

PROPOSED MISSION STATEMENT AND VALUES TO GUIDE CALIFORNIA'S MORAL CHARACTER STATEMENT AND GUIDELINES

The Office of Admissions advances the mission of the State Bar of California to protect the public by ensuring uniformity, consistency, and transparency in the moral character determination process. Towards this end, these guidelines were developed to communicate clear and appropriate standards by which moral character determinations are made and ensure that appropriate consideration is given to rehabilitative efforts undertaken by applicants. Applicants have the burden of establishing the requisite moral character by demonstrating possession of traits critical to the ethical practice of law, such as candor and honesty, and respect for the law and the rights of others.

Guiding Values:

- Public protection
- Uniformity
- Consistency
- Transparency
- Clear and appropriate standards
- Guidelines which are easy to understand