



**AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER ATTORNEY'S OATH REQUIRED FOR
ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW IN CALIFORNIA**

Taking the Attorney's Oath in California

Following is a list of those officials in the state of California who are authorized to administer the Attorney's Oath, which is required for admission to practice law in California.

- A judge of any court of record. CCP § 2093 (a); Gov. Code § 1225
- A justice of any court of record. CCP § 2093(a); Gov. Code § 1225
- A former judge or justice of a court of record who is certified by the Commission on Judicial Performance to administer oaths (as long as the judge or justice was not facing charges at the time of resignation or retirement). CCP § 2093(c); Gov. Code § 1225
- The clerk of any court of record. CCP § 2093(a)
- A court commissioner of any court of record. CCP § 259; CCP § 2093(a)
- A notary public. CCP § 2093(a)
- A shorthand court reporter. CCP § 2093(b)
- An officer of the executive branch of government (i.e., Governor, Lieutenant Governor)
- Any member of the Legislature. Gov. Code § 1225
- The Secretary of the Senate. Gov. Code § 9191.5
- The Chief Clerk of the Assembly. Gov. Code § 9191.5
- Any county officer (i.e. district attorney, registrar of voters, assessor, member of the Board of Supervisors) and the officer's deputy. Gov. Code § 24057
- Judges of the State Bar Court. Bus. Prof. Code § 6086.5; CCP § 2093(a)
- The State Bar's Chief Trial Counsel. Bus. Prof. Code § 6052; CCP § 2093(a)
- Administrative Law Judges. Gov. Code § 11528; CCP § 2093(a)
- Mayor. Gov. Code § 40603
- Jury Commissioner. CCP § 196(a)

Taking the Attorney's Oath Outside of California

Please note, when the attorney's oath is taken before a judge or a court in another state or in a foreign country, the genuineness of the signature of the judge, the existence of the court, and the fact that such judge is a member thereof must be certified by the clerk of the court. (Code Civ. Proc. § 2015.) Additionally, oaths made by military personnel are governed by California Civil Code section 1183.5.

Out-of-state

If you reside outside of California, it is not necessary for you to return to California to take the attorney's oath. Please note, if you are requesting that an official administer the oath virtually, you must confirm with the official that they are authorized to do so. Some of the most common officials authorized to administer the oath out-of-state are as follows:

- A judge of any court of record
- A justice of any court of record
- A notary public

Out-of-country

If you reside outside of the United States, it is not necessary for you to return to California to take the attorney's oath. Some of the most common officials authorized to administer the oath out-of-country are as follows (Code Civ. Proc. § 2014):

- An ambassador
- A consul
- A vice-consul
- A consular agent of the United States
- A judge of a court of record having a seal in such foreign country