney fees
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-motion to strike found to be frivolous or solely intended to cause unnecessary delay
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--complaint did not arise from protected speech or petitioning activities, but from the nonpayment of a bill
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-party prevailing on an anti-SLAPP motion may seek fee award through three different avenues
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-prevailing defendant attorneys are not entitled to attorney fees because they incurred no attorney fees in representing themselves
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--attorney's fees recoverable where the court found that there was excusable neglect because counsel made an honest and reasonable mistake of law, which was held to be complex and debatable
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-attorney's fees not required to be specified in a complaint where the prevailing party could not have predicted the amount of fees it would incur after the litigation commenced and prior to the court awarding terminating sanctions against the adverse party
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-fees denied to prevailing creditor in an independent creditor's suit where there is no statutory authorization for such fee awards
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-attorney/lienholder could recover losses incurred in an action on an undertaking but not attorney's fees which were not authorized by statute (CCP §§ 720.260, 996.430)
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-prevailing plaintiff in lemon law suit could recover only pre-offer fees and costs where compromise offer exceeded damage award
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-advocacy groups filing amicus briefs are not opposing parties within meaning of section 1021.5 and therefore not liable for attorney fees
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-apportionment of attorney's fees may be appropriate under the statute if the court concludes that the successful litigant's reasonably expected financial benefits were sufficient to warrant placing part of the fee burden on the litigant
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-attorney's fees can only be recovered against opposing parties
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--fees denied where litigant had done nothing to curtail a public right other than to raise an issue in private litigation that resulted in an important legal precedent
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-must be successful party
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-requires a full fee award unless special circumstances would render such award unjust
Lyons v. Chinese Hospital Association (2006) 136 Cal.App.4th 1331 [39 Cal.Rptr.3d 550]
-right of attorney to intervene on own behalf in client's lawsuit to seek attorney's fees
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-plaintiff not entitled to fees where request was not included in default judgment
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-property owner is entitled to attorney's fees as prevailing party in action to enforce inverse condemnation judgment against city
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-does not authorize attorney fees for successful defense of section 1983 claims, a federal civil rights law
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-attorney fees may not be awarded to prevailing attorney acting in pro per
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Estate of Manuel (2010) 187 Cal.App.4th 400 [113 Cal.Rptr.3d 448]
under Corporations Code section 317
-fees denied on the grounds that employer is a limited liability company and as such is governed by the Limited Liability Company Act (Corporations Code § 17000 et seq.) which contains no provision similar to section 317 in mandating indemnification for claims against its agents and employees
Nicholas Laboratories, LLC v. Chen (2011) 199 Cal.App.4th 1240 [132 Cal.Rptr.3d 223]
-outside counsel retained by corporation to defend against litigation was not agent of corporation for purposes of statute indemnifying persons sued by reason of such agency for defense costs
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-failure to award fees to plaintiff wrongfully denied access to the defendant association's meeting minutes constituted abuse of discretion
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-city ordinance which provided for unilateral recovery of attorney fees found invalid because it conflicted with state statute permitting recovery of fees by a prevailing party
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-fees not recoverable unless they are specifically authorized by contract, statute, or law
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Thayer v. Wells Fargo Bank (2001) 92 Cal.App.4th 819, mod. at 93 Cal.App.4th 324A [112 Cal.Rptr.2d 284]
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-class member lacks standing to object to attorney's fees and costs because attorney failed to demonstrate how the award adversely affected that member or the class
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partner in a law firm may represent seller in a real estate transaction and accept a commission in lieu of legal fees so long as no one in the firm who does not hold a real estate broker's license performs any act for which a license is required (the Real Estate Law, Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 10000-10580)
88 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 203 (11/21/05, No. 04-1201)
payment of a real estate commission in lieu of hourly legal fee is not per se illegal
88 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 203 (11/21/05, No. 04-1201)
Reasonable number of hours times reasonable fee (community standards) for civil rights cases
White v. City of Richmond (9th Cir. 1983) 713 F.2d 458
Reasonable only
despite contract when contract is invalid
Denton v. Smith (1951) 101 Cal.App.2d 841 [226 P.2d 723]
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-whether contingent fee contract is unconscionable must be determined on situation as it appeared to parties at time it was entered into
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-creditor has burden of proving reasonableness of attorney fee claim
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-trustee fees not proper for duties that are not practice of law
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-one investigator shared among 12 contract defenders
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Failure to adequately prepare for criminal trial
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*People v. McDowell (1968) 69 Cal.2d 737 [71 Cal.Rptr. 1]
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Failure to advise client in immigration matters
People v. Kim (2009) 45 Cal.4th 1078 [90 Cal.Rptr.3d 355]
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Failure to advise client that making false statements on rental property application did not support conviction for making falsified financial statement
People v. Maguire (1998) 67 Cal.App.4th 1022 [79 Cal.Rptr.2d 573]
Failure to advise client to deny prior convictions
In re Yurko (1974) 10 Cal.3d 857, 866 [112 Cal.Rptr. 513]
Failure to advise/misadvise regarding immigration consequences of guilty plea
Padilla v. Kentucky (2010) 559 U.S. 356 [130 S.Ct. 1473]
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Failure to advise of consequences of guilty plea, record does not provide evidence of whether attorney was ineffective or not
U.S. v. Jeronimo (9th Cir. 2005) 398 F.3d 1149, 1155
Failure to advise or inform client whether to accept plea bargain
Missouri v. Frye (2012) __ U.S. __ [132 S.Ct. 1399]
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Failure to advise plea offer was an incorrect calculation of sentence enhancements
Johnson v. Uribe (9th Cir. 2012) 682 F.3d 1238
Failure to anticipate that criminal offenses would be grouped together for sentencing and then failure to advise client to withdraw his plea agreement resulted in deficient performance
U.S. v. Manzo (9th Cir. 2012) 675 F.3d 1204
Failure to appeal
In re Anthony J. (2004) 117 Cal.App.4th 718 [11 Cal.Rptr.3d 865]
Failure to appear at pretrial status conference
U.S. v. Benford (9th Cir. 2009) 574 F.3d 1228
Failure to argue all arguable issues
Redante v. Yockelson (2003) 112 Cal.App.4th 1351 [6 Cal.Rptr.3d 10]
In re Spears (1984) 157 Cal.App.3d 1203, 1210-1211 [204 Cal.Rptr. 333]
Failure to argue for dismissal of additional charges
People v. Santos (1990) 222 Cal.App.3d 723 [271 Cal.Rptr. 811]
Failure to argue mitigating circumstances
Clabourne v. Lewis (9th Cir. 1995) 64 F.3d 1373
Failure to argue potentially meritorious defense
People v. Diggs (1986) 177 Cal.App.3d 958 [223 Cal.Rptr. 361]
Failure to ascertain the truth of an allegation of a prior felony conviction
People v. Shells (1971) 4 Cal.3d 626 [94 Cal.Rptr. 275]
Failure to assert client's right
People v. Amerson (1984) 151 Cal.App.3d 165 [198 Cal.Rptr. 678]
Failure to assert diminished capacity defense
People v. Pensinger (1991) 52 Cal.3d 1210 [805 P.2d 899]
Failure to assert prosecutorial misconduct claim (which court deemed meritless)
Jones v. Ryan (9th Cir. 2012) 691 F.3d 1093
Failure to assist client in providing substantial assistance to the government
U.S. v. Leonti (9th Cir. (Hawaii) 2003) 326 F.3d 1111
Failure to assure presence of a defense witness at trial
People v. Demerson (1970) 4 Cal.App.3d 263 [84 Cal.Rptr. 202]
Failure to attack composition of jury
*People v. Standifer (1974) 38 Cal.App.3d 733, 745 [113 Cal.Rptr. 653]
Failure to brief best argument for appeal
United States v. Griffy (9th Cir. 1990) 895 F.2d 561
Failure to bring motion
People v. Darwiche (1984) 152 Cal.App.3d 630, 643 [199 Cal.Rptr. 806]
Failure to call certain witnesses
Porter v. McCollum (2009) 558 U.S. 30 [130 S.Ct. 447]
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Failure to call self-defense witnesses
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Failure to call the defendant to testify
People v. Eckstrom (1974) 43 Cal.App.3d 996 [118 Cal.Rptr. 391]
Failure to challenge improper ruling of court
People v. Davis (1984) 160 Cal.App.3d 970 [207 Cal.Rptr. 18]
Failure to challenge suggestive lineup identifications on appeal
In re Smith (1970) 3 Cal.3d 192 [90 Cal.Rptr. 1]
Failure to challenge witness' invocation of Fifth Amendment
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Failure to claim privilege in camera to admission of critical evidence
People v. Dorsey (1975) 46 Cal.App.3d 706, 718 [120 Cal.Rptr. 508]
Failure to communicate plea bargain accurately
Nunes v. Mueller (9th Cir. 2003) 350 F.3d 1045
Failure to communicate with client
Summerlin v. Schriro (9th Cir. 2005) 427 F.3d 623
U.S. v. Leonti (9th Cir. (Hawaii) 2003) 326 F.3d 1111
court restricted defendant from conferring, consulting or communicating with counsel
People v. Hernandez (2009) 178 Cal.App.4th 1510 [101 Cal.Rptr.3d 414]
Failure to communicate with client between arraignment and sentencing
People v. Goldman (1966) 245 Cal.App.2d 376 [53 Cal.Rptr. 810]
Failure to communicate with non-English speaking clients
Delgado v. Lewis (9th Cir. 2000) 223 F.3d 976
Failure to consult and present experts in firearms evidence, serology and pathology, no prejudice shown therefore no need to decide whether counsel acted unreasonably
Richter v. Hickman (9th Cir. 2008) 521 F.3d 1222
Failure to consult blood evidence expert within wide range of reasonable professional assistance
Harrington v. Richter (2011) __ U.S. __ [131 S.Ct. 770]
Failure to consult fingerprint expert
Schell v. Witek (1999) 181 F.3d 1094
Failure to consult with client about whether to appeal
Roe v. Flores-Ortega (2000) 528 U.S. 470 [120 S.Ct. 1029]
Failure to contact alleged alibi witness
Luna v. Cambra (9th Cir. 2002) 306 F.3d 954
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In re Cudjo (1999) 20 Cal.4th 673 [85 Cal.Rptr.2d 436]
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People v. Ricks (1958) 161 Cal.App.2d 674 [327 P.2d 209]
Failure to correct courts mistaken belief that defendant had been warned that prior conviction would constitute a strike
People v. Thimmes (2006) 138 Cal.App.4th 1207 [41 Cal.Rptr.3d 925]
Failure to deny defendant's guilt during closing argument to the jury
People v. Wade (1987) 43 Cal.3d 366, 375-378 [233 Cal.Rptr. 48]
People v. Jackson (1980) 28 Cal.3d 264, 292 [168 Cal.Rptr. 603, 618 P.2d 149]
Failure to disclose parole consequences of a guilty plea
Doganiere v. United States (9th Cir. 1990) 914 F.2d 165
Failure to elicit through cross-examination, that the witnesses knew they would receive a reward
Reynoso v. Giurbino (9th Cir. 2006) 462 F.3d 1099
Failure to enter pleas of not guilty by reason of insanity
People v. Henning (2009) 178 Cal.App.4th 388 [100 Cal.Rptr.3d 419]
In re Kubler (1975) 53 Cal.App.3d 799 [126 Cal.Rptr. 25]
withdrawal of insanity claim at NGI phase that had almost no chance of success
Knowles v. Mirzayance (2009) 556 U.S. 111 [129 S.Ct. 1411]
Failure to examine court file on defendants prior conviction
Rompilla v. Beard (2005) 545 U.S. 374 [125 S.Ct. 2456]
Failure to examine probation file before revocation hearing
People v. Gayton (2006) 137 Cal.App.4th 96 [40 Cal.Rptr.3d 40]
Failure to exercise peremptory challenges
Davis v. Woodford (9th Cir. 2003) 333 F.3d 982
Failure to expressly state a claim
People v. Whitt (1984) 36 Cal.3d 724, 739-740 [205 Cal.Rptr. 810]
Failure to file a brief in compliance with applicable procedures
U.S. v. Skurdal (9th Cir. MT 2003) 341 F.3d 921
Failure to file an opening brief
In re Gruanu (2008) 169 Cal.App.4th 997 [86 Cal.Rptr.3d 908]
Failure to file timely notice of appeal
Roe v. Flores-Ortega (2000) 528 U.S. 470 [120 S.Ct. 1029]
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Mackey v. Hoffman (9th Cir. 2012) 682 F.3d 1247
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Canales v. Roe (9th Cir. 1998) 151 F.3d 1226 [949 F.Supp. 762]
Failure to file written statement required by Penal Code section 1237.5
People v. Ivester (1991) 235 Cal.App.3d 328
Failure to focus on exculpatory evidence in closing is not ineffective assistance of counsel
Yarborough v. Gentry (2003) 540 U.S. 1 [124 S.Ct. 1]
Failure to give timely notice of motion to suppress evidence
People v. Lewis (1977) 71 Cal.App.3d 817, 821 [139 Cal.Rptr. 673]
Failure to have semen sample taken from victim subjected to genetic typing
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Failure to impeach witness
Reynoso v. Giurbino (9th Cir. 2006) 462 F.3d 1099
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Howard v. Clark (9th Cir. 2010) 608 F.3d 563
Failure to inform defendant that prior felony convictions that were admitted could be used to impeach him if he testified
People v. Hill (1976) 64 Cal.App.3d 16, 30 [134 Cal.Rptr. 443]
Failure to interview eyewitnesses
Avila v. Galaza (9th Cir. 2002) 297 F.3d 911
People v. Bess (1984) 153 Cal.App.3d 1053 [200 Cal.Rptr. 773]
surviving victim of crime charged
Howard v. Clark (9th Cir. 2010) 608 F.3d 563
Failure to introduce evidence, defendant's statement to investigators
Davis v. Woodford (9th Cir. 2003) 333 F.3d 982
Failure to introduce evidence which did not result in undermining of confidence in the outcome
Karis v. Calderon (9th Cir. 2002) 283 F.3d 1117
Failure to introduce exculpatory evidence
Avila v. Galaza (9th Cir. 2002) 297 F.3d 911
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Jones v. Wood (9th Cir. (Washington) 2000) 207 F.3d 557
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Failure to investigate/research
Lambright v. Schriro (9th Cir. 2007) 490 F.3d 1103
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United States v. Howard (9th Cir. 2004) 381 F.3d 873
Failure to make a closing argument
People v. Espinoza (1979) 99 Cal.App.3d 44 [159 Cal.Rptr. 803]
Failure to make all objections possible to prosecutor's questioning of witnesses
People v. Hayes (1971) 19 Cal.App.3d 459, 471 [96 Cal.Rptr. 879]
Failure to make an opening statement
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People v. Hayes (1971) 19 Cal.App.3d 459, 471 [96 Cal.Rptr. 879]
Failure to make arguments or file documents at automatic application to modify verdict stage is not error warranting reversal
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Failure to make motions
People v. Saldana (1984) 157 Cal.App.3d 443, 459, 462-463 [204 Cal.Rptr. 465]
Failure to move for a change of venue
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Failure to move for a continuance
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Failure to move for a dismissal of charges untimely raised in a superceding indictment
U.S. v. Palomba (9th Cir. 1994) 31 F.3d 1456
Failure to move for a mistrial following revelation of jurors' premature discussion of case
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People v. Steger (1976) 16 Cal.3d 539, 551 [128 Cal.Rptr. 161]
Failure to move for a severance
People v. Adams (1980) 101 Cal.App.3d 791 [162 Cal.Rptr. 72]
People v. Reeder (1978) 82 Cal.App.3d 543, 556 [147 Cal.Rptr. 275]
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People v. Simms (1970) 10 Cal.App.3d 299, 313 [89 Cal.Rptr. 1]
People v. Doebke (1969) 1 Cal.App.3d 931, 937 [81 Cal.Rptr. 391]
Failure to move for acquittal during trial
no error when motion was obviously a losing motion
U.S. v. Ross (9th Cir. 2003) 338 F.3d 1054

Failure to move for substitution
People v. Jones (2010) 186 Cal.App.4th 216 [111 Cal.Rptr.3d 745]
In re Edward S. (2009) 173 Cal.App.4th 387 [92 Cal.Rptr.3d 725]
Failure to move for the identity of an informant to be disclosed
People v. Cooper (1979) 94 Cal.App.3d 672, 681 [156 Cal.Rptr. 646]
Failure to move that victim be ordered to submit to psychiatric examination
People v. Belasco (1981) 125 Cal.App.3d 974 [178 Cal.Rptr. 461]
Failure to move to disqualify judge
People v. Beaumaster (1971) 17 Cal.App.3d 996, 1009 [95 Cal.Rptr. 360]
Failure to move to suppress evidence - Counsel not given opportunity to explain failure to renew suppression of evidence
People v. Hinds (2003) 108 Cal.App.4th 897,[134 Cal.Rptr. 196]
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*People v. Piper (1980) 103 Cal.App.3d 102, 106 [162 Cal.Rptr. 833]
People v. Perry (1979) 100 Cal.App.3d 251, 264 [161 Cal.Rptr. 108]
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In re Golia (1971) 16 Cal.App.3d 775, 779 [94 Cal.Rptr. 323]
*People v. Hoffmann (1970) 7 Cal.App.3d 39 [86 Cal.Rptr. 435]
Failure to move to suppress witness in-court identification of defendant
People v. Harpool (1984) 155 Cal.App.3d 877, 885 [202 Cal.Rptr. 467]
Failure to move to withdraw guilty plea
United States v. Alvarez-Tautimez (9th Cir. 1998) 160 F.3d 573
Failure to move to withdraw guilty pleas when court failed to treat offense as misdemeanor as part of a plea bargain
People v. Ham (1975) 44 Cal.App.3d 288, 292 [188 Cal.Rptr. 591]
Failure to move to withdraw where defender was provided inadequate investigative services by county
People v. Jones (2010) 186 Cal.App.4th 216 [111 Cal.Rptr.3d 745]
Failure to object and request an admonition on each occasion that hearsay evidence was offered which was admissible only against a co-defendant
People v. Doebke (1969) 1 Cal.App.3d 931, 937 [81 Cal.Rptr. 391]
Failure to object to a structural error, not a frivolous claim
United States v. Withers (9th Cir. 2010) 638 F.3d 1055
Failure to object to admission of confession
Anderson v. Alameida (9th Cir. 2005) 397 F.3d 1175
Failure to object to admission of evidence
Boyde v. Brown (9th Cir. 2005) 404 F.3d 1159
Karis v. Calderon (9th Cir. 2002) 283 F.3d 1117
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In re Possino (1984) 37 Cal.3d 163 [207 Cal.Rptr. 543, 689 P.2d 115]
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After trial
CAL 1987-95, CAL 1976-39
Court-imposed, post-trial restrictions pursuant to trial court's inherent authority
Townsel v. Superior Court (1999) 20 Cal.4th 1084 [86 Cal.Rptr.2d 602]
Ex parte communications between trial judge and a deliberating jury are prohibited
People v. Bradford (2007) 154 Cal.App.4th 1390 [65 Cal.Rptr.3d 548]
Jurors have absolute right to refuse to discuss deliberations or verdict with defense counsel
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LABOR UNION
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CAL 1971-24
Lawyer, government employee
as member of
LA 337 (1973)
Lay employee shows membership in after signature
CAL 1971-24

LAW CORPORATIONS [See Professional corporations.]
Business and Professions Code sections 6125, 6126, 6127, 6160, et seq.
Bound by applicable statutes, rules, and regulations to the same extent therein as a member of the State Bar
People ex rel. Herrera v. Stender (2012) 212 Cal.App.4th 614 [152 Cal.Rptr.3d 16]
Bound by rules prohibiting aiding the unauthorized practice of law by resigned attorneys
People ex rel. Herrera v. Stender (2012) 212 Cal.App.4th 614 [152 Cal.Rptr.3d 16]
Failure to register as a professional law corporation has no effect on fees charged by a law firm or partnership
Steven M. Garber & Associates v. Eskandarian (2007) 150 Cal.App.4th 813 [59 Cal.Rptr.3d 1]
Olson v. Cohen (2003) 106 Cal.App.4th 1209 [131 Cal.Rptr.3d 620]
Inapplicable to duly certified professional corporation
Business and Professions Code section 6127.5
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defined
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director
-shareholder must be licensed
--income while disqualified person
Business and Professions Code section 6165
--must be licensed person
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Business and Professions Code section 6168
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Nonprofit corporation
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Business and Professions Code section 6162
Rules, The State Bar of California Law Corporation [A copy of the full text of these rules may be obtained by contacting the Law Corporation Department of the Office of Certification at the State Bar's 180 Howard location in San Francisco.]
authority to promulgate
Business and Professions Code section 6171
Shareholder who leaves firm has no ownership or lien interest upon fees owed to firm by client
City of Morgan Hill v. Brown (1999) 71 Cal.App.4th 1114 [84 Cal.Rptr.2d 361]
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-nothing in this article affects or impairs
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Business and Professions Code Section 6169(d)
Supreme Court of California
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-nothing in this article affects or impairs
Business and Professions Code section 6172
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Business and Professions Code section 6170

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Deerings Annotated California Codes, Rules of Court, State Bar Rules (p. 417), and in
West's Annotated California Codes, Court Rules, vol. 23, pt 3, p. 738
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LAW FIRM [See Corporation, professional. Partnership, advertising. Practice of law].

LAW OFFICE [See Advertising, law office. Practice of law.]
Announcement of formation of practice
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Branch office
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LA 446 (1987)
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LA 340 (1973), LA(I) 1970-2
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LA 199 (1952)
school that teaches how to obtain government loans
LA(I) 1976-5
stenography
LA 214 (1953)
By partnership
LA 325 (1972)
Dummy
LA 198 (1952)
Relocation of
announcement of
LA 104 (1936)
Share with
accountant
LA(I) 1968-1
bail company
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foreign attorney
LA 99 (1936)
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LA 215 (1953)
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LA(I) 1963-8, SD 1974-23
land developer
LA(I) 1968-1
real estate business
LA (I) 1970-2
reception room
-investigator
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LA (I) 1937-1

LAW STUDENT [See Admission to the Bar. Lay employee. Lay person. Practical training of law students.]
Presentation by to state agency
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LAWYER [See Admission to the bar.]
Business and Professions Code section 6060, et. seq.
Circulation of list of lawyers who do not extend normal courtesies
LA 364 (1976)
Definition
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Rule 1-100(B)(3), Rules of Professional Conduct
Duties
Business and Professions Code section 6068
MCLE (Minimum Continuing Legal Education)
Warden v. State Bar (1999) 21 Cal.4th 628
Greenberg v. State Bar of California (2000) 78 Cal.App.4th 39 [92 Cal.Rptr.2d 493]
Mandatory bar membership
Morrow, et al. v. State Bar (9th Cir. 1999) 188 F.3d 1174
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LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE [See Group legal services. Referral of legal business.]
Rule 2-102, Rules of Professional Conduct (operative until May 26, 1989)
Rule 1-600, Rules of Professional Conduct (operative as of May 27, 1989)

Emmons, et. al. v. State Bar (1970) 6 Cal.App.3d 565 [86 Cal.Rptr. 367]
Duty to advise referred persons that counsel will divide fee with service
SD 1973-12
Failure to comply with minimumstandards for a lawyer referral service
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Financing of
LA(I) 1965-7, SD 1973-12
General guidelines
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Immunity from liability for referrals
if authorized by the State Bar of California and in conformance with minimum standards for a lawyer referral service in California
Civil Code section 43.95
Income of organization
from operation of lawyer referral service in conformance with the minimum standards of a lawyer referral service
-excluded
Revenue and Taxation Code section 23734d
Minimum standards for a lawyer referral service [The full text is reprinted at at part IA., appendix A of this Compendium.]
Civil Code section 43.95
Revenue and Taxation Code section 23734d
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Rule 1-600, Rules of Professional Conduct (operative as of May 27, 1989)
Participation in
LA(I) 1960-3
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SD 1977-5
Referral agreement with layperson unenforceable for non-compliance with Business and Professions Code § 6155
Hyon v. Selten (2007) 152 Cal.App.4th 463 [60 Cal.Rptr.3d 896]

LAWYER'S PERSONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA
For confidential assistance with chemical dependency, substance abuse, and emotional distress, contact:
Center for Human Resources/West
(415) 502-7290
For information about program, contact:
Office of Professional Competence, Planning & Development
(415) 538-2107

LAY EMPLOYEE [See Contingent fee. Division of fees. Fees. Foreign attorney. Lay person. Witness.]
Accountant
SD 1974-17
Card, professional [See Advertising.]
Certified law student
People v. Perez (1979) 24 Cal.3d 133, 138 [155 Cal.Rptr. 176]
SD 1974-5
Client trust account
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Compensation of
division of fees
LA 222 (1954), LA 190 (1952)
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LA(I) 1972-25
Confidential information disclosed, when employed by several law firms
CAL 1979-50
Executor for opposing party's estate
LA 341 (1973)
Expert
handwriting
LA 46 (1927)
Fee for services
LA(I) 1973-7, LA(I) 1968-4
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administrative agency practice
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SD 1978-4
settlement
LA(I) 1972-19
Responsibility for acts of
Crane v. State Bar (1981) 30 Cal.3d 117 [177 Cal.Rptr. 670]
Black v. State Bar (1972) 7 Cal.3d 676, 692 [103 Cal.Rptr. 288, 499 P.2d 968
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LA(I) 1976-1
Shows labor union membership after signature
CAL 1971-24
Signing on client trust account
CAL 1988-97
Uses card showing relationship to lawyer
LA 346 (1975), LA 172 (1950), LA(I) 1956-2
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LAY INTERMEDIARIES [See Division of fees. Referral of legal business. Solicitation of business.]
Association
act for members of
LA(I) 1947-8
trade, advise members of
LA 155 (1945)
Communicate with opposing party through
Shalant v. State Bar (1983) 33 Cal.3d 485, 489 [189 Cal.Rptr. 374]
LA 315 (1970)
Consulting firm, advise customers of
LA 194 (1952)
Corporation
represent customers of
LA 262 (1959)
Family counseling corporation, represent clients of
LA 270 (1962)
Interpreters in court
People v. Shaw (1984) 35 Cal.3d 535 [198 Cal.Rptr. 72]
Labor union, represent members of
LA 151 (1944)

LAY PERSON [See Contingent fee. Law student. Lay employee. Patent attorney. Practice of law. Unauthorized practice of law.]
Bankruptcy petition preparers (BPP) (11 U.S.C.A. § 110(h))
BPP can only transcribe and type bankruptcy forms that debtor alone must prepare without assistance and may charge only what professional typists or word processors would charge
Scott v. United States (In re Doser) (9th Cir. 2005) 412 F.3d 1056
IRS agents not entitled to absolute immunity
sanction of person when taking action provoking lawsuit
Bothke v. Fluor Engineers and Constructors, Inc. (9th Cir. 1983) 713 F.2d 1405

Listed on law office door
LA(I) 1956-6
Partnership with
Rule 3-103, Rules of Professional Conduct
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LA(I) 1966-18
accountant
LA(I) 1959-5
SD 1974-17
LECTURE [See Advertising. Publication.]
CAL 1972-29, CAL 1967-12
LEGAL AID [See Indigent persons.]
Ferreira v. Swoap (1976) 62 Cal.App.3d 875 [133 Cal.Rptr. 449]
Agency
advertising, referrals, referral panel, definition of fee generating case
SD 1976-7
advertising or solicitation by
SD 1974-9
control over activities of
-by lawyer employees of
SD 1974-9, SF 1976-1
disclosure of data about clients of
LA 378 (1978), LA 358 (1976)
disposition of unclaimed clients' funds by
CAL 1975-36
fund raising by
SD 1974-9
propriety of being employed by
LA(I) 1965-1
Divorce
advise client how to obtain in pro per divorce
SD 1972-6
Fees
award of fees to legal aid foundation pursuant to contract, not by statute or common law right, does not violate ban on awards to recipients of Legal Services Corporation funding under 45 C.F.R. § 1642.2
Peretz v. Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (2004) 122 Cal.App.4th Supp. 1 [18 Cal.Rptr.3d 863]
Legal Services Corporation has exclusive jurisdiction over compliance with 45 C.F.R. § 1642.2 by recipient legal aid foundations
Peretz v. Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (2004) 122 Cal.App.4th Supp. 1 [18 Cal.Rptr.3d 863]
Funding
award of fees to legal aid foundation pursuant to contract, not by statute or common law right, does not violate ban on awards to recipients of Legal Services Corporation funding under 45 C.F.R. § 1642.2
Peretz v. Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (2004) 122 Cal.App.4th Supp. 1 [18 Cal.Rptr.3d 863]
Congressional restriction on funding of organizations that represent indigent clients in loss of welfare benefits suits violates First Amendment
Legal Services Corp. v. Velazquez (2001) 531 U.S. 533 [121 S.Ct. 1043]
lack of funding makes withdrawal and effective representation impossible or unreasonably difficult
CAL 1981-64
Lay person, participation in
Brockey v. Moore (2003) 107 Cal.App.4th 86 [131 Cal.Rptr.2d 746]
SD 1983-4
Legal aid lawyer
withdrawal by
SF 1973-5
Legal services corporation including non-attorney shareholders
LA 444 (1987)
Program organized by non-profit corporation
LA(I) 1972-24
Public defender
offers to represent indigent before arraignment
LA(I) 1954-2
Representation of client who possess assets
SD 1983-6
LEGAL DIRECTORY [See Advertising, directory of lawyers. Solicitation of business, inclusion in list of approved practitioners.]
Certified law lists
SF 1975-3
Judicial office, former noted in
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Listing
SD 1968-1
of interstate partnership
SF 1974-5
Out-of-state attorney listed in
LA 249 (1958)
LEGAL SERVICES [See Legal aid.]
United Mine Workers v. Illinois State Bar Assn. (1967) 389 U.S. 217 [88 S.Ct. 353]
Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen v. Virginia (1964) 377 U.S. 1 [84 S.Ct. 1113]
NAACP v. Button (1963) 371 U.S. 415 [83 S.Ct. 328]
Brotsky v. State Bar (1962) 57 Cal.2d 287 [19 Cal.Rptr. 153]
Hildebrand v. State Bar (1950) 36 Cal.2d 504 [225 P.2d 508]
Attorney renders legal services to clients of financial planning company
LA 510 (2003)
Lack of funding makes effective representation unreasonably difficult or impossible, withdrawal
CAL 1981-64
Legal services corporation including non-attorney shareholders
LA 444 (1987)
Partnership with non-lawyer living trust marketers
CAL 1997-148
Referral fees
Emmons, Williams, Mires & Leech v. State Bar (1970) 6 Cal.App.3d 565 [86 Cal.Rptr. 367]
LEGAL SPECIALIZATION [See Advertising. Practice of law. Specialization.]
Advertising
notice to apprise profession of specialized service
LA 110 (1937)
Appellate briefs
LA 258 (1959)
Bankruptcy
LA 258 (1959)
California Board of Legal Specialization
Rules Governing the State Bar of California Program for Certifying Legal Specialists
Text of rules and regulations is located in:
Deerings Annotated California Codes, Rules of Court, State Bar Rules (p. 433), and in
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Telephone: (415) 538-2100
Certified specialist
authority over
LA(I) 1974-4
Consultative practice
LA 258 (1959)
Corporate litigation
LA(I) 1948-1
Division of community property
LA(I) 1948-1

Divorce
LA 179 (1951)
Drafting
LA 209 (1953)
Holding out as specialist [see Advertising]
Rule 1-400(D)(6), Rules of Professional Conduct (operative as of June 1, 1997)
Rule 1-400, std. 11, Rules of Professional Conduct (operative as of May 27, 1989)
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Wright v. Williams (1975) 47 Cal.App.3d 802 [121 Cal.Rptr. 194]
International law
LA 230 (1955)
Lawyer referral service
Business and Professions Code section 6155
Rule 2-102, Rules of Professional Conduct
State Bar Minimum Standards for a Lawyer Referral Service, section 5.2
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LA(I) 1948-1
Legal research
LA 209 (1953)
Medical jurisprudence
LA(I) 1961-1
Part-time services
LA 258 (1959)
Patents
LA 232 (1956), LA 44 (1927)
Private international law
LA(I) 1970-4
Receiverships
LA(I) 1948-1
Reorganizations
LA(I) 1948-1
Selective Service Act
LA 180 (1951)
Taxation
LA 168 (1948)
Workers' compensation
LA(I) 1959-2

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Accountant's lawyer shown on
LA 164 (1947)
Dead lawyer's name on
CAL 1986-90, LA(I) 1962-5
Former judge
judicial office shown on
SF 1973-11
Holding out as specialist [see Advertising]
Rule 1-400(D)(6), Rules of Professional Conduct (operative as of June 1, 1997)
Rule 1-400, std. 11, Rules of Professional Conduct (operative as of May 27, 1989)
Peel v. Attorney Regulatory and Disciplinary Commission of Illinois (1990) 496 U.S. 91 [110 S.Ct. 2281]
Wright v. Williams (1975) 47 Cal.App.3d 802 [121 Cal.Rptr. 194]
Inactive lawyer on
Business and Professions Code section 6132
LA 310 (1969)
Lay person on
LA(I) 1964-4
Lay person's law degree noted on
LA 39 (1927)
Name of lawyer who is not associated with office on
SD 1969-4
Of client, counsel shown on
SD 1972-16, LA 289 (1965), LA 185 (1951), LA 173 (1950), LA 164 (1947), LA 43 (1927), LA(I) 1965-17, LA(I) 1965-15
"Of counsel" on
Rule 1-400, std. 8, Rules of Professional Conduct
CAL 1993-129, CAL 1986-88
LA 516 (2006), LA 421 (1983), LA 306 (1968), LA(I) 1967-8
Of office sharers [See Law office.]
CAL 1971-27
Of organization, lawyer-officer of identified on
LA 286 (1965), LA 256 (1959)
Out-of-state attorney or firm on
LA 332 (1973), LA 202 (1952), LA 189 (1952), LA(I) 1967-8, LA(I) 1965-9, LA(I) 1959-3
Out-of-state attorney's
LA(I) 1960-1
Partnership
foreign lawyer or firm on
LA 332 (1973), LA 249 (1958), LA 230 (1955), LA(I) 1965-9, SF 1974-1
former member shown on
-inactive partner
LA 310 (1969)
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LA 230 (1955)
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LA(I) 1959-3
Professional corporation
SD 1978-4
Public office of former judge shown on
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LA 260 (1959)
Qualifications on
academic degrees
SD 1974-10
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LA 224 (1955)
membership
-bar association
LA 153 (1945)
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LA 349 (1975), LA(I) 1961-1
-specialities
LA 230 (1955),LA 168 (1948),LA(I) 1961-1
Union emblem on
CAL 1971-24
Use of
educational activity
SD 1974-21
political activity
LA 250 (1958)
Used by
client for collections
CAL 1982-68
LA(I) 1968-3
collection supervisor
SD 1978-4

LIEN [See Attorney's lien. Fees, collection of.]
Absent a petition by attorney seeking court confirmation of an arbitration award, such award has no greater force or effect than an attorney's written retainer agreement specifying an amount of attorney's fee and assigning it a lien on any settlement or judgment (CCP 1285.4 et seq.)
Loeb v. Record (2008) 162 Cal.App.4th 431 [75 Cal.Rptr.3d 551]
Attorney having a valid but unperfected security interest has priority over other unsecured creditors where the People failed to substantially comply with Penal Code § 186.11
People v. Green (2004) 125 Cal.App.4th 360 [22 Cal.Rptr.3d 736]

Attorney's lien is created and takes effect at the time fee contract is executed
Plummer v. Day/Eisenberg, LLP (2010) 184 Cal.App.4th 38 [108 Cal.Rptr.3d 455]
Brown v. Superior Court (2004) 116 Cal.App.4th 320 [9 Cal.Rptr.3d 912]
Attorney's lien not payable in circumvention of the Bankruptcy Code
In re Monument Auto Detail, Inc. (9th Cir. BAP 1998) 226 B.R. 219 [33 Bankr.Ct.Dec. 419]
Client settlement
failure of subsequent counsel to honor
-liability for interference with prospective economic advantage
Plummer v. Day/Eisenberg, LLP (2010) 184 Cal.App.4th 38 [108 Cal.Rptr.3d 455]
Levin v. Gulf Insurance Group (1998) 69 Cal.App.4th 1282 [82 Cal.Rptr.2d 228]
Pearlmutter v. Alexander (1979) 97 Cal.App.3d Supp. 16 [158 Cal.Rptr. 762]
Common fund doctrine does not apply to contractual medical lienholders in personal injury matters
City and County of San Francisco v. Sweet (1995) 12 Cal.4th 105, 110, 115-117
Farmers Insurance Exchange et al. v. Smith (1999) 71 Cal.App.4th 660 [83 Cal.Rptr.2d 911]
Lovett v. Carrasco (1998) 63 Cal.App.4th 48 [73 Cal.Rptr.2d 496]
County's right to recover lien for medical expenses from injured debtor's settlement
Tapia v. Pohlman (1998) 68 Cal.App.4th 1126 [81 Cal.Rptr.2d 1]
Hospital's right to assert a lien on patient's lawsuit recovery once Medi-Cal payments accepted
Brooks v. St. Mary Hospital (1997) 57 Cal.App.4th 241 [66 Cal.Rptr.2d 820]
Insurance company pays fee to insured's attorney to protect insurer's lien on insured's settlement
LA 352 (1976)
Judgment creditor denied recovery of attorney's fees incurred against another judgment creditor as to priority of judgments against judgment debtor where judgment debtor did not challenge judgment creditor's rights
Slates v. Gorabi (2010) 189 Cal.App.4th 1210 [117 Cal.Rptr.3d 279]
Notice
Great-West Life & Annuity Ins. Co. v. Knudson (2002) 534 U.S. 204 [122 S.Ct. 708
County of Los Angeles v. Construction Laborers Trust Funds for Southern California Administrative Co. (2006) 137 Cal.App.4th 410 [39 Cal.Rptr.3d 917]
Carroll v. Interstate Brands Corp. (2002) 99 Cal.App.4th 1168 [121 Cal.Rptr.2d 532]
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Farmers Insurance Exchange v. Zerin (1997) 53 Cal.App.4th 445 [61 Cal.Rptr.2d 707]
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc. v. Aguiluz (1996) 47 Cal.App.4th 302 [54 Cal.Rptr.2d 665]
Hansen v. Haywood (1986) 186 Cal.App.3d 350 [230 Cal.Rptr. 580]
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CAL 2009-177, CAL 2008-175
attorney may choose to file notice of lien in an underlying action against debtor/client, although attorney is not required to do so
Brown v. Superior Court (2004) 116 Cal.App.4th 320 [9 Cal.Rptr.3d 912]
Physician
CAL 1988-101, CAL 1991-28(I)
LA 478 (1994), LA 368 (1977), LA 357 (1976)
Priority of
Gilman v. Dalby (2009) 176 Cal.App.4th 606 [98 Cal.Rptr.3d 231]
Waltrip v. Kimberlin (2008) 164 Cal.App.4th 517 [79 Cal.Rptr.3d 460]
Pangborn Plumbing Corp. v. Carruthers & Skiffington (2002) 97 Cal.App.4th 1039 [119 Cal.Rptr.2d 416]
Atascadero Factory Outlets, Inc. v. Augustini & Wheeler LLP (2000) 83 Cal.App.4th 717 [99 Cal.Rptr.2d 911]
Epstein v. Abrams (1997) 57 Cal.App.4th 1159 [67 Cal.Rptr.2d 555]
Cappa v. F & K Rock & Sand, Inc. (1988) 203 Cal.App.3d 172 [249 Cal.Rptr. 718]
attorney having a valid but unperfected security interest has priority over other unsecured creditors where the People failed to substantially comply with Penal Code § 186.11
People v. Green (2004) 125 Cal.App.4th 360 [22 Cal.Rptr.3d 736]
attorney's lien is subordinate to an adverse party's right to offset judgments
Pou Chen Corporation v. MTS Products (2010) 183 Cal.App.4th 188 [107 Cal.Rptr.3d 57]
attorney's lien, if valid, on proceeds of client's subsequent judgment has priority over judgment creditor's lien on same judgment
Brown v. Superior Court (2004) 116 Cal.App.4th 320 [9 Cal.Rptr.3d 912]
between contractual medical lien and an attorney lien for fees and costs of litigation in a contingency fee case
Gilman v. Dalby (2009) 176 Cal.App.4th 606 [98 Cal.Rptr.3d 231]
child support obligations have priority over attorney's fees on funds from liquidated assets deposited in attorney's client trust account in anticipation of legal services
Brothers v. Kern (2007) 154 Cal.App.4th 126, 64 Cal.Rptr.3d 239]
equitable lien for fees
County of Los Angeles v. Construction Laborers Trust Funds for Southern California Administrative Co. (2006) 137 Cal.App.4th 410 [39 Cal.Rptr.3d 917]
exceptions to priority of attorney's lien
Pangborn Plumbing Corp. v. Carruthers & Skiffington (2002) 97 Cal.App.4th 1039 [119 Cal.Rptr.2d 416]
-judgment creditor's application for proceeds of judgment bears burden of persuading court that it should be granted to satisfy judgment creditor's lien over an attorney's potentially senior claim of lien on same proceeds
Brown v. Superior Court (2004) 116 Cal.App.4th 320 [9 Cal.Rptr.3d 912]
judgment creditor's lien did not cover commercial tort claims
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Third party
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attorney as third-party lien claimant entitled to proceeds, over other claimants, from disposition of property where the People failed to substantially comply with this statute
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duty of attorney
Farmers Insurance Exchange et al. v. Smith (1999) 71 Cal.App.4th 660 [83 Cal.Rptr.2d 911]
Farmers Insurance Exchange v. Zerin (1997) 53 Cal.App.4th 445 [61 Cal.Rptr.2d 707]
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-tolled for bringing legal malpractice action while attorney continues to represent plaintiff even where plaintiff knows of attorney's wrongful act/omission
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Gold v. Weissman (2004) 114 Cal.App.4th 1195 [8 Cal.Rptr.3d 480]
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-tolled if criminal malpractice claim is filed within one-year or four-year limitations period to plaintiff to timely pursue post-conviction remedies
Rose v. Hudson (2007) 153 Cal.App.4th 641 [63 Cal.Rptr.3d 248]
-tolled when plaintiff gives notice required by CCP § 364 within the last 90 days of the one-year statute
Russell v. Stanford University Hospital (1996) 44 Cal.App.4th 1798 [52 Cal.Rptr.2d 645]
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California Rule of Court 9.42
Certification of law students
under State Bar Rules Governing the Practical Training of Law Students
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West's Annotated California Codes, Court Rules, vol. 23, pt 3
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People v. Dontanville (1970) 10 Cal.App.3d 783, 795 [89 Cal.Rptr. 172]
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People v. Friend (2009) 47 Cal.4th 1 [97 Cal.Rptr.3d 1]
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Allen v. Woodford (9th Cir. 2005) 395 F.3d 979
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People v. Martin (1980) 101 Cal.App.3d 1000, 1008-1009 [162 Cal.Rptr. 133]
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People v. Lewis (2004) 117 Cal.App.4th 246 [12 Cal.Rptr.3d 1]
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People v. Guzman (2000) 80 Cal.App.4th 1282 [96 Cal.Rptr.2d 87]
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People v. Flores (1976) 55 Cal.App.3d 118
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People v. Martin (1980) 101 Cal.App.3d 1000, 1004-1008 [162 Cal.Rptr. 133]
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People v. Lindsey (1988) 205 Cal.App.3d 112, mod. 205 Cal.App.3d 986d
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People v. Villa (1980) 109 Cal.App.3d 360, 364-367 [167 Cal.Rptr. 265]
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People v. Watts (1954) 126 Cal.App.2d 659, 662-63 [272 P.2d 814]
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People v. Lovett (1978) 82 Cal.App.3d 527, 534 [147 Cal.Rptr. 136]
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*People v. Gaines (1980) 103 Cal.App.3d 89, 92-96 [162 Cal.Rptr. 827]
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People v. Blair (1975) 51 Cal.App.3d 480, 486 [124 Cal.Rptr. 123]
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*People v. Piper (1980) 103 Cal.App.3d 102, 112-113 [162 Cal.Rptr. 833]
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Disclosure of wiretap after its authorization expires violated 18 U.S.C. 2232(c)
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-who failed to settle claim
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LA 67 (1932)
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-where lawyer hired to advise, counsel, and represent employee of industrial organization
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After disbarment
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Calaway v. State Bar (1986) 41 Cal.3d 743
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In the Matter of Ainsworth (Review Dept. 1998) 3 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 894
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After resignation with disciplinary charges pending
denied for failure to make restitution
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does not affect the necessity for a reinstatement proceeding
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petitioner must pass professional responsibility examination and demonstrate rehabilitation, present moral qualifications, and present learning and ability in the general law
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reimbursement of Client Security Fund is a condition of reinstatement, not a condition precedent to filing of petition for reinstatement
In the Matter of Jauregui (Review Dept. 1999) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 56
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Consideration of reinstatement decisions from jurisdictions other than California
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In re Bellicini (Review Dept. 2006) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 883
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unresolved tax delinquencies
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Not precluded by egregiousness of misconduct as law favors rehabilitation
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Resigned attorney may not represent parties in state administrative hearings
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Haight, Brown & Bonesteel v. Superior Court (1991) 234 Cal.App.3d 963
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Moncharsh v. Heily & Blase (1992) 3 Cal.4th 1
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-protection of the public and promotion of confidence in the legal profession
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LA 508 (2002), LA 502 (1999), LA 490, LA 487, LA 472
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public officer, board committee or body exception
-not applicable where questions posed by attorney for opposing party to public employees were designed to obtain evidence for use in litigation
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Rule 2-200 Financial Arrangements Among Lawyers.
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association of outside counsel not a basis for exemption from rule 2-200 requirements
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does not apply to partnership agreements with respect to fees from unfinished cases taken by departing partner
Anderson, McPharlin & Connors v. Yee (2005) 135 Cal.App.4th 129 [37 Cal.Rptr.3d 627]
failure to comply with rule 2-200 does not preclude a quantum meruit recovery for services rendered in reliance on an unenforceable fee-sharing agreement
Huskinson & Brown v. Wolf (2004) 43 Cal.4th 453 [9 Cal.Rptr.3d 693]
Cohen v. Brown (2009) 173 Cal.App.4th 302 [93 Cal.Rptr.3d 24]
-attorney precluded from recovering from client
Strong v. Beydoun (2008) 166 Cal.App.4th 1398 [83 Cal.Rptr.3d 632]
-failure to comply with rule 2-200 but still permitting a quantum meruit recovery distinguished from failure to comply with rule 3-300 which disallows a quantum meruit recovery
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purpose of the rule
-protection of the public and promotion of confidence in the legal profession
Chambers v. Kay (2002) 29 Cal.4th 142 [126 Cal.Rptr.2d 536]
terminated attorney could not recover attorney's fees in quantum meruit from former co-counsel notwithstanding compliance with rule 2-200
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Rule 2-400 Discriminatory Conduct in a Law Practice (operative March 1, 1994)
Rule 3-100 Confidential Information of a Client
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LA 525 (2012), LA 520 (2007)
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attorney's purchase of judgment from adverse party and his attempt to enforce that judgment against former client in the same matter established a certainty that attorney possessed confidential information that could be used against former client
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LA 502 (1999), LA 488 (1996), LA 471 (1992), OC 2011-02
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attorney violates 3-110(A) when he failed to represent client with undivided loyalty, to exercise independent judgment on client's behalf, and to act in client's best interests
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negligent legal representation by itself does not prove misconduct
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high ethical and professional standards of an attorney and an officer of the court require him to inform client that an attorney is precluded from pursuing an appeal that is frivolous or taken for the purpose of delay
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LA 520 (2007), LA 518 (2006), LA 506 (2001), LA 473 (1993)
SD 2012-1, SD 2007-1, SD 2006-1, SD 2004-1, SD 2001-1
SF 2011-1
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People v. Vigil (2008) 169 Cal.App.4th 8 [86 Cal.Rptr.3d 528]
disclaimer explaining that the advertiser is not licensed may permit use of terms (i.e., "accountants") which are normally used only by state licensees
Moore v. California State Board of Accountancy (1992) 2 Cal.4th 999 [9 Cal.Rptr.2d 358]
honorific "ESQ" appended to a signature creates an impression that the person signing is presently able and entitled to practice law
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-resigned with charges pending mid-trial
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-use of terms "Legal Aid," "Legal Aid Services," "Legal Services"
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suspension order disqualifies an attorney not only from practicing law but also from holding himself or herself out as entitled to practice
Arm v. State Bar (1990) 50 Cal.3d 763, 775 [268 Cal.Rptr. 789, 789 P.2d 922]
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while living out-of-state, indicating only that respondent was licensed in California, no indication such as "only" in California or "not licensed" in other state
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Immigration matters
law corporations allowed a resigned member to provide legal services in INS matters to clients in violation of rules of professional conduct and the state bar act
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-not agree to collect any claim for damages
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may not represent another
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may not represent unincorporated association in court

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Legal services corporation which includes non-attorney see shareholders
LA 444 (1987)
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-no denial of due process where immigrants followed the advice of non-attorney immigration consultant and affirmatively declined assistance of counsel
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-attorney allowed resigned attorney to sign up clients, split fees, negotiate, engage in insurance fraud
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-petition preparer's interpretation of such terms as "market value" and "secured claim or exemption" went beyond his role of scrivener
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Representation by non-lawyer in court of law prohibited
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