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 recommends** 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](http://www.calbar.ca.gov).
2) Once you’re on the website, choose the “Admissions” link on the right hand side.

3) Click the “Admissions Applicant Portal” link.
4) Click on Create an Account.

5) Enter the required information and click submit.
6) Follow any remaining instructions given.
7) 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.
8) After you finish the account creation process, you can begin work on your online application.
9) If you have any questions please contact the California State Bar directly at (415) 538-2000.