

Excerpts from *Litigation by the Numbers*® -Fourth Edition and *California Civil Litigation and Discovery* are protected by copyright!
Please go to www.litigationbythenumbers.com to purchase your own copies.

DISCLAIMERS

READ THIS!!!!

Litigation By The Numbers is geared for use in civil lawsuits filed in any California Superior Court. Although we use a personal injury case as an example, many of the forms and documents may be adapted for use in other types of lawsuits, e.g., actions for breach of contract and actions for property damage. **BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT MANY TYPES OF LEGAL ACTIONS HAVE THEIR OWN RULES AND FORMS, e.g., FAMILY LAW, WORKPLACE VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, etc., WHICH ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS BOOK.**

All lawsuits in California courts are governed by, among other things, the California Code of Civil Procedure (“C.C.P.”) and the California Rules of Court (“C.R.C.”). Additionally, there may be rules specific to the county in which your case is filed (“local rules”). **WE DO NOT PURPORT TO PROVIDE EVERY RULE OR CODE, OR THE ENTIRETY OF ANY RULE OR CODE WHICH MAY BE APPLICABLE TO ANY PARTICULAR CASE. THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD CHECK THE ACTUAL RULES AND CODES TO DETERMINE WHAT IS APPLICABLE TO YOUR CASE.** (You can find all California codes here: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>. You can find the California Rules of Court and links to local rules here: <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/rules/>.)¹

The Judicial Council has developed forms to be used in various circumstances. Some of the forms are mandatory; others are optional. **WE DO NOT PURPORT TO PROVIDE EVERY FORM WHICH MAY BE APPLICABLE TO YOUR CASE.** You can find the entire list of forms and their effective dates here: <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/forms/>. That site allows you to complete and print forms for free. **BE SURE TO CHECK THAT SITE TO DETERMINE WHETHER ADDITIONAL FORMS ARE APPLICABLE TO YOUR CASE.**

CHANGES TO THE C.C.P., THE C.R.C., AND THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL FORMS ARE MADE AT LEAST EVERY JANUARY 1st AND JULY 1st. We at the Lawdable Press keep abreast of these changes, and, when they affect the accuracy of *Litigation By The Numbers*, we update the books we sell (see the revision date on the title page of your book), and we issue replacement pages to our Update Service Subscribers. Although rare, there may be a delay between the date the changes are effective and the date Updates are issued. **YOU SHOULD ALWAYS CHECK THE ACTUAL CODES, RULES, AND FORMS TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE RELYING UPON CURRENT INFORMATION.**

The forms and documents used in this book are examples only. All substantive information must be conformed to your particular case. **THERE IS NO INTENT TO PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE IN THIS BOOK. TREATING THE INFORMATION AS LEGAL ADVICE COULD HAVE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES.**

¹ The California Rules of Court were completely reorganized, and each rule renumbered, effective January 1, 2007. Conversion tables showing the new and old rule numbers may be found here: <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/rules/reorg.htm>.