



# The State Bar *of California*

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## **OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM 704 MARCH 2021**

**DATE:** March 19, 2021

**TO:** Members, Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Teresa Ruano, Principal Program Analyst, Office of Strategic Communications & Stakeholder Engagement

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Planned Updates to the State Bar Website to Implement Recent Rule Changes Addressing Public Licensee Information and Required Reporting

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On January 24, 2020, the Board approved amendments to State Bar Rules 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4 (now consolidated into a single Rule 2.2), which became effective on December 1, 2020. These amendments consolidated existing rules for attorneys' mandatory and discretionary reporting requirements, set forth additional reporting requirements, and clarified what information composes an attorney's official State Bar record.

Almost all information collected by the State Bar is presumptively public under the California Public Records Act, and the State Bar has discretion to determine which pieces of collected public information it chooses to display online. Accordingly, the adopted Rule amendments did not specifically address the online display of reported information. For informational purposes, the January 2020 agenda item included staff recommendations for what information would be displayed publicly on an attorney's State Bar website profile and made searchable on the website, as a separate matter of policy from the Rule amendments themselves. The Board approved the rule amendments and requested that, prior to implementation, staff return to the Board regarding the planned modifications to the information displayed and made searchable on the State Bar website. The issue that the Board expressed the most interest in examining related to the ability to search by reported practice area. This agenda item provides a series of mock-ups presenting the planned modifications to the State Bar website reflecting both the staff's initial recommendations and suggestions raised by Trustees during the January 2020 Board meeting and recommends that the Board approve their implementation. (See Attachment A.)

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## BACKGROUND

In the agenda item presented to the Board in January 2020, staff recommended that the following information collected pursuant to the revised Rule 2.2 be displayed on the attorney profile on the State Bar website:

- Last name, first name, and any middle names;
- Office address or, if no office is maintained, an address to be used for State Bar purposes;
- Office telephone number, or, if no office is maintained, a telephone number to be used for State Bar purposes;
- A professional website, if one is maintained;
- All legal specialties in which the licensee is certified;
- An email address to be posted publicly (if provided);
- Fax number (if provided);
- Area of practice (if provided; to be a searchable field in addition to existing fields that are currently searchable);
- Languages spoken by the attorney or office staff (if provided);
- State Bar license number;
- Date of admission in California;
- Law school attended;
- California Lawyers Association (CLA) section membership, if any;
- License status;
- Date of any transfer from one license status to another; and
- Date and period of any discipline imposed in California.

Staff also stated that the remaining items reported pursuant to Rule 2.2 are not intended for display:

- A nonpublic email address to be used for State Bar communications;
- Practice sector;
- Law firm size;
- IOLTA account information;
- Any other jurisdictions in which the licensee is admitted and the date(s) of admission;
- The jurisdiction, and the nature and date of any discipline imposed by another jurisdiction, including the terms and conditions of any probation imposed, and, if suspended or disbarred in another jurisdiction, the date of any reinstatement in that jurisdiction.

Furthermore, staff proposed that inactive or retired attorneys be required to maintain a minimum of only one public-facing piece of contact information on the State Bar website (email, telephone, or address) and that they be given the choice of which contact method(s) they wish to have publicly displayed. (See Attachment B.)

At the January 24, 2020, Board meeting, the Board requested, and staff agreed to provide, an update regarding how the amended rules and recommended resulting changes to attorney search and attorney profiles would be implemented on the State Bar website.

## **DISCUSSION**

The amended State Bar Rule 2.2 consolidated the prior State Bar Rules 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4, and clarified and modified licensees' reporting of mandatory and discretionary information for their official State Bar record. While all records relating to the business of the State Bar that are regulatory in nature may be subject to public disclosure under the California Public Records Act (with the exception of a nonpublic email address under California Rules of Court, rule 9.9), the question of what items are proactively displayed on an attorney's profile page is a separate issue subject in large part to the State Bar's policy discretion. Nevertheless, the largest number of public comments when the rule change was circulated before its approval related only to the question of what information would and would not be displayed on a licensee's State Bar website profile.

As it had in the two prior instances when the Board pre-viewed the proposed rule change, in January 2020, along with the rule language to be adopted, staff provided the Board with recommendations for implementing this rule change on the State Bar website. These were provided for informational purposes; the Board was not presented with a resolution to formally approve the display recommendations. Staff's recommendations stressed that many pieces of information to be collected under the new rule were never intended to be publicly displayed, including practice sector information, law firm size, IOLTA account information, and discipline imposed by other jurisdictions.

Multiple public comments expressed concern with how the State Bar would handle the collection, display, and online search of attorneys' optional identification of their practice areas. One concern was that permitting the public to search for attorneys by self-reported practice area would suggest to the public that the State Bar was verifying those practice areas and endorsing the quality of the service provided by the attorney. Staff recommended that practice area information be made searchable in the interest of providing useful information to the public and recommended that the display of self-reported practice areas be accompanied by appropriate caveats or disclaimers stating that the information was provided directly by the licensee and had not been verified by the State Bar, and that the State Bar cannot attest to any attorney's performance in a particular practice area. Trustees suggested that members of the public also be directed to other sources if their purpose in searching was to find legal help in a particular practice area.

### **State Bar Website Changes Implementing Rule 2.2**

Attachment A provides examples of the current format and proposed revised format for (1) the Advanced Attorney Search page, (2) the Attorney Search Results page, (3) the Attorney Profile page for an active attorney with limited discipline history, (4) the Attorney Profile page for an inactive attorney, and (5) the Attorney Profile page for an attorney with discipline history.

The proposed revision to the Advanced Attorney Search page includes a field for “Self-Reported Practice Areas,” added to existing search fields for name, location, certified legal specialty, and languages spoken. If an advanced search includes Self-Reported Practice Area, an additional panel would display, requiring the user to click a checkbox in response to the following disclaimer:

By checking this box, you affirm your understanding that the State Bar of California does not verify the accuracy of self-reported practice areas and makes no warranties regarding experience or competence in practice areas. The State Bar encourages those seeking legal help to search for certified legal specialties above, use Certified Lawyer Referral Services, search through LawHelpCa.org, and use the State Bar’s online public information to complement this information.

This same disclaimer would appear above any search results listing that includes Self-Reported Practice Area information.

The mock-ups show the planned changes—adding, rearranging, and in some cases deleting information—on attorney profiles, made possible by the amended Rule 2.2. The mock-ups also show staff’s recommendations for improving the user experience, especially given the potential for profiles to display even more information than currently. Improvements include more logical grouping of information, streamlined wording, and clearer use of links. When first opened, an attorney profile would display only a limited set of information, including name, bar number, contact information, licensee status, and disciplinary history. Additional information would be displayed through an accordion panel accessed by clicking a link to “More About This Attorney.” Once clicked, “More About This Attorney” would expand to display any available information regarding Certified Legal Specialty, CLA Sections, Self-Reported Practice Areas (with the appropriate disclaimer), Additional Languages Spoken, and Law School.

## **Conclusion**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the planned implementation of changes to the website attorney search and attorney profiles as shown in Attachment A.

## **FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT**

None

## **AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF THE STATE BAR**

None

## **AMENDMENTS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY MANUAL**

None

## **STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

Goal: 2. Ensure a timely, fair, and appropriately resourced admissions, discipline, and regulatory system for the more than 250,000 lawyers licensed in California.

Objective: g. No later than January 1, 2019, require all attorneys to report firm size and practice type to the State Bar and to maintain and update that information.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Should the Board of Trustees concur in the proposed action, passage of the following resolution is recommended:**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the planned updates to the State Bar public website regarding the display of and search of attorney profile information in accordance with State Bar Rule 2.2.

## **ATTACHMENT(S) LIST**

- A. Mock-up of State Bar Website Pages
- B. January 24, 2020, Board of Trustees Agenda Item, also available at <https://board.calbar.ca.gov/docs/agendaitem/Public/agendaitem1000025360.pdf>

## Attorney Profile and Search Changes, Rule 2.2 Project

### Primary Goals

1. Add content to attorney profile webpage and search functionality in keeping with the January 2020 Board of Trustees approval of Rule 2.2 changes.
2. Add appropriate disclaimers to the profile webpage and search interface to accommodate sensitivities, particularly to search by and display of self-reported practice areas, as raised during public comment and discussed when the Board approved the rule change.

### Secondary Goals

3. Improve the user experience, especially as content is added, by grouping and organizing content more logically from the public's perspective.
4. Make navigation less confusing on the profile page by better distinguishing links that lead to help/explanatory content from links that lead the user elsewhere.
5. Resolve style and formatting issues that have crept into the page through successive piecemeal programming changes over time.
6. Reduce verbiage and clutter to make the page easier to understand and less confusing.

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ATTACHMENT A

[CURRENT FORMAT: Advanced Search for an Attorney]

# Attorney Search

Enter Attorney Name or Bar Number

Search

☐ Include similar sounding names

For more search options, including the ability to search for **certified specialists**, try **Advanced Search**. You can also search for **Provisionally Licensed Lawyers**.

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# Advanced Attorney Search

Fill in any of the fields below to begin your search.

## Additional Search Criteria

Attorney Info (To find a specific attorney)

Last Name	Begins with	v	
First Name	Begins with	v	
Middle Name	Begins with	v	
Firm Name	Begins with	v	

Location (For a random sample listing of attorneys)

City	Begins with	v	
State			v

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Zip	
District	v
County	v
Cert. Legal Specialty	v
Languages Spoken	v

Advanced Search

Clear Fields



PROPOSED FORMAT: Advanced Search for an Attorney

# Attorney Search

Enter Attorney Name or Bar Number

Search

☒ Include similar sounding names

NOTE: Due to technical limitations, this search cannot handle extended characters.  
Example: for Nuñez, please search Nunez.

For more search options, including the ability to search for **certified specialists** or other practice characteristics, try **Advanced Search**. You can also search for **Provisionally Licensed Lawyers**.

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**Commented [RT3]:** This phrase added.

# Advanced Attorney Search

Fill in any of the fields below to begin your search.

Attorney Info (To find a specific attorney)

Last Name	Begins with	v	
First Name	Begins with	v	
Middle Name	Begins with	v	
Firm Name	Begins with	v	

Location (For a random sample listing of attorneys)

City	Begins with	v	
State			v
Zip			

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District	<input type="text"/>	v
County	<input type="text"/>	v
Cert. Legal Specialty	<input type="text"/>	v
Languages Spoken	<input type="text"/>	v
Self-Reported Practice Areas	<input type="text"/>	v

Advanced Search

Clear Fields

For any search that includes Self-Reported Practice Areas, after the user clicks the “Advanced Search” button, an additional panel would display as below, requiring the user to click the checkbox before proceeding.

Self-Reported Practice Areas	<input type="text"/>	v
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By checking this box, you affirm your understanding that the State Bar of California does not verify the accuracy of self-reported practice areas and makes no warranties regarding experience or competence in practice areas. The State Bar encourages those seeking legal help to search for certified legal specialties above, use [Certified Lawyer Referral Services](#), search through [LawHelpCa.org](#), and use the State Bar’s online [public information](#) to complement this information.

Advanced Search

Clear Fields

CURRENT FORMAT: SEARCH RESULTS PAGE

# Attorney Search

Enter Attorney Name or Bar Number

Search

☐

Include similar sounding names

For more search options, including the ability to search for [certified specialists](#), try [Advanced Search](#). You can also search for [Provisionally Licensed Lawyers](#).

Your search returned 354 randomized results of [active](#) licensees.

Click any column heading to sort on that column. Hold shift and click multiple headings to sort on multiple columns.

Name	Status	Number	City	Admission Date
<a href="#">Lastname, Firstname</a>	Active	278545	Los Angeles	December 2011
<a href="#">Lastname, Firstname</a>	Active	305279	Los Angeles	December 2015
<a href="#">Lastname, Firstname</a>	Active	312272	Los Angeles	December 2016
<a href="#">Lastname, Firstname</a>	Active	259451	Los Angeles	December 2008

PROPOSED FORMAT: SEARCH RESULTS PAGE

## Attorney Search Results

[Return to Attorney Search](#)

Your search returned 354 randomized results of **active** licensees.

[for any search result that includes practice areas, the text box below would display]

The State Bar of California does not verify the accuracy of self-reported practice areas and makes no warranties regarding experience or competence in practice areas. The State Bar encourages those seeking legal help to search for State Bar **Certified Legal Specialists**, use **Certified Lawyer Referral Services**, search through **LawHelpCa.org**, and use the State Bar's online **public information** to complement this information.

Click any column heading to sort on that column. Hold shift and click multiple headings to sort on multiple columns.

Name	Status	Number	City	Admission Date
<a href="#">Lastname.</a> <a href="#">Firstname</a>	Active	278545	Los Angeles	December 2011
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<a href="#">Lastname.</a> <a href="#">Firstname</a>	Active	312272	Los Angeles	December 2016
<a href="#">Lastname.</a> <a href="#">Firstname</a>	Active	259451	Los Angeles	December 2008

[CURRENT FORMAT, active attorney, limited discipline history]

## Attorney Licensee Profile

### Jane Q. Attorney #12345

**License Status:** Active

Address: 12345 Anystreet Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90067

County: Los Angeles County

Phone Number: (213) 765-1000

Fax Number: Not Available

Email: [janeqattorney@gmail.com](mailto:janeqattorney@gmail.com)

Law School: George Washington Univ LS; Washington DC

### License Status, Disciplinary and Administrative History

Below you will find all changes of license status due to both non-disciplinary administrative matters and disciplinary actions.

Date	License Status	Discipline	Administrative Action
Present	Active		
1/27/2012	Active		
9/1/2010	Not Eligible to Practice Law in California		Admin Inactive/MCLE noncompliance
	Admitted to The State Bar of California		

#### Additional Information:

- [Explanation of licensee status](#)
- [Explanation of disciplinary system](#)
- [Explanation of disciplinary actions](#)
- [Copies of official licensee discipline records are available upon request](#)

**Certified Legal Specialty:** Bankruptcy Law

CLA Sections: Business Law

The [California Lawyers Association](#) (CLA) is an independent organization and is not part of the State Bar of California.

[Start New Search »](#)

[PROPOSED FORMAT: active attorney, limited discipline history]

## Attorney Profile

### Jane Q. Attorney #12345

License Status: Active

Address: 12345 Anystreet Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90067




Phone: 213-765-1000 | Fax: Not Available

Email: [janeqattorney@gmail.com](mailto:janeqattorney@gmail.com) | Website: [www.janeqattorneyesq.com](http://www.janeqattorneyesq.com)

More About This Attorney 

### License Status, Disciplinary and Administrative History

All changes of license status due to nondisciplinary administrative matters and disciplinary actions

Date	License Status 	Discipline 	Administrative Action 
Present	Active		
1/27/2012	Active		
9/1/2010	Not eligible to practice law in CA		Admin Inactive/MCLE noncompliance
6/1/2000	Admitted to the State Bar of California		

More information:

- [Explanation of disciplinary system](#)

[Start New Search »](#)

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**Commented [RT5]:** Link would open an exit screen: a separate tab displaying the following disclaimer before refreshing and displaying the target URL:

You are leaving the State Bar of California website and are being directed to an external web address provided to the State Bar by a California-licensed attorney. The State Bar relies on attorneys to maintain accurate and updated website listings and makes no warranties or other representations regarding the accuracy, content, or policies of external websites or for those of subsequent links.

**Commented [RT6]:** Link to show/hide accordion panel: SEE NEXT PAGE.

**Commented [RT7]:** Helper icons will link to popups with explanatory text (could be a single popup pane with brief descriptions of all three categories).

Replaces several "more information" bullets currently linked below table. Also will contain instructions and link for accessing disciplinary records on State Bar Court Case Search.

**Commented [RT8]:** Link should be retargeted to a public-friendly webpage. Suggested link: <http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Public/Discipline>

[PROPOSED FORMAT: profile showing expanded panel, active attorney]

## Attorney Profile

**Jane Q. Attorney #12345**

**License Status: Active**

Address: 12345 Anystreet Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90067

Phone: 213-765-1000 | Fax: Not available

Email: [janeqattorney@gmail.com](mailto:janeqattorney@gmail.com) | Website: [www.janeqattorneyesq.com](http://www.janeqattorneyesq.com)

[More About This Attorney](#) ⌵

[BEGIN ACCORDION CONTENT]

**Certified Legal Specialty:** Bankruptcy Law

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**CLA Sections:** Business Law

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The **California Lawyers Association** (CLA) is an independent organization and is not part of the State Bar of California.

**Self-Reported Practice Areas:**

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Note: The State Bar does not verify the accuracy of this content and makes no warranties regarding experience or competence in practice areas. The State Bar encourages those seeking legal help to search **Certified Specialists**, use **Certified Lawyer Referral Services**, search through **LawHelpCa.org**, and use the State Bar's online **public information** to complement this information.

- Bankruptcy Law
- Civil Law
- Criminal Law
- Family Law
- Probate Law

**Additional Languages Spoken:**

By the attorney: N/A

By staff: Spanish, Tagalog, Russian

Law School: George Washington Univ LS; Washington DC

[END ACCORDION CONTENT]

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### License Status, Disciplinary and Administrative History

All changes of license status due to nondisciplinary administrative matters and disciplinary actions

Date	License Status <sup>i</sup>	Discipline <sup>i</sup>	Administrative Action <sup>i</sup>
<b>Present</b>	<b>Active</b>		
1/27/2012	Active		
9/1/2010	Not eligible to practice law in CA		Admin Inactive/MCLE noncompliance
6/1/2000	Admitted to the State Bar of California		

More information:

- [Explanation of disciplinary system](#)

[Start New Search »](#)



[CURRENT FORMAT: inactive attorney]

## Attorney Licensee Profile

Henry Smith #123456

License Status: **Inactive**

Address: 100 Anystreet, San Francisco, CA 94102

County: San Francisco County

Phone Number: (415) 123-4567

Fax Number: Not Available

Email: **mr.smith@gmail.com**

Law School: Pepperdine Univ SOL; Malibu CA

### License Status, Disciplinary and Administrative History

Below you will find all changes of license status due to both non-disciplinary administrative matters and disciplinary actions.

Date	License Status	Discipline	Administrative Action
Present	<b>Inactive</b>		
1/1/1996	<b>Inactive</b>		
12/7/1995	Admitted to The State Bar of California		

#### Additional Information:

- Explanation of licensee status
- Explanation of disciplinary system
- Explanation of disciplinary actions
- Copies of official licensee discipline records are available upon request

[Start New Search »](#)

PROPOSED FORMAT: inactive attorney

## Attorney Profile

**Henry Smith #123456**




**License Status:** **Inactive**

Email: [mr.smith@gmail.com](mailto:mr.smith@gmail.com)

[More About This Attorney](#) 

### License Status, Disciplinary and Administrative History

All changes of license status due to nondisciplinary administrative matters and disciplinary actions.

Date	License Status 	Discipline 	Administrative Action 
Present	Inactive		
1/1/1996	Inactive		
12/7/1995	Admitted to the State Bar of California		

#### Additional Information:

- [Explanation of disciplinary system](#)

[Start New Search »](#)

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**Commented [RT13]:** Inactive attorneys will have the option to designate a minimum of one piece of contact information (email, telephone or address) for display if they choose.

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**[CURRENT FORMAT: attorney with discipline history]**

## Attorney Licensee Profile

### CONSUMER ALERT

This attorney is suspended from the practice of law. As a result, the attorney is ineligible to practice law in California. The State Bar posts consumer alerts online when attorneys are suspended from practice. Anyone who believes they have been the victim of attorney misconduct is urged to file a complaint with the State Bar.

### John Q. Lawyer #654321

License Status: **Not Eligible to Practice Law**

Address: 1234 46th Street, Anycity, CA 90000

County: Los Angeles County

Phone Number: (424) 297-1234

Fax Number: Not Available

Email: [johnqlawyer@aol.com](mailto:johnqlawyer@aol.com)

Law School: Rutgers Univ SOL; Camden NJ

### License Status, Disciplinary and Administrative History

Below you will find all changes of license status due to both non-disciplinary administrative matters and disciplinary actions.

Date	License Status	Discipline	Administrative Action
Present	<b>Not Eligible to Practice Law in California</b>		
10/1/2020	<b>Not Eligible to Practice Law in California</b>		Suspended, failed to pay bar fees
5/4/2020	<b>Not Eligible to Practice Law in California</b>	Interim suspension after conviction 20-C-12345	
3/13/2020		Conviction record Transmitted to State Bar Court 20-C-12345	
7/29/2019		Disciplinary charges filed in State Bar Court 19-O-12345	
6/1/2000	Admitted to The State Bar of California		

### State Bar Court Cases

The listing below is partial, as the State Bar Court is transitioning to online dockets. Please refer to the License Status, Disciplinary and Administrative History section

**Commented [RT15]:** This section displays only for profiles that have current cases that began before the portal launched in May 2019.

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above for a record of discipline cases. Case dockets and documents may be available using the State Bar Court [Search for a Case](#) feature.

Effective Date	Case Number	Description
Pending	19-TE-12345	Initiating Document <a href="#">[PDF]</a>
Pending	19-TE-12345	Response <a href="#">[PDF]</a>

#### Additional Information:

- [Explanation of licensee status](#)
- [Explanation of disciplinary system](#)
- [Explanation of disciplinary actions](#)
- [Copies of official licensee discipline records are available upon request](#)

The State Bar Court began posting public discipline [documents](#) online in 2005. Copies of additional documents in a case are [available upon request](#).

On May 31, 2019, the State Bar Court launched online case dockets. If a case was open or filed on or after Feb 7, 2019, documents are being added online as events occur, and can be accessed with the new [Search for a Case](#) feature.

To search for a case filed on or after Feb. 7, 2019, please copy the case number displayed above, click the button below, and add the prefix SBC to the case number, e.g. SBC[CASE NUMBER].

Search for a Case

Older case records are [available on request](#).

NOTE: Only [Published Opinions](#) may be cited or relied on as precedent in State Bar Court proceedings. For further information about a case that is displayed here, please refer to the State Bar Court's online docket ([Search for a Case](#)).

DISCLAIMER: Any posted Notice of Disciplinary Charges, Conviction Transmittal or other initiating document, contains only allegations of professional misconduct. The licensee is presumed to be innocent of any misconduct warranting discipline until the charges have been proven.

**Commented [RT16]:** Gray box provides instructions for accessing discipline documents. Currently displays one when State Bar Court documents are still posted in the section immediately above it. Should appear whenever discipline cases appear in history section.

CLA Sections: None

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[Start New Search »](#)

PROPOSED FORMAT: attorney with discipline history

## Attorney Profile

John Q. Lawyer #654321

License Status: **Not Eligible to Practice Law**

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## CONSUMER ALERT

This attorney is suspended from the practice of law. As a result, the attorney is ineligible to practice law in California. The State Bar posts consumer alerts online when attorneys are suspended from practice. Anyone who believes they have been the victim of attorney misconduct is urged to file a complaint with the State Bar.

Commented [RT18]: Consumer alert box moved below licensee name and status line.

Address: 1234 46th Street, Anycity, CA 90000







Phone: 424-297-1234 | Fax: Not available

Email: [johnqlawyer@aol.com](mailto:johnqlawyer@aol.com) | Website: [www.johnqlawyer.com](http://www.johnqlawyer.com)More About This Attorney 

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## License Status, Disciplinary and Administrative History

All changes of license status due to nondisciplinary administrative matters and disciplinary actions.

Date	License Status 	Discipline 	Administrative Action 
<b>Present</b>	<b>Not eligible to practice law in CA</b>		
10/1/2020	Not eligible to practice law in CA		Suspended, failed to pay fees
5/4/2020	Not eligible to practice law in CA	Interim suspension after conviction 20-C-12345 	
3/13/2020		Conviction record transmitted to State Bar Court 20-C-12345 	
7/29/2019		Disciplinary charges filed in State Bar Court 19-O-12345 	
6/1/2000	Admitted to the State Bar of California		

Commented [RT20]: As with other profile mockups, helper icons link to popup containing brief explanations of each header and access instructions/hyperlink to State Bar Court Case Search.

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## State Bar Court Cases

The listing below is partial, as the State Bar Court is transitioning to online dockets. Please refer to the License Status, Disciplinary and Administrative History section above for a record of discipline cases. Case dockets and documents may be available using the State Bar Court Search for a Case feature; [see instructions below.](#)

Effective Date ⓘ	Case Number	Description ⓘ
Pending	19-TE-12345	Initiating Document
Pending	19-TE-12345	Response

Here is what you need to know to access discipline documents:

If a case was open or filed on or after Feb 7, 2019, documents are being added in the State Bar Court's online docket as events occur.

Search for a Case

To search for a case filed on or after Feb. 7, 2019, please copy the case number displayed above and click Search for a Case. **In the search box, you must add the prefix SBC to the case number, e.g., SBC [CASE NUMBER].**

Older case records are **available on request**. The State Bar Court began posting public discipline documents online in 2005. ⓘ

NOTE: Only **Published Opinions** may be cited or relied on as precedent in State Bar Court proceedings. For further information about a case displayed here, please refer to the State Bar Court's online docket.

DISCLAIMER: Any posted Notice of Disciplinary Charges, Conviction Transmittal or other initiating document, contains only allegations of professional misconduct. The licensee is presumed to be innocent of any misconduct warranting discipline until the charges have been proven.

More information:

- [Explanation of disciplinary system](#)

[Start New Search »](#)

**Commented [RT22]:** Links to same popup as above with access instructions and link for State Bar Court Case Search.

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**Commented [RT24]:** This popup would include the document descriptions currently linked from the word "documents" in the gray box. The link would be removed from that word in the gray box.

**Commented [RT25]:** Gray box text removed from italics to improve readability.

Text shortened to reduce clutter.

Instructions placed next to button to highlight them.

Icon showing in gray would display current popup "Description of Document Types"

**Commented [RT26R25]:** Gray box would be reprogrammed to appear on all pages with disciplinary entries.