

LAW CORPORATIONS

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

After Your Law Corporation Report is Registered

- **What happens after I file an application to register my law corporation with the State Bar of California?** When your complete and correct application has been approved, you will receive a Certificate of Registration as a Law Corporation. The Certificate will be mailed to the address listed in Box 2 on the application, unless otherwise requested.
- **Do I have to renew my Certificate of Registration as a Law Corporation?** Yes. Rule VI of the Law Corporation Rules of the State Bar requests that ". . .each law corporation shall file an annual report covering the calendar year immediately preceding on a form provided by the State Bar pursuant to the provisions of Section 6163 of the State Bar Act."
A Law Corporation Annual Report and Renewal Form will be mailed to your law corporation's address of record in early February. The official address of a law corporation is maintained by the State Bar Office of Certification; therefore a law corporation address change must be reported to the Office of Certification. Changing an individual member's address with the State Bar Membership Records office will not change your official law corporation address.
- **What if there are changes in my law corporation between Annual Report filings?**
Rule VI (B) of the Law Corporation Rules of the State Bar requires law corporations to report changes within thirty days after they occur. Special reports may be forwarded to this office on a [Law Corporation Special Report Form](#), or in a letter which serves the same purpose. Special Report forms are available online or can be ordered from our office by calling the phone number listed above. Each law corporation must report any change in its address for State Bar purposes; shareholders; directors; officers; employees/partners/associates/"of counsel"/part-time or contract attorneys practicing law on behalf of the corporation; amendments to its Articles of Incorporation; and/or amendments to the portions of its bylaws as they relate to the requirements set forth in Rule IV-C, paragraphs (1), (2), (4) and (5) of the Law Corporation Rules.
- **What if I change the name of my law corporation?**
A new law corporation name is not in effect until the new name is approved by the State Bar Office of Certification. To file a name change request with the State Bar, use the [Special Report Form](#) provided online, or call our office at the phone number above to obtain a copy of the form.