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## HIGHLIGHTS

### Construction Defects

- New discussion has been added on construction defect litigation relating to condominiums and homeowners. See Ch. 3.

### Class Actions

- Class action coverage has been extensively revised, particularly with new discussion of attorney's fees and class action objectors. See Ch. 3.

### Groundwater Adjudication

- Added discussion relating to groundwater adjudication discusses the rise of regulatory control of this area rather than judicial resolution. See Ch. 3.

This release of the DESKBOOK ON THE MANAGEMENT OF COMPLEX CIVIL LITIGATION includes revised material in these areas:

- **Construction Defect Suits.** Coverage of conditions precedent to suits affecting condominiums un-

der the Davis-Sterling Common Interest Development Act (Civ. Code § 6000 et seq.) and homeowners under the Right to Repair Act (Civ. Code § 895 et seq.) has been significantly revised in this release. See Ch. 3, *Specialized Areas*, § 3.12.

- **CEQA Litigation.** A new section on the use of CEQA in environmental litigation has been added in this release. See Ch. 3, *Specialized Areas*, § 3.24.
- **Class Actions.** Discussion of multiple aspects of class action litigation has been updated and added in this release, including new sections on attorney's fees in class actions and the impact of objectors in class actions. See Ch. 3, *Specialized Areas*, § 3.76[4], [5].
- **Technology Issues.** The discussion of the use of electronic technology in case management and in the courtroom has been significantly updated in this release, in-

cluding coverage of proposed major changes to the California Rules of Court, to be effective January 1, 2016. See Ch. 3, *Specialized Areas*, §§ 3.80–3.86.

- **Groundwater Adjudication.** The discussion of groundwater adjudication has been updated, in light of current practice in which the judicial and regulatory processes related to groundwater rights may operate in parallel, and potential conflict. See Ch. 3, *Specialized Areas*, § 3.90.
- **Legislative and rule updates.** Statutes and rules of court have been updated throughout the publication from 2015 amendments as needed.

- **Finding aids.** The Table of Cases, Table of Statutes, and Index have been fully updated.

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