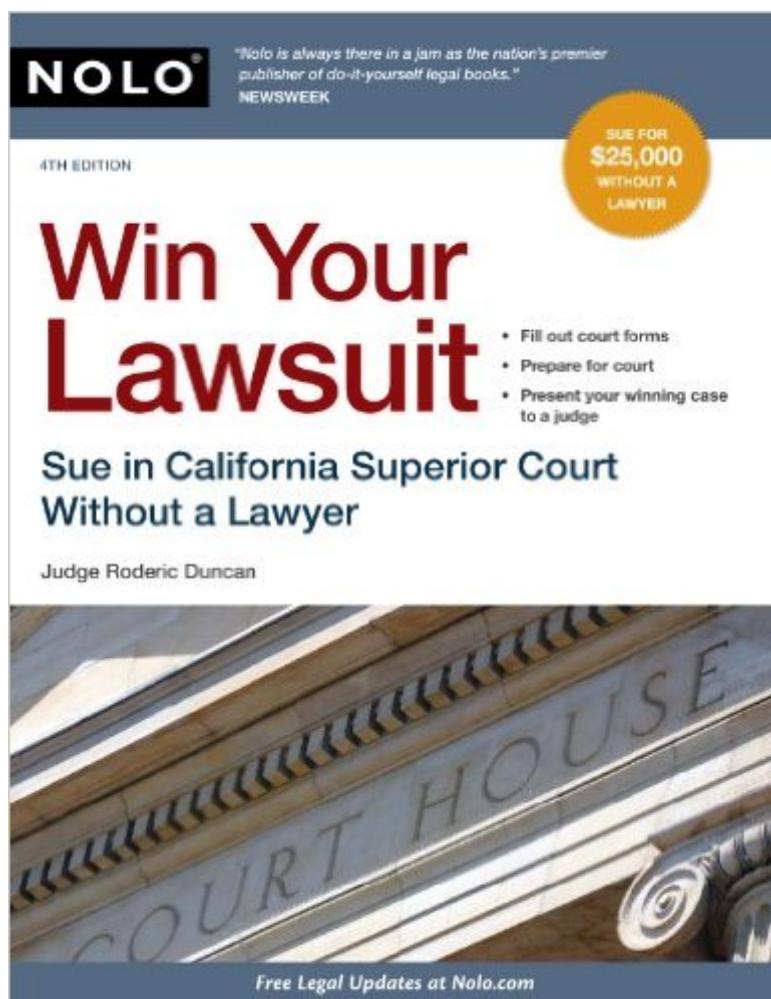


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In the right hands, this book can be a valuable, even powerful tool ... but don't let its "Do-it-Yourself" tone give you anything resembling confidence when filing a lawsuit in Superior Court. I practiced law in Los Angeles County for eleven years. Trust me when I tell you that filing and maintaining a civil suit in Superior Court is a complex and detailed undertaking. Your paperwork, in both form and

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This is excellent for uncomplicated civil cases in your County's California State Superior Court. As this judge-author knows, there is a lot more that can happen in court than what one can prepare for with only this book. Having said that, if your case is fairly uncomplicated and you are not facing an army of opposing attorneys representing a large financial institution or corporation, but instead a small local contractor who ripped you off, or some other simple, civil issue, this is exactly what you need. If you have a tough case and there is literally no money for legal help and no attorney willing to do it pro bono (free), then this book is certainly your best bet. It will not give you case law or codes for your particular issues, but it will show you step by step how to get started and how to proceed. You will also need to get a copy of your local court's rules as those can and do vary or change. Get familiar with code and case law research. has books on the subject. Learn to use the law library and get help from the librarian. If your case gets removed to Federal Court, this book will no longer help you. Unscrupulous opposing attorneys may NOT give you notice, but will file a proof of service saying they did give you notice of removal. Their next step is to file a motion to dismiss your case with prejudice, and hope you don't fight it because you don't even know the case was removed to federal court. This really is an excellent book for most simple civil cases and better than operating with no clue when you are bereft of legal representation and have no choice but to deal with a case on your own. The only way to make sure you lose is to give up without a fight. At least there is a chance you will win, if you at least try.

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