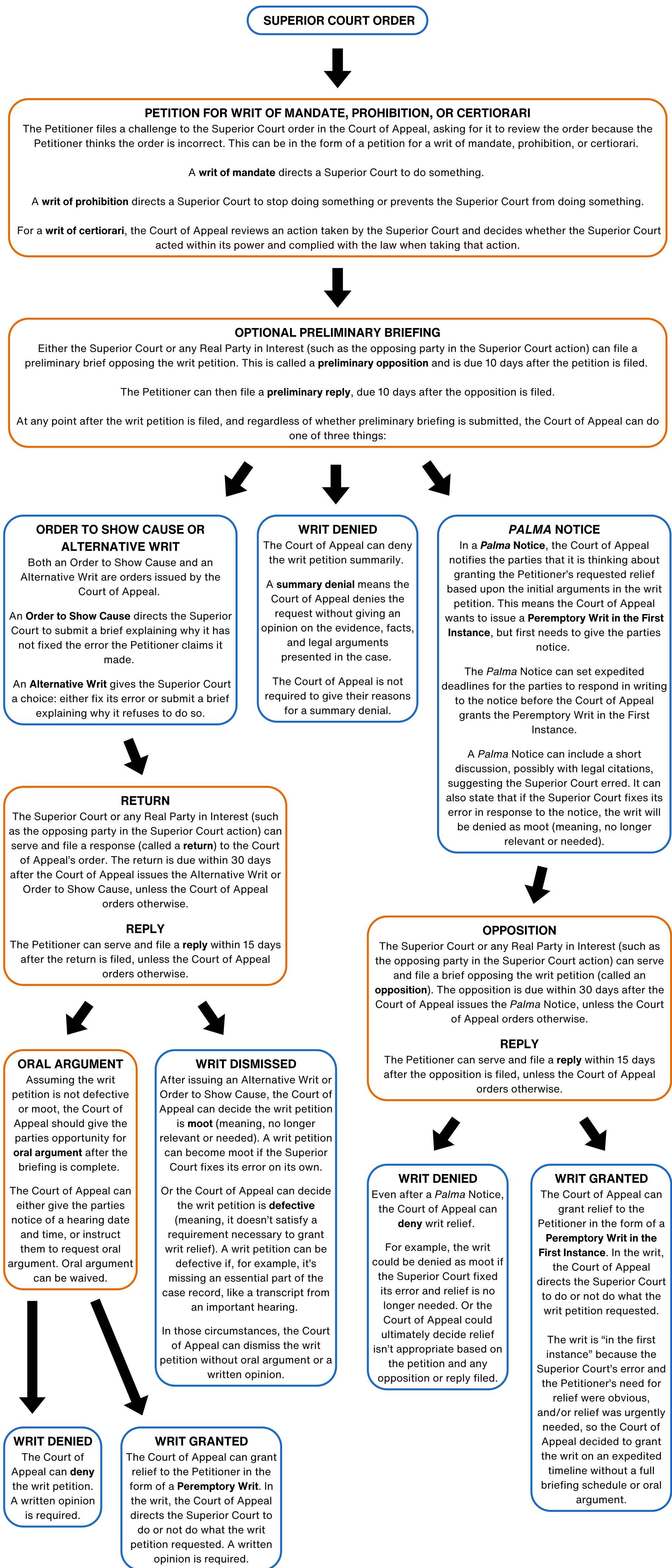


California Writs: Flow Chart

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Legal authority for the information in this flow chart is in California Code of Civil Procedure sections 1067 et seq., California Rules of Court, rules 8.485 et seq., and related case law.

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