

## Chapter 12

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### MAJOR LEGAL PUBLISHERS

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The legal publishing landscape has changed dramatically in the past decade. As mentioned in Chapter 11, many of the smaller, independent publishers of legal information have been subsumed by larger publishing conglomerates. To date, the top major legal publishers are Reed Elsevier (LexisNexis, Matthew Bender, Martindale Hubbell), Thomson Reuters (West, RIA, Sweet & Maxwell) and Wolters Kluwer (CCH, Aspen, Loislaw). These three publishers currently dominate the legal information market.

This chapter contains the contact information for major publishers of legal information. Included are publishers of primary legal materials (statutes, cases, and regulations) and secondary sources (treatises, practice guides, encyclopedias, directories, periodicals and citators). Most of the publishers listed here offer materials that are national in scope, although a few are California-specific.

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***ALI-ABA (American Law Institute - American Bar Association)***

4025 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(800) 253-6397

<http://www.ali-aba.org/>

ALI-ABA is a major publisher of legal materials on specific practitioner-oriented subjects. Included among its major publications are the Restatements of the Law. The Restatements are a scholarly work, used mostly by judges, attorneys, and for instruction in law schools.

***American Bar Association and American Bar Foundation***

321 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60654-7598  
(312) 988-5000; (800) 285-2221

<http://www.abanet.org>

The American Bar Association is the largest bar association in the United States. In addition to publishing the *ABA Journal*, a news magazine for attorneys, it also publishes studies about the profession, research articles, and scholarly publications. The target audience for most ABA publications is the practicing bar.

***Bureau of National Affairs (BNA)***

1231 25th St. NW  
Washington, DC 20037  
(800) 372-1033

<http://www.bna.com/>

BNA produces many current awareness loose-leaves, such as *U.S. Law Week*, (which contains the full text of current U.S. Supreme Court opinions as well as updated reports on current state and federal case law), and in-depth, subject-specific treatises such as the *Environmental Reporter* and the *Labor Law Reports*. Current awareness reports usually are updated at least weekly; manuals are updated monthly or quarterly. The target audience is practicing attorneys who specialize in a particular area of law, because these publications are both detailed and comprehensive. Many of BNA's publications are also offered in electronic format.

***California Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB)***

300 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Ste. 410  
Oakland, CA 94612-2047  
(800) 232-3444; 510-302-2000 (outside CA)  
<http://ceb.com>

CEB publishes treatises and practice guides on specific areas of California law. A list of all CEB publications can be found on their Web site. Volumes are periodically updated with supplements. Target audience: practicing attorneys in California.

***Commerce Clearing House (CCH)***

4025 W. Peterson Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60646  
(800) 835-5224; (312) 866-6000  
<http://www.cch.com/>

CCH, now a division of Wolters Kluwer, publishes loose-leaf sets in topical areas such as tax, labor, securities, etc. CCH loose-leaf sets have both in-depth coverage of a topic and a current awareness volume, which usually includes new case and statutory developments that are updated weekly. Like the BNA materials, CCH sets will be used mostly by practicing attorneys who specialize in a particular area of law. Many of CCH's loose-leaves are now offered in electronic format.

***Daily Journal Corporation***

915 E. First Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(213) 229-5300  
<http://www.dailyjournal.com>

Its major publication is the legal newspaper the *Daily Journal*, with local editions for Los Angeles and San Francisco. Each issue includes a biographical profile of a judge or prominent California attorney, legal news affecting California, and current opinions from the California Supreme Court, the Courts of Appeal, the U.S. Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Federal District Courts in California. The Daily Journal Corporation also publishes the *California Lawyer* magazine.

***LexisNexis***

1275 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12204-2694  
(800) 223-1940  
<http://www.lexisnexis.com/store/us/>

Lexis' major publications include the *Deering's California Codes Annotated* and many specialty treatises and practice sets. Lexis also publishes a variety of secondary sources aimed at practitioners, including *Shepard's Citations* and the *Parker Directory of Attorneys*.

***Martindale Hubbell***

121 Chanlon Road  
New Providence, NJ 07974  
(800) 526-4902  
<http://www.marhub.com/>

Publishes the *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*, a directory of attorneys available in print, on CD-ROM, and on the Web. Martindale-Hubbell is now a division of Lexis Publishing.

***Matthew Bender***

P.O. Box 22030  
Albany, NY 12201-2030  
(212) 967-7707; (800) 833-9844  
<http://www.bender.com/bender/open/>

Matthew Bender, now part of Lexis Publishing, publishes major scholarly treatises and practitioner aids. Examples include *California Pretrial Civil Procedure and Discovery*, *California Forms of Pleading and Practice, Annotated* and *California Probate Practice*. Most of the Matthew Bender treatises are available on CD-ROM, on the Web, and on Lexis.com. Most Matthew Bender publications are aimed at practicing attorneys.

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### ***Nolo Press***

950 Parker Street  
Berkeley, CA 94710  
(800) 992-6656

<http://www.nolo.com/>

Nolo is one of the leading publishers of legal “self-help” books, many of which can be found in general bookstores. These books explain in layman’s terms the basics of several common legal procedures, such as writing a will, fighting a traffic ticket, and solving neighbor or landlord-tenant disputes. Some books come with sample forms suitable for copying. The target audience is the lay person. See Chapter 10: *Bibliography of Self-Help Resources* for a detailed list of self-help books.

### ***The Rutter Group***

15760 Ventura Blvd., Suite 630  
Encino, CA 91436  
(800) 747-3161

<http://www.ruttergroup.com/>

The Rutter Group is a division of West Publishing. The Rutter Group publishes practice guides in loose-leaf format. These guides are used almost exclusively by practicing attorneys as they are well-indexed and provide many references to primary sources. Many Rutter Group publications are available on Westlaw.com.

### ***U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO)***

732 North Capitol Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20401-0001  
(202) 512-1800

<http://www.gpo.gov/>

The GPO is the official publisher for the US Government. Items published by the GPO are usually inexpensive but the publishing schedule may not be very timely. Federal depository libraries get items from the GPO free of charge.

**West**

610 Opperman Drive

Eagan, MN 55123

1-800-344-5008

<http://west.thomson.com/>

West is the largest publisher of statutory and case law in the United States. In addition to case reporters for nearly all states, it publishes state codes (for example, *West's Annotated California Code*), federal statutes, treatises, hornbooks and digests. West also publishes California's only legal encyclopedia, *Cal Jur*, as well as numerous California formbooks, loose-leafs and practice guides.

***Legal Bookstores in California:***

**Legal Bookstore**

316 W. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ste. 112

Los Angeles, CA 90012

(213) 626-2139

**American Legal Books**

725 J Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

(800) 359-8010