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, the bar strongly recommend that you complete this requirement during your first 90 days of law school. You only need to register once and your registration does not expire.

1) Go to the California State Bar website: www.calbar.ca.gov.

2) Once you’re on the website, choose the “Admissions” link on the right hand side.

3) Scroll down and click the “Create a new registration” link.
4) Click on the “Registering as Law Student or Attorney Applicant” link.

5) Thoroughly read the information and instructions on this page. Make sure that you have added “admissions_la@calbar.ca.gov” to your contacts or safe list.

6) At the bottom of this same page, you will click on the “Begin Application to Register with the Star Bar” button.
7) On the log in page, you will need to create an account.

8) Once your account is successfully created, you will receive a confirmation email from the State Bar. Please note that there is a one-time registration fee of $119.

9) After you finish the account creation process, you can begin work on your online application.

10) If you have any questions please contact the California State Bar directly at (415) 538-2000.