

***PROPOSED ADDITION TO
THE RULES OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA***

DIVISION 3. MEMBER STATUS

Rule 2.40 Voluntary resignation

- (A) A member may tender a voluntary resignation from the State Bar of California if:
- (1) the member is not
 - (a) currently suspended from the practice of law;
 - (b) currently subject to a period of probation or to conditions attached to a public or private reproof pursuant to discipline imposed by the State Bar Court or the California Supreme Court; or
 - (c) currently subject to the terms of an agreement in lieu of discipline that the member has entered into with the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel;
 - (2) the member does not currently have a disciplinary complaint, investigation or proceeding pending against him or her with any professional licensing agency in California or another jurisdiction;
 - (3) the member is neither currently charged with the commission of a felony or misdemeanor nor aware that he or she is the subject of a current criminal investigation or grand jury proceeding for the alleged commission of a felony or misdemeanor; and
 - (4) the member
 - (a) has never been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor listed in Business and Professions Code section 6068(o)(5);
 - (b) has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor listed in Business and Professions Code section 6068(o)(5) and has been disciplined as a result of the conviction; or
 - (c) has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor listed in Business and Professions Code section 6068(o)(5) but the related

disciplinary proceeding was dismissed without the imposition of discipline.

- (B) A member who is eligible to tender his or her voluntary resignation pursuant to subsection (A) of this rule must complete and execute, under penalty of perjury, the voluntary resignation form approved by the Board of Governors and submit the original of the form to the State Bar's Office of Member Services.
- (C) Upon tendering his or her voluntary resignation and until the California Supreme Court accepts or rejects the resignation, the member is immediately enrolled as an inactive member of the State Bar of California and is ineligible to practice law or claim in any way to be entitled to practice law.
- (D) A member's voluntary resignation is effective only when it is accepted by the California Supreme Court.
- (E) A false statement made by a member in tendering his or her voluntary resignation under this rule
 - (1) may result in an order of the Supreme Court denying or vacating the member's resignation;
 - (2) constitutes cause for disbarment or suspension; and
 - (3) may be punished as contempt or as a crime.