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Introduction

The *Pacific Law Journal* is proud to present our twentieth Review of Selected California Legislation. We have attempted to cover the most significant legislation that impacts and interests the California bar and bench. Your comments and suggestions concerning this publication are welcomed and appreciated.

As in the past, each review begins with a description of the topic area, a listing of sections affected by the bill, the bill number, the chapter number, and the author of the bill. The effective date of all legislation is January 1, 1990, unless otherwise indicated in the heading.

Certain terms are used consistently throughout the Review and are worthy of definition. The term "prior law" refers to the law in effect before the enactment of the 1989 legislation, and which is no longer in effect after the passage of the new legislation. "Existing law" refers to law which was in effect before the passage of the 1989 legislation, and which remains in effect after the passage of the new legislation.

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