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Arbitration awards are generally not subject to an appeal on the merits, which means that they are imbued with a greater degree of finality than court judgments. This is often considered one of the great advantages of arbitration, but there are times when parties may desire to retain the option of appealing a final award. If that is the case, what are the options? This note addresses this question by reviewing the possibilities for appealing a final award when an arbitration is seated in California.

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