

Understanding SLAPPs: Process and Procedure from Initiation through Appeal

SLAPP law suits, or “Strategic Law Suits Against Public Participation,” have proliferated in California over the past two decades. In fact, these suits are so popular, there is even a new litigation response, the “SLAPPBACK.” It is important to know what is involved in this type of suit and how to either file one as a plaintiff, or respond to one on behalf of your client.

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- Exceptions to SLAPP motions
- The two prongs of a SLAPP motion
- What to expect at the SLAPP motion hearing and how to prepare for it
- What happens when the motion is granted or denied
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