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Developments In Landlord-Tenant Law, A 2025 Year In Review: Courts Emphasize Contract And Statutory Adherence, While The Legislature Expands Tenant Protections

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The year 2025 brought continued development in California landlord-tenant law on two fronts. The courts issued decisions underscoring the importance of adhering to lease language and statutory procedure, while the Legislature adopted a series of measures expanding tenant protections and compliance duties for landlords. The divergence may reflect the Legislature's continued concern over housing availability, while the courts' decisions underscore existing law with respect to statutory and contract interpretation.

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