

CALIFORNIA PROPOSES CHANGES TO ESCROW LAW



Recently, the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation (DFPI) issued a notice of proposed regulations (and accompanying statement of reasons) seeking to amend the state's Escrow Law to clarify:



the meanings of personal property and prohibited compensation



maintenance of books and preservation of records



the annual report requirements



Among other things, the proposal adds “gametic material” to the definition of personal property to clarify that escrow agents may conduct transactions that hold and disburse funds under assisted reproduction agreements.

Additionally, the update to the escrow books and records provisions are to

“ensure that CPAs may participate in engagements to meet the annual audit report requirement for Escrow Law licensees without violating any rule of professional conduct.”

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