

Chapter 12

MAJOR LEGAL PUBLISHERS

The legal publishing landscape has changed dramatically since 2000. As mentioned in Chapter 11 regarding Legal Collections, many of the smaller, independent publishers of legal information have been subsumed by larger publishing conglomerates. To date, the top major legal publishers are RELX, formerly Reed Elsevier, (LexisNexis); Thomson Reuters (West); and Wolters Kluwer (CCH). Although these three publishers dominate the legal information market, other fast-growing companies such as Bloomberg BNA are also impacting the legal publishing world.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 offer materials that are national in scope, although a few are California-specific.

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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.

- [Wolters Kluwer](#)
- [Legal Bookstores in California](#)

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.

American Law Institute (ALI)

4025 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215) 243-1600; (800) 253-6397
<http://www.ali-cle.org/>

The American Law Institute 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-CLE, a subsidiary of ALI, is a major publisher of continuing legal education (CLE) materials for attorneys.

Bloomberg BNA

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

(Description on next page.)

In 2011, Bloomberg purchased the 82-year-old legal publisher BNA, and became Bloomberg BNA. Bloomberg BNA still produces the original BNA current awareness loose-leaves, such as *U.S. Law Week*, and in-depth, subject-specific treatises such as *Environment Reporter* and *Labor Law Reports*. The target audience is practicing attorneys, as these publications are detailed and comprehensive. Bloomberg BNA produces the online legal research database Bloomberg Law, available through a paid subscription at <https://www.bna.com/bloomberglaw/>

California Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB)

2100 Franklin St., Suite 500
Oakland, CA 94612-3098
(800) 232-3444
<https://ceb.com>

CEB publishes treatises and practice guides on specific areas of California law. California attorneys rely on CEB publications for step-by-step guidance and detailed analysis. CEB provides online access to its publications through a paid subscription to CEB OnLAW. Read more at <https://ceb.com/faqs-onlaw>.

Daily Journal Corporation

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

The Daily Journal Corporation publishes 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 California state and federal courts. The Daily Journal Corporation also publishes the legal newspapers the *Daily Recorder* (Sacramento) and the *Daily Transcript* (San Diego).

LexisNexis

9443 Springboro Pike
Miamisburg, OH 45342
(877) 394-8826

<https://store.lexisnexus.com>

LexisNexis' major California publications include *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. Under the Matthew Bender imprint, LexisNexis publishes major scholarly treatises and practice guides for attorneys. Examples include *California Pretrial Civil Procedure and Discovery*, *California Forms of Pleading and Practice Annotated*, and *California Probate Practice*.

Martindale Hubbell

121 Chanlon Road
New Providence, NJ 07974
(800) 526-4902

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

Martindale Hubbell, a subsidiary of LexisNexis, publishes the *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*, a multi-volume directory of attorneys available in print and online. The print version was last published in 2014 and used to be a staple in academic and court law libraries. An online version is available at <http://www.martindale.com>

Nolo Press

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

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

(Description on next page.)

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 layperson’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. 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.

Practicing Law Institute (PLI)

1177 Avenue of the Americas, 2nd Floor

New York, NY 10036

(800) 260-4754

<http://www.pli.edu/content>

Founded in 1933, PLI is a long-time publisher of legal treatises on a variety of topics. It also publishes course handbooks, which are materials developed from the educational institutes and seminars PLI offers attorneys wishing to fulfill CLE requirements. PLI materials are aimed at attorneys practicing in highly specialized fields.

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 Thomson Reuters. The Rutter Group publishes practice guides in loose-leaf format. These guides are a favorite source of attorneys because they are well-indexed and provide references to primary sources. Most Rutter Group publications are also available online with a paid subscription to Westlaw at <http://westlaw.com>.

Thomson Reuters

610 Opperman Drive

Eagan, MN 55123

(855) 366-0672

<http://legalsolutions.thomsonreuters.com/law-products>

Thomson Reuters, formerly West Publishing, 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 Codes), federal statutes, treatises, hornbooks, casebooks and digests. Thomson Reuters also publishes California's only legal encyclopedia, *California Jurisprudence (Cal Jur)*, as well as numerous California formbooks, loose-leaves and practice guides. Thomson Reuters owns Westlaw, one of the world's largest legal research databases.

U.S. Government Publishing 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.

Wolters Kluwer

Wolters Kluwer Tax & Accounting
2700 Lake Cook Road
Riverwoods, IL 60015
(800) 344-3734
<http://www.cchgroup.com>

and

Wolters Kluwer Law & Business
76 Ninth Avenue, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10011
(212) 771-0600
<http://www.wolterskluwerlb.com/legal.html>

Wolters Kluwer has divided its legal publishing arm into two divisions, Wolters Kluwer Tax & Accounting, and Wolters Kluwer Law & Business. Included in the former are all of the CCH (Commerce Clearing House) products and services. These included loose-leaf sets in topical areas, such as tax, labor, securities, etc. Like the BNA materials, CCH sets are used mostly by attorneys who specialize in a particular area of law. The Kluwer Law & Business publishing division publishes treatises, casebooks, and study aids for law students on numerous legal topics. Wolters Kluwer offers two online legal research databases, IntelliConnect and Cheetah.

Legal Bookstores in California:

Law Bookstore

1775 W. La Palma Ave.

Anaheim, CA 92801

(714) 491-2665

<http://www.thelawbookstore.com>

Legal Books Distributing

4247 Whiteside St.

Los Angeles, CA 90063

(323) 526-7110; (800) 200-7110

<http://legalbooksdistributing.com>

Nolo Press Bookstore

950 Parker St.

Berkeley, CA 94810

(510) 549-1976

<http://www.nolo.com>