



Essential Hour: Your First Claim for Damages

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A claim for damages lands on your desk, and it's a big one. Where do you start, and what is your roadmap? This Essential Hour webinar will provide municipal law practitioners with a foundational overview of what you need to analyze, respond to, and manage liability claims under California's Government Claims Act. Participants will gain a better understanding of the statutory framework governing claims against public entities, common types of claims and applicable defenses and immunities, and practical tips for handling claims and minimizing risk for your agency.

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