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## **Appellate Lawyer Representatives Produce Ninth Circuit Practice Guide**

**SAN FRANCISCO** – Even seasoned appellate lawyers may benefit from a new publication explaining the workings of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Prepared by experienced practitioners, the *Appellate Lawyer Representatives' Ninth Circuit Practice Guide* provides an outline of the appellate process and detailed information about many of the court's procedures. While not an official court publication, the guide was developed in consultation with court staff and is freely available to the public from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals website: <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/AppellatePracticeGuide>.

“The guide is a great example of how the court and bar working together can improve the practice of the law,” said Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Alex Kozinski. “I think it will be of assistance to all lawyers, but particularly those new to appellate practice in the Ninth Circuit. I commend all for their efforts.”

The guide was developed by the Ninth Circuit's Appellate Lawyer Representatives, a group of highly experienced and respected practitioners appointed by the chief judge to advise the court on procedural and other matters. Assistant U.S. Attorney Anne M. Voigts of the Northern District of California served as lead editor.

The 112-page guide includes sections on motions practice, emergency proceedings, brief drafting, oral argument, the post-decisional process, habeas corpus proceedings, and checklists for drafting and filing motions and briefs.

“It's a practitioner-to-practitioner guide to things we think people will want to know based on the considerable accumulated experience of all of the contributors,” said Deputy Federal Public Defender Gail Ivens of the Central District of California, who serves as chair of the Appellate Lawyer Representatives.

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Although intended for lawyers, the guide also would likely be of benefit to journalists, students and educators, pro se litigants and others interested in the workings of the nation's largest appellate court, Ms. Ivens said, adding that even experienced practitioners may gain new knowledge.

The guide represents 18 months of work by the Appellate Lawyer Representatives and went through four drafts before being deemed ready for release. The authors consider it a work in progress and welcome feedback. Comments and suggestions should be emailed to [ALRPracticeguide@ca9.uscourts.gov](mailto:ALRPracticeguide@ca9.uscourts.gov).

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