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**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 (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). Gov. Code §1225.
- Any member of the Legislature. Gov. Code §1225.
- The President of the Senate. Gov. Code §1225.
- The President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Gov. Code §1225.
- The Speaker of the Assembly. Gov. Code §1225.
- The Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly. 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). Gov. Code §24057.
- County officer deputies (i.e. deputy district attorney). Gov. Code §24057.
- Members, State Bar Board of Governors. Bus. Prof. Code §6052; CCP §2093(a).
- 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

If you are currently residing outside of California, it is not necessary for you to return to California to take the Attorney's Oath of Office. You may take the Attorney's Oath before a Judge, Justice or Clerk of a Court of Record, Commanding Officer if in the military service, the American Consul if in a foreign country or anyone authorized to administer oaths.