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Cal. Civ. Code § 1714(a)	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	General duty of ordinary care; statutory foundation of California negligence law.
Cal. Civ. Code § 3294	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	Punitive damages; clear-and-convincing standard for malice, oppression, or fraud.
Cal. Civ. Code § 3295	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	Bifurcation of financial-condition evidence in punitive damages trials.
Cal. Civ. Code § 1431.2 (Prop. 51)	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	Several-only liability for non-economic damages.
Cal. Civ. Code § 3291	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	Prejudgment interest on personal injury judgments after § 998 offer.
Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 335.1	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	Two-year statute of limitations for personal injury actions.
Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 340.5	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	MICRA limitations period for medical malpractice.
Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 352	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	Tolling for minority and disability.
Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 377.60	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	Wrongful death cause of action and identification of heirs.
Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 377.34	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	Survival actions; current statutory window for pre-death pain damages.

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Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 998	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	Cost-shifting offers to compromise.
Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 667.7	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	Periodic payment of future damages (MICRA context).
Cal. Veh. Code § 17150	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	Owner liability for permissive use of motor vehicle.
Cal. Veh. Code § 17151	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	Cap on owner-permissive-use liability.
Cal. Veh. Code § 16056	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	Financial responsibility minimum coverage.
Cal. Evid. Code § 669	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	Negligence per se from statutory violation.
Cal. Gov. Code § 815	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	Public entity liability only as provided by statute.
Cal. Gov. Code § 835	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	Dangerous condition of public property.
Cal. Gov. Code § 911.2	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	Six-month claim presentation deadline.
Cal. Gov. Code § 911.4	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	Application for leave to present a late claim.
Cal. Gov. Code § 946.6	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	Petition for judicial relief from claim deadline.
Cal. Civ. Code § 52.1 (Bane Act)	leginfo.legislature.ca.gov	California civil rights cause of action (distinguishing context).
21 U.S.C. § 360k	law.cornell.edu	Federal preemption under the Medical Device Amendments.
Rowland v. Christian (1968) 69 Cal.2d 108	—	Multi-factor duty analysis; abolition of premises status categories.
Cabral v. Ralphs Grocery Co. (2011) 51 Cal.4th 764	—	*Rowland* factors applied at categorical level of generality.
Ortega v. Kmart Corp. (2001) 26 Cal.4th 1200	—	Constructive notice in slip-and-fall cases provable by circumstantial evidence.
Greenman v. Yuba Power Products, Inc. (1963) 59 Cal.2d 57	—	Strict liability of manufacturer for defective product.
Barker v. Lull Engineering Co. (1978) 20 Cal.3d 413	—	Two-pronged design defect test; burden-shifting in risk-benefit prong.
Soule v. General Motors Corp. (1994) 8 Cal.4th 548	—	Limits on consumer-expectations test in technically complex cases.
Howell v. Hamilton Meats & Provisions, Inc. (2011) 52 Cal.4th 541	—	Past medical damages capped at amount actually paid or incurred.
Corenbaum v. Lampkin (2013) 215 Cal.App.4th 1308	—	Inadmissibility of full billed charges; extension to future medicals and anchoring.

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Li v. Yellow Cab Co. (1975) 13 Cal.3d 804	—	Pure comparative negligence in California.
Knight v. Jewett (1992) 3 Cal.4th 296	—	Primary versus secondary assumption of risk after *Li*.
Tunkl v. Regents of Univ. of Cal. (1963) 60 Cal.2d 92	—	Limits on enforceability of pre-injury releases.

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