



The State Bar *of California*

# Revisions to the PTLS and LOS Rules: Recommend to Circulate for Public Comment

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# Admissions Programs: PTLS and LOS

## **Practical Training of Law Students Program (PTLS)**

Certifies law students to provide legal services permitted by Rule 9.42(d) of the California Rules of Court under the supervision of an attorney.

## **Law Office Study Program (LOS)**

Applicants must complete four years of study in a law office under the supervision of a licensed California attorney who has been active, in good standing, and actively practiced law for at least the last 5 consecutive years, or in a judge's chambers under the supervision of a judge of a court of record in California



# Practical Training of Law Students (PTLS) Rules

Title 3, Division 1, Chapter 1 of the Rules of the State Bar and  
Rule 9.42 of the Rules of Court

- Expanded PTLS eligibility by allowing LOS and LLM students to participate
- Removed references to studying law in judge's chambers – added a statement that "an applicant who is studying law in a judge's chamber is ineligible to become a certified law student"
- Created 3.6(F): requires certified law students to notify their PTLS supervisor of any possible past or present conflicts
- Amended rules 3.3(B) and 3.4(C) to allow the applicant 60 days from receipt of notification to cure deficiencies instead of 60 days from submission of the application or request
- Amended rules 3.6(D) and 3.7(A)(5) to require notification to the State Bar within 30 days instead of "promptly"



# Law Office Study (LOS) Rules

Title 4, Division 1, Chapter 3 of the Rules of the State Bar



Clearer guidelines for participants and supervising attorneys



Improve the administration of the program by clarifying application and reporting requirements and procedures



More flexibility in the program by allowing remote study while maintaining a minimum of in-person supervision and shifting from weekly to monthly study calculations



More structured oversight: Reporting and attestation requirements, and academic progress evaluation by supervisors

