

## FOLLOWING SUBMISSION OF A MORAL CHARACTER DETERMINATION APPLICATION

This is what you need to do NEXT:

- **Immediately mail the printed signed copy** of your application along with all of the items listed on the application cover page.
- **Review the Summary of Requirements for Admission to Practice Law**, which are listed on the Admissions' portion of the State Bar of California's Web site at [www.calbar.ca.gov/admissions](http://www.calbar.ca.gov/admissions) to ensure that you are on schedule with completing all other admission requirements. Please remember that the application to take the bar examination is a separate application and that filing the moral character determination application does not constitute filing an application to take an examination.

This is what the Office of Admissions is doing:

- **Processing thousands of applications.** This takes time and care (and a little patience on your part) in order to give each application the attention it requires. You will be notified if your application is incomplete in any way.
- **Sending out personal and employment references, requesting DMV records and waiting for fingerprint records to be received.** Generally, the processing of a Moral Character Determination application will take a minimum of 180 days. The processing of an application may take longer for an applicant who has a longer professional history, such as an attorney admitted in another jurisdiction or when law study was undertaken later in life, and for those applicants who have had incidents in their past where further investigation and evaluation is warranted.
- **Completing the processing as quickly and as efficiently as possible.** The goal of the Office of Admissions is to ensure all of the admission requirements have been met and to certify qualified applicants to the Supreme Court of California as soon as possible. Once you have fulfilled all requirements and, following an order from the Court, you will be advised that you are eligible to take the attorney's oath of office and begin the practice of law.

Thank you!