

California Rules of Court

Proposed Rule 9.7

(Legislative style, with additions and ~~deletions~~ to the public comment version)
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Rule 9.7 Online reporting by attorneys

(a) Required information

To maintain the roll of attorneys required by Rule 9.6 and to facilitate communications by the State Bar with its members, each member must use an online membership account on a secure system provided by the State Bar to report a current

- (1) office address and telephone number or, if none, another address; and
- (2) an e-mail address not to be disclosed on the State Bar's Web site or otherwise to the public without the member's consent.

(b) Optional information

A member may also use an online membership account

- (1) to provide an e-mail address for disclosure to the public on the State Bar Web site; and
- (2) to provide additional information as authorized by statute, rule, or Supreme Court directive, or as requested by the State Bar.

(c) Exclusions

Unless otherwise permitted by law or the Supreme Court, the State Bar may not use e-mail as substitute means of providing a notice required to initiate a State Bar disciplinary or regulatory proceeding or to otherwise change a member's status involuntarily.

(d) Exemption

A member who does not have online access or an e-mail address may claim an ~~annual~~ exemption from the reporting requirements of this rule. The exemption must be requested ~~for each year to which it applies and~~ in the manner prescribed by the State Bar.