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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 value and remain mindful of your accomplishments. Practicing law in Rhode Island and being a member of this Bar community 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 Fastcase, your free legal research library available through the Bar's Web site at 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 our 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. You will receive a Rhode Island Bar Association **Attorney Registration** form as well as IOLTA forms via postal mail in the next few weeks. Once you have submitted the Attorney Registration form, you may sign up for committees online through the Members Only page on the Bar's website at www.ribar.com.

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 both the practice of law in Rhode Island and our Bar community.

Sincerely,

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