

**Rule 8.1 [1-200] False Statement Regarding Application for  
Admission, Readmission, Certification or Registration  
(Commission's Proposed Rule Adopted on May 30, 2015 – Clean Version)**

- (a) This Rule applies to applications for admission, readmission, certification or registration submitted to the State Bar or a court, including applications for: admission to practice law under Business and Professions Code §§ 6060 and 6062; readmission or reinstatement to practice law pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 9.10(f); certification as a legal specialist under California Rules of Court, rule 9.35; and appearance and practice under California Rules of Court, rules 9.40 – 9.46.
- (b) An applicant for admission, readmission, certification or registration shall not knowingly\* make a false statement of material fact, fail to disclose a material fact, or fail to correct a statement known\* to be false.
- (c) A lawyer supporting or opposing another person's application for admission, readmission, certification or registration, shall not, as part of the application process, knowingly\* make a false statement of material fact, fail to disclose a material fact, or fail to correct a statement known\* to be false.
- (d) This Rule does not apply to a lawyer in representing an applicant in proceedings relating to admission, readmission, certification or registration.

**Comment**

[1] A person\* who makes a false statement in connection with that person's own application can be subject to discipline under this Rule or to later cancellation of that person's admission or other authorization.

[2] In representing an applicant for admission, readmission, certification or registration, a lawyer is subject to other applicable rules and the State Bar Act.