



Legal Guide M-1

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Guide to Abbreviations:

B&P = California Business & Professions Code
Cal. Const. = California Constitution
CC = California Civil Code
CCP = California Code of Civil Procedure
CCR = California Code of Regulations
CFR = Code of Federal Regulations
Com. Code = California Commercial Code
Corp. Code = California Corporations Code
CPUC = California Public Utilities Commission
Ed. Code = California Education Code
Evid. Code = California Evidence Code
FC = California Financial Code
Fam. Code = Family Code
GC = California Government Code
H&S = California Health & Safety Code
Harb. & Nav. Code = California Harbors & Navigation Code
IC = California Insurance Code
PC = California Penal Code
PUC = California Public Utilities Code
R&T = Revenue and Taxation Code
USC = United States Code
VC = California Vehicle Code
“*et seq.*” = and the following sections

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