

M.C. Sungaila and Lynne Liberato for Law360: How To Convince Calif. And Texas High Courts To Hear A Case

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The California and Texas Supreme Courts oversee the development of the law in two of the largest and most populous states in the country. Together, these two courts exert an outsized influence on the laws of other states and the nation. In many respects the two courts operate similarly, but in a few important ways they differ. What should lawyers who regularly practice in one court know before appearing in the other?

Showing importance of the case is the key strategy in both courts.

First, practitioners should know that the same basic strategy applies in either court. To overcome the daunting odds of getting either court to consider a case, the practitioner must show that the case is important enough to warrant the court's attention...

Navigating the discretionary review procedures before the highest courts of California and Texas is tricky, and the odds of review low. By keeping these observations in mind, most of which hinge on demonstrating the importance of the case, the likelihood of review can be maximized.

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