

FOREWORD

The Appellate Defenders, Inc., Appellate Practice Manual is designed to assist appointed attorneys representing criminal, juvenile, and other defendants on appeal in California. It addresses common matters often encountered in appellate practice and gives attorneys a guide through each phase of the entire process.

The manual discusses a great variety of topics in law and procedure, practice, ethics, and policy. Some of the material is basic, but much is advanced, based on extensive research. The manual is divided into nine chapters:

- Chapter 1 – basic information for appointed counsel
- Chapter 2 – what can be appealed and how to get an appeal started
- Chapter 3 – record completion, extensions, release on appeal
- Chapter 4 – issue spotting and selection
- Chapter 5 – briefing
- Chapter 6 – oral argument
- Chapter 7 – decisions by reviewing courts and processes after decision
- Chapter 8 – California writs
- Chapter 9 – federal habeas corpus

The manual is the product of many years of effort. Using various sources – articles from the 1993 ADI manual, drafts written for the manual, briefs, and much original research – Executive Director Elaine Alexander and Senior Staff Attorney Howard Cohen did the primary writing (and multiple rewrites) and editing. Each chapter was reviewed by one or more ADI staff attorneys in detail. Other staff attorneys reviewed the entire manual for correctness of substance and consistency. Law clerks and attorneys checked all citations repeatedly. Since then Elaine Alexander and Howard Cohen have done updates at least once or more each year.

In 2016 the Second Edition was published. An expansion of scope, the second edition newly covered dependency, as well as criminal and delinquency appeals.

The manual is on the [ADI website](#).¹ *The most up to date version will always be the one online*, given the practicalities of hard copy printing.

We believe the ADI Appellate Practice Manual is a product of great quality and usability. We hope it will be consulted regularly and routinely by new and experienced appellate practitioners alike, and that it will be a truly valuable resource to them.

¹<http://www.adi-sandiego.com/panel/manual.asp>