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# A Practical Approach to California PT Law, 2014 Law Review & Case Studies

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This lecture has 99 slides and is 93 minutes in duration.

## I. Law Review

### A. Overview

1. A law starts with an idea
2. How a bill becomes a law
3. United States government
  - a. Three branches (checks and balances)
  - b. State governments mirror U.S. governments
4. Federal vs. state issues
5. State law
  - a. Controls professional behavior
  - b. Guaranteed under the Tenth Amendment
6. The start of law: Legislature
7. Factors that influence legislators to vote

### B. The Physical Therapy Practice Act, Section 2600 B&P Code California

1. Section 2602-2604.5: Defining the legal licensing board
2. Regulations Title 16 Division 13.2: Physical Therapy Regulations
3. Article 2, Section 2620: Definition of physical therapy in California
  - a. Restrictions
  - b. Quandary – inability to diagnose

### Interactive Questions – slide 25 @ 19 minutes

4. Section 2620.3: Topical medications
5. Section 2620.5 EMG
6. Article 3: Licensing of practitioners
  - a. Terminology
  - b. Examination
  - c. Foreign graduates
7. Article 4.5: Physical therapist assistants
  - a. Terminology
  - b. Number of assistants supervised

Notes

- c. Education
- 8. Article 6: Physical therapy aides
  - a. Supervision
  - b. Patient records
- 9. Article 5: Suspension, revocation, reinstatement of license
  - a. Disciplinary action
  - b. Probation
  - c. Citation process
  - d. Diversion program

Interactive Questions – slide 52 @ 45 minutes

- 10. Physical therapy corporations
  - a. PTs may work for POPTS
  - b. Knox Moscone
  - c. General corporations
- C. Related laws and regulations

II. Case studies

- A. How a complaint is filed with the Physical Therapy Board of California
  - 1. Ways to contact
  - 2. Investigation process
  - 3. Conclusion
  - 4. Case studies

Interactive Questions – slide 65 @ 57 minutes

- B. Case Study #1 — Jeremy Jefferson
  - 1. Complaint
  - 2. Discussion of initial evaluation
  - 3. Interviews of witnesses
  - 4. Possible violations
  - 5. Conclusion
  - 6. Community standards
- C. Case Study #2 — Barry McKinley
  - 1. Complaint
  - 2. Discussion of medical records
  - 3. Interviews of witnesses
  - 4. Possible violations
- D. Case Study #3 — Megatronics Toy Company
  - 1. Complaint
  - 2. Interviews of witnesses
  - 3. Possible violations
  - 4. Conclusion

Interactive Questions – slide 97 @ 92 minutes

- E. Summary

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