

Resources for Handling Appeals in California

- (1) "Basic Civil Appellate Practice in the Court of Appeal for the Second District" can be found at: <http://www.lacba.org/showpage.cfm?pageid=2730>

This is a good basic document. While it describes practice in the Second District, it *generally* applies to appeals in all districts, but does have District-specific information (*e.g.*, the geographic description of the District, reference to certain "local rules," and directions to the court house).

- (2) The "Step-by-Step Self Help Manual" prepared by the Fourth App. District, can be found at: http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courts/courtsofappeal/4thDistrictDiv1/4dca_stepbystep.htm

This is a highly detailed manual that includes many samples and appendices. Very thorough, but could be a little overwhelming depending on the level of sophistication of the user. It can also be accessed through the websites of the Second and Fifth Districts.

- (3) The 4th Appellate District, Division 1 has several informational brochures on its website: a basic appellate procedure document, an informational document on writs, and a "Preliminary Steps for Civil Appeals" document from the San Diego County Bar. They can be found at the "forms" link: <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courts/courtsofappeal/4thDistrictDiv1/forms.htm>

- (4) A basic document from the Judicial Council about appeal procedures that should be readily available to all Self-Help Centers:

<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/forms/documents/app001.pdf>

- (5) All of the Judicial Council forms for appeals are available at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/other/appeals.htm>, or go to: <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courtsofappeal/> and click on the appropriate district for more information, forms, FAQs, and self-help manuals.

- (6) The Santa Clara County Superior Court web site as some *very* basic information on appeals at these sites:

<http://www.scservice.org/civ/general/following.htm>

<http://www.scservice.org/crim/appeals.htm>