



## THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS/OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

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### ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW IN CALIFORNIA

Congratulations. You have satisfied the requirements for admission to practice law in California. The Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California has obtained an order from the Supreme Court of California permitting you to take the attorney's oath of office. The oath may be taken before anyone authorized to administer oaths. If you are currently residing outside of California, it is not necessary for you to return to California to take the attorney's oath. For a list of those authorized to administer oaths, please refer to the "Authority to Administer Attorney's Oath" bulletin, which can be accessed online through the Admissions portion of the State Bar of California's website at <http://admissions.calbar.ca.gov>. Specific information regarding registration as an attorney with the State Bar of California and fees and a State Bar registration card are enclosed.

Your bar examination results are valid for five years from the last day of the examination you passed. Once you have been informed that you have fulfilled all the requirements for admission to practice law and you have been certified to the Supreme Court of California as eligible to practice law, it is not necessary to file any additional applications or reapplications, including moral character, during the period between the date of the examination you passed and the expiration of five years from that date, before taking the attorney's oath.

After you have forwarded the completed State Bar registration card, which has the oath on the back, to the State Bar of California's Membership Records office, you are eligible to start practicing law.

### CAUTION!

Title 4, Division 1, Chapter 2, Rule 4.17 of the Rules of the State Bar of California (*Admissions Rules*) requires that you take the attorney's oath within five years after the last day of the bar examination that you passed. Otherwise, you become ineligible for admission. If the time period expires, you will have to pass the California Bar Examination again and have a current positive moral character determination on file in order to be admitted.

### CERTIFICATE OF ADMISSION

Customized admission certificates are available to those who wish to order them. The certificate is 11" x 14" on cream parchment and includes the gold Supreme Court seal. Your name and date of admission are lithographically impressed to match the certificate text. The cost of the certificate is \$81.00. A standard certificate produced by the Supreme Court is also available at no cost. Two weeks after your registration materials are received by the State Bar, you will be able to order your certificate through the Future Lawyers' tab on the State Bar's website. Select the Examinations tab, then select Exam Results Information and complete the online Admission Certificate order form.

### TRANSFER OF MBE SCORES TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS

The National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) will transfer your MBE score to admitting authorities in other jurisdictions. A form for facilitating the transfer can be accessed online through the NCBE's website at [www.ncbex.org](http://www.ncbex.org). In accordance with Chapter 6, Rule 4.62(B) of the *Admissions Rules*, applicants who pass the California Bar Examination **are not** entitled to see their scores from the examination and they will be advised only whether their MBE score meets another jurisdiction's minimum requirement.

### FEDERAL COURT ADMISSION

If you wish to be admitted to the United States District Courts, please contact the appropriate offices noted below:

Central District:	<a href="http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov">www.cacd.uscourts.gov</a>	Eastern District:	916-930-4000 <a href="http://www.caed.uscourts.gov">www.caed.uscourts.gov</a>
Northern District:	415-522-2000 <a href="http://www.cand.uscourts.gov">www.cand.uscourts.gov</a>	Southern District:	619-557-5600 <a href="http://www.casd.uscourts.gov">www.casd.uscourts.gov</a>