First Year Students: How to Register with the CA State Bar

Though you may register with the State Bar at any point during law school, they strongly recommend that you complete this requirement during your first year. You only need to register once and your registration does not expire.

1) Go to the California State Bar website: www.calbar.org
2) Once you’re on the website, choose the “Future Lawyers” tab at the top of the page.

3) In the top right corner, click the “Register with the State Bar” link.
4) Once you select this link and read the information on the page, at the bottom of the screen, you’ll see the link to begin your application.

5) If you are a first time user, you will need to create an account. This is NOT registering with the State Bar. It is just creating an account with the State Bar so that you can register!

6) Once your account is created, you will receive a confirmation email from the State Bar at which point you can log in and complete the application to register. There is a registration fee of $108.00.

7) You will receive an acknowledgement in the mail once your registration has been processed – be sure to hold onto this confirmation.

8) If you have any questions please contact the California State Bar directly at (415) 538-2300.