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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. You should expect to receive your RIBA registration form as well as IOLTA forms via postal mail. Please return these forms to our office as soon as possible in the self-addressed envelopes provided. You will not be able to login to the RIBA website, located at [ribar.com](http://ribar.com), until your registration form has been returned and your information has been entered in our database. Once your form has been returned, you should visit the RIBA website, click on the Create New Account link in the upper right-hand corner of the home page, and create your account with your Supreme Court issued Bar ID number as your username. Once your account is created, you may visit our Members Only page for access to all the resources listed in the attached materials and more.

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 ***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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