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Dear New Member of the Rhode Island Bar:

As President of the Rhode Island Bar Association, I congratulate you on your admission by the Rhode Island Supreme Court to practice law in the State of Rhode Island. Becoming a lawyer reflects your many years of hard work and diligence. I hope you will always cherish and remain mindful of your accomplishment; being a member of the Bar has certainly been a highlight of my life.

As you are aware, membership in the Rhode Island Bar Association is mandatory. Please carefully complete the enclosed registration form to ensure you receive the many significant benefits of your Rhode Island Bar membership, one of which is access to Rhode Island Casemaker, your free legal research library available through the Bar's Web site at [www.ribar.com](http://www.ribar.com). Familiarize yourself with the site, as it will help you transition into the practice quite efficiently.

Bar committee membership is an excellent means to develop and enhance your career. Many members who serve on the bench/bar court committees find they provide outstanding professional opportunities to meet lawyers and judges from those courts. Other members find similar opportunities through the Bar's law specialty committees. Once you have submitted the enclosed **Attorney Registration** form, you may sign up for committees online through the Members Only page on the Bar's website at [www.ribar.com](http://www.ribar.com), or mail in the enclosed form.

Annual membership dues for members with less than five years of practice are \$165.00. However, as a way of welcoming you to your Association, your first year of membership is free.

I urge you to take full advantage of your membership with the Rhode Island Bar Association and welcome you to the practice of law in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

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