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## Legal Alert

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### **Court Fees Increase as part of the new California Budget**

When the governor signed the budget last month, it included an increase in filing fees for all civil actions, including unlawful detainer cases. The increase is \$5.00 per new case filing. This means, in most cases, the filing fee will now be \$220.00 instead of \$215.00. The court also increased the fee courts charge to issue a writ of possession by \$10.00. The fee for a writ of possession is now \$25.00, up from \$15.00. If an abstract of the judgment is requested from the court in order to file it with the County Recorder's office to create a lien on any real property owned or to be owned in the future, the fee to file an abstract was also increased by \$10.00, state wide.

These increases will further impact residential and commercial landlord's "bottom line", and in turn, make it that much more difficult for California to provide affordable housing and keep businesses in the state.

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