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STARTING FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDIES OVER CERTIFICATION

Law students who attended ABA-approved, California-accredited or California-unaccredited law schools may restart their legal studies as first-year law students at the same or another law school. No credit for law study completed prior to starting over will be awarded for purposes of determining the completion of a year of law study, determining qualification for or exemption from the First-Year Law Students' Examination, or eligibility to take the California Bar Examination.

Law students who seek to restart their legal studies as first-year law students must certify, on a form approved by the Office of Admissions, that they understand that no credit will be awarded for their prior law study for purposes of determining the completion of a year of law study, determining qualification for or exemption from the First-Year Law Students' Examination, or eligibility to take the California Bar Examination.

For purposes of calculating law study credit toward meeting the legal education requirements necessary to qualify to take the First-Year Law Students' Examination and California Bar Examination, a year of law study is defined as the time between the same calendar dates for consecutive calendar years, minus one day.

I am registered as a law student with the Committee of Bar Examiners and I am requesting that I be allowed to start my first year of law studies over. I understand that I will receive absolutely no credit for any law studies that I have completed prior to the date I restart my law studies and once submitted, I may not withdraw my certification to start my first year of law studies over.

I previously attended the following law school (attach separate page if more space is needed):

_____ From: _____ To: _____
Name of Law School *Dates attended (month/year)*

I am starting my law studies over at the following law school on the following date:

_____ _____
Name of Law School *Start Date at New School (month/day/year)*

I understand and acknowledge that I must comply with all applicable statutes and rules concerning admission to practice of law in California and that I may be required to take and pass the First-Year Law Students' Examination depending on my circumstances upon completion of my restarted first year of law studies.

I certify that I have read and understand the Committee of Bar Examiners' Starting First-Year Law Studies Over Policy, which is stated above:

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

_____
Print Name

_____
Signature

_____
State Bar Admissions File Number

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Address *City, State and Zip Code*

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Email Address

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Approved by: _____

Date: _____

Approval Number: _____