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Law

CPLR, Art 30 Remedies and Pleading. When preparing an answer or pleading, review this section. It contains over thirty-six sections defining the requirements for filings. Use the annotations in Westlaw and LexisAdvance to find publisher's materials

E-Books

- Bender's Forms of Pleading, v 28, Index. The Index provides legal concepts which can help to identify legal issues. Volume one contains a chapter explaining the parts of a pleading, including a checklist. The following chapters contain more detailed recommendations and sample pleadings for specific actions. This title emphasizes torts, negligence and contract actions as well statutory and equity actions. (also available in LexisAdvance; so that forms can be e-mailed)
- LexisNexis AnswerGuide New York Civil Litigation. Excellent brief descriptions with checklists
- New York Civil Practice Before Trial, Ch 15 Pleadings. Comprehensive explanation of pleading practice, succinct and well-written.
- New York Civil Practice: CPLR (Weinstein Korn & Miller) In-depth discussion of CPLR.
- Weinstein, Korn and Miller CPLR Manual. Popular practitioner guide

LexisAdvance

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Westlaw

- Carmody-Wait 2d. Respected guide to court procedures. Contains forms.
 - Ch 27 General Rules of Pleading,
 - Ch 28 The Complaint or Petition,
 - Ch 29 Complaints in Particular Actions,
 - Ch 30 The Answer,
 - Ch 31 Counterclaim,
 - Ch 32 Reply,
 - Ch 33 Service of Pleadings,
 - Ch 34 Amendment of Pleadings,
 - Ch 35 Supplemental Pleadings
- New York Jurisprudence, Pleading
- Siegel's New York Practice, Ch 9 Pleadings. Well-written and authoritative explanations of court procedures.
- West's McKinney's Forms.
 - Read West's McKinney's Forms § 1:2 The stages of a civil lawsuit.
 - Ch 4, Pleadings

Westlaw Practical Law

- Responsive Pleadings in New York State Supreme Court: Answering the Complaint
 - Practice Notes
 - Standard Documents
 - Checklists
 - Toolkit

Important Disclosures:

Legal Advice

NY State Court System staff are pleased to provide you with basic legal information of relevance to New York State courts, caselaw, statutory and regulatory materials from standard legal reference sources. Our court employees, however, may not provide legal advice, interpret the law or assist with the processing of specific motions or cases.

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