



MEMORANDUM

TO: Successful Bar Examinees

FROM: Lyn Flanigan
Interim Executive Director

RE: New Member Information

On behalf of the Hawaii State Bar Association (HSBA) governing Board of Directors, I write to congratulate you on this momentous achievement in your legal career.

The HSBA was founded on June 24, 1899. It was formally incorporated in 1988 as a non-profit trade organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. On November 1, 1989, the Hawaii Supreme Court, which regulates the practice of law and admission to the Bar, created an integrated bar (RSCH Rule 17). All persons admitted to practice law in Hawaii are required to be members of the HSBA, and the Court has designated the HSBA as the administrative entity of the integrated bar.

The mission statement of the HSBA is "... to unite and inspire Hawaii's lawyers to promote justice, serve the public, and improve the legal profession."

License Registration

HSBA license registration materials will be emailed to the email address provided on the pre-registration form. Complete and return your **2024** forms to the HSBA as directed as soon as possible but no later than 30 days after you are sworn in. Please note that this initial registration is for **2024** only. Renewal materials for the **2025** license year will be available online on the HSBA website at www.hsba.org by December 1, 2024. Completed forms for the 2025 license year will be due by 12:00 midnight on December 31, 2024.

Required Professionalism Course

The Hawaii Professionalism Course is **required** by Rule 1.14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Hawaii (RSCH), no later than December 31 of the year following the year of election of active status. Example, if you elect an Active or Government status in 2024, you must take this course by December 31, 2025.

The Hawaii Professionalism Course is a three-part course which will be offered virtually the day after your swearing in and will be available to you on the HSBA website after you have completed license registration and obtained access to the HSBA website and CLE programs. There is no substitute for the Professionalism course. We encourage you to complete the Mandatory Professionalism course in a timely manner.

Important regulatory and other materials of interest for new members of the Hawaii Bar are available on the HSBA website at www.hsba.org. For Information specific to you as a new admittee, look for "Membership" under the "New Admittee Information" menu tab.

Check the website at www.hsba.org or visit the HSBA office in downtown Honolulu or call HSBA offices at (808) 537-1868 if you have questions about member status, or the numerous community and benefit programs offered by the HSBA. **Be sure to check the HSBA website Events Calendar regularly for CLE, YLD and HSBA programs and be sure to provide a valid email address to receive HSBA communications.** Welcome to the HSBA!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions, lflanigan@hsba.org or (808) 792-7342. The HSBA is here to support you.

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