



**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 (Committee) has obtained an order from the Supreme Court of California permitting you to take the attorney's oath of office on or after November 23, 2009. You may take the attorney's oath of office before a Judge, Justice or Clerk of a Court of Record, State Bar Board of Governors Member, Commanding Officer, if in the military service, the American Consul, if in a foreign country, or 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; you may take the oath before any official authorized to administer them. For a list of those authorized to administer oaths, please refer to the "Authority to Administer Attorney's Oath" bulletin available online at www.calbar.ca.gov/admissions. Specific information regarding registration as an attorney with the State Bar of California, fees and a membership enrollment card are enclosed.

The Committee has made arrangements for admission ceremonies to be held in several cities. You may attend one of the admission ceremonies that will be held before the California Courts of Appeal at the times and places indicated below. You are not required to attend an admission ceremony to take the attorney's oath. You may take the oath before any of the officials noted above.

LOCATIONS

Oakland	December 1, 2009, 10:30 a.m. Oakland Convention Center 1001 Broadway Oakland, CA (Admission to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California will take place during this ceremony.)	Orange County	December 1, 2009, 10:00 a.m. Sheraton Anaheim Hotel 900 South Disneyland Drive Anaheim, CA (Admission to the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California will take place during this ceremony.)
Sacramento	December 1, 2009, 10:00 a.m. Sheraton Grand Hotel 1230 "J" Street Sacramento, CA (Admission to the U.S. District Court will not take place during this ceremony.)	San Diego	December 1, 2009, 10:00 a.m. Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina 1380 Harbor Island Drive San Diego, CA (Admission to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California will take place during this ceremony.)
Fresno	December 2, 2009, 3:00 p.m. Fresno City Hall Council Chambers 2600 Fresno Street Fresno, CA (Admission to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California will take place during this ceremony.)	Ventura	December 1, 2009, 4:00 p.m. Ventura Hall of Justice Courtroom 22 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA (Admission to the U.S. District Court will not take place during this ceremony.)
Los Angeles	December 1, 2009, 10:00 a.m. Pasadena Civic Auditorium 300 East Green Street Pasadena, CA (Admission to the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California will take place during this ceremony.)	Riverside/ San Bernardino	December 3, 2009, 10:00 a.m. Riverside Superior Court Historic Courthouse Ceremonial Courtroom 4050 Main Street, Dept. 1 Riverside, CA (Admission to the U.S. District Court will not take place during this ceremony.)

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 membership enrollment 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. Ordering a certificate of admission is optional. If you wish to order a certificate, please select and initial the appropriate box (not both) on the back of the membership enrollment card. There is no charge for the standard certificate. The cost of a customized certificate ordered by December 31, 2009, is \$69. Effective January 1, 2010, customized certificates will cost \$73. Do not submit payment with the membership enrollment card. You will be billed. **The name under which you are admitted is the name that will appear on the admission certificate.** If your name has changed, please refer to the enclosed Membership Enrollment information. Admission certificates generally will be mailed within two to three months after receipt of the order. Any questions concerning the certificate of admission should be directed to the **San Francisco Office of Admissions (415) 538-2327.**

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 Web site at 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.

ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern District

Immediately following the ceremony for admission to practice in the California courts, the United States District Court for the Northern District of California will convene for the purpose of admitting interested applicants to the bar of that Court. If you wish to be admitted to that Court at that time, you must take the District Court oath during the ceremony and pick up your validation card and instructions at the conclusion of the ceremony. Your District Court certificate will be mailed to you within several weeks following the ceremony. An Admission Packet may be downloaded from the internet. Please refer to the District Court's Web site: www.cand.uscourts.gov for fee information and forms.

Eastern District

In Fresno, immediately following the ceremony for admission to practice in the California courts, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California will convene for the purpose of admitting interested applicants to the bar of that Court. In Sacramento, the ceremony to be admitted into the United States District Court will be held at the United States District Courthouse, 501 "I" Street, Sacramento. Information regarding the exact time of this ceremony will be available at the ceremony for admission to practice in the California courts. Fee information and an Admission Packet may be downloaded from the Court's Web site at www.caed.uscourts.gov.

Central District

Los Angeles County/Orange County:

Admission to the United States District Court for the Central District of California will take place during the ceremony. For information regarding admission to the United States District Court for the Central District of California consult the Court's Web site at www.cacd.uscourts.gov.

Ventura County:

Admission to the United States District Court for the Central District of California will not take place during the ceremony. For information regarding admission to the United States District Court for the Central District of California consult the Court's Web site at www.cacd.uscourts.gov.

Riverside-San Bernardino:

Admission to the United States District Court for the Central District of California will take place December 3, 2009 at the United States District Court, 3470 Twelfth Street, Courtroom Three, Riverside, California. Admittees must arrive at the courthouse no later than 8:00 a.m. For additional information, please contact Jacqueline Carey-Wilson, President, Federal Bar Association, Inland Empire at (909) 387-4334.

Southern District

San Diego:

Packages will be available at the December 1, 2009 Admission Ceremony for those wishing to be sworn into the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. Fee information as well as the application and instructions are available on the Court's Web site at www.casd.uscourts.gov.

Federal Court Telephone Numbers or Web site:

Central District:	www.cacd.uscourts.gov	Eastern District:	916-930-4000 www.caed.uscourts.gov
Northern District:	415-522-2000 www.cand.uscourts.gov	Southern District:	619-557-5600 www.casd.uscourts.gov

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: YOU WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO PRACTICE UNTIL YOU HAVE TAKEN THE OATH NOR WILL YOU BE ENROLLED AS AN ATTORNEY UNTIL YOUR COMPLETED MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT CARD IS RECEIVED.