

Chapter 12

MAJOR LEGAL PUBLISHERS

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, and Martindale Hubbell), Thomson Reuters (West, RIA, and Sweet & Maxwell) and Wolters Kluwer (CCH, Aspen, and Loislaw). These three publishers currently dominate the legal information market.¹

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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- [*Martindale Hubbell*](#)
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¹ Please see the Association of American Law Libraries (AALL) Committee on Relations with Information Vendors (CRIV) Vendor Contact Information Web page for publishers not listed in this chapter: <http://aallnet.org/main-menu/Advocacy/vendorrelations/CRIV-Tools/vendors.html>.

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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 and for instruction in law schools. ALI-ABA is also a major publisher of continuing legal education (CLE) materials for attorneys.

American Bar Association

321 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60654-7598
(312) 988-5000; (800) 285-2221
<http://www.americanbar.org/aba.html>

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 and statistics on the legal profession, research articles, and scholarly publications. The target audience for most ABA publications is the practicing bar and legal scholars.

Bureau of National Affairs (BNA)

1231 25th St. NW
Washington, DC 20037
(800) 372-1033
<http://www.bna.com/>

(Description on next page.)

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*. Many of these treatises also contain weekly current awareness reports. The target audience is practicing attorneys who specialize in a particular area of law as these publications are both detailed and comprehensive. Many of BNA's publications are also offered in electronic format through their website.

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. Online access to these publications is offered through a database entitled OnLAW. CEB publications are relied on by California attorneys for their step-by-step guidance and detailed analysis.

Commerce Clearing House (CCH)

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

CCH, 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 legal and tax publications are now offered in electronic format through CCH's online database Intelliconnect.

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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/>

LexisNexis' major publications include the *Deering's California Codes Annotated* and many specialty treatises, practice sets, casebooks and formbooks. Lexis also publishes *Shepard's Citations*, the citation system relied on by attorneys to verify their research.

Martindale Hubbell

121 Chanlon Road

New Providence, NJ 07974

(800) 526-4902

http://www.martindale.com/Products_and_Services/index.aspx

Publishes the *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*, a multi-volume directory of attorneys available in print, on CD-ROM, and on the Web. This publication is a staple in academic, court, and firm libraries. 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 LexisNexis, publishes major scholarly treatises and practitioner aids for attorneys. 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.

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. Many Nolo books are also available as e-books through EBSCO’s Legal Information Reference Center database. 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. Most 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. The GPO publishes statutes, congressional documents and agency rules and regulations. 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 in exchange for making them available to the public.

West

610 Opperman Drive

Eagan, MN 55123

1-800-344-5008

<http://store.westlaw.com/default.aspx>

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

Legal Bookstores in California:

Legal Bookstore

316 W. 2nd, Ste. 112

Los Angeles, CA 90012

(213) 626-2139

American Legal Books

725 J Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

(800) 359-8010