

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SUPREME COURT
RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAR OF OHIO**

Comments Requested: The Supreme Court of Ohio will accept public comments until December 4, 2019, on the following proposed amendments to the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.

Comments on the proposed amendments should be submitted in writing to: Gina Palmer, Director of Attorney Services, Supreme Court of Ohio, 65 South Front Street, 5th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431, or Gina.Palmer@sc.ohio.gov not later than December 4, 2019. Please include your full name and mailing address in any comments submitted by e-mail.

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SUPREME COURT RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAR OF OHIO

RULE I. ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW

Section 1. General Requirements.

To be admitted to the practice of law in Ohio, an applicant shall satisfy all of the following requirements:

(A) Be at least twenty-one years of age;

(B) Have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university;

(C) Have earned a J.D. or an L.L.B. degree from a law school that was approved by the American Bar Association at the time the degree was earned or, if not located in the United States, from a law school evaluated and approved in accordance with Section 2(C) ~~or~~ Section 9 10(C)~~(12)~~, or Section 11(B)(7) of this rule;

(D) Prior to taking the Ohio bar examination ~~or~~ being admitted without examination pursuant to Section 9 10 of this rule, or being admitted by transferred Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) score pursuant to Section 11 of this rule, have demonstrated that the applicant possesses the requisite character, fitness, and moral qualifications for admission to the practice of law and have been approved as to character, fitness, and moral qualifications under procedures provided in this rule;

(E) Have passed ~~both~~ the Ohio bar examination, the Ohio Law Component, and the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE), or have been approved for admission without examination pursuant to Section 9 10 of this rule or admission by transferred UBE score pursuant to Section 11 of this rule;

(F) Have taken the oath of office ~~pursuant to~~ as provided in Section 8(A) 9 of this rule.

Section 2. Preliminary Registration Requirements.

(A) Every applicant who intends to take the Ohio bar examination shall file with the Office of Bar Admissions of the Supreme Court an Application to Register as a Candidate for Admission to the Practice of Law in Ohio. The applicant shall file the registration application by the fifteenth day of November in the applicant's second year of law school.

(B) The registration application shall be on forms furnished by the Office of Bar Admissions and shall include all of the following:

(1) A certificate from the dean of the law school the applicant is attending, certifying that the applicant has begun the study of law;

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44 (2) A properly authenticated transcript of college credits showing the applicant has
45 earned a bachelor's degree in compliance with Section 1(B) of this rule or a certificate from the
46 dean of the law school the applicant is attending, certifying that the applicant is participating in a
47 three-plus-three program;
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49 (3) Fingerprint identification taken by a sheriff, deputy sheriff, municipal police
50 officer, or state highway patrol officer;
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52 (4) A registration fee of seventy-five dollars;
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54 (5) A fee in the amount charged by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE)
55 for its character investigation and report;
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57 (6) A typed and completed character questionnaire, in duplicate, in the form prescribed
58 by the Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness;
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- 62 (E) An applicant may not apply to take the February Ohio bar examination unless the
63 applicant has filed a complete registration application by the fifteenth day of August immediately
64 preceding the February examination. An applicant may not apply to take the July Ohio bar
65 examination unless the applicant has filed a complete registration application by the fifteenth day
66 of January immediately preceding the July examination.
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68 (F) Until admitted to the practice of law in Ohio, the applicant is under a continuing
69 duty to update the information contained in the registration application, including the character
70 questionnaire, and to report promptly to the Office of Bar Admissions all changes or additions to
71 information in the application.
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73 (G) Unless the Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness grants an extension
74 to the applicant, a registration application shall be deemed withdrawn, and the applicant shall no
75 longer be considered a candidate for admission, if either of the following occurs:
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77 (1) The applicant fails to take the Ohio bar examination within four years after filing
78 the registration application;
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80 (2) The applicant takes but fails the Ohio bar examination and does not retake one of
81 the four immediately ensuing bar examinations.
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83 **Section 3. Application for Ohio Bar Examination; Updating Character and**
84 **Fitness Information after the Examination.**
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- 86 (A) An applicant who has filed a registration application pursuant to Section 2 of this
87 rule and who seeks to take the Ohio bar examination shall file with the Office of Bar Admissions
88 of the Supreme Court an Application to Take the Bar Examination. An application to take the

89 February examination shall be filed by the first day of November immediately preceding the
90 examination. An application to take the July examination shall be filed by the first day of April
91 immediately preceding the examination.

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93 (B) The examination application shall be on forms furnished by the Office of Bar
94 Admissions and shall include all of the following:

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96 (1) An affidavit that the applicant has read and studied the Rules for the Government
97 of the Bar of Ohio, the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct, and the Code of Judicial Conduct
98 adopted by the Court;

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100 (2) An affidavit that the applicant has not engaged in the unauthorized practice of law;

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102 (3) A certificate signed by the dean or associate dean of the applicant's law school
103 certifying that the signatory does not have knowledge of any information that would cause
104 signatory to doubt the applicant's character, fitness, and moral qualifications to practice law;

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106 (4) A typed and completed supplemental character questionnaire, in duplicate, in the
107 form prescribed by the Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness, updating the
108 information on the applicant's character, fitness, and moral qualifications furnished on the
109 applicant's registration application pursuant to Section 2 of this rule;

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111 (5) A fee in the amount charged by the ~~National Conference of Bar Examiners~~ NCBE
112 ~~for the Multistate Performance Test items~~ UBE components;

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116 (C) The Office of Bar Admissions shall refer the examination application to the
117 regional or local bar association admissions committee in accordance with Section ~~44~~ 13 of this
118 rule. The admissions committee shall review the examination application, conduct further
119 investigation and interviews under Section ~~44~~ 13 of this rule if appropriate or necessary, and report
120 its final recommendation regarding the applicant's character, fitness, and moral qualifications to
121 the Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness on a form prescribed by the Board. The
122 Board shall make a final determination regarding the applicant's character, fitness, and moral
123 qualifications to practice.

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125 (D) Notwithstanding an applicant's timely filing of an Application to Register as a
126 Candidate for Admission to the Practice of Law and an Application to Take the Bar Examination,
127 an applicant may not take the Ohio bar examination unless the Board of Commissioners on
128 Character and Fitness has issued a final approval of the applicant's character, fitness, and moral
129 qualifications at least three weeks prior to the examination.

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133 (G) If an applicant passes the Ohio bar examination but is not admitted to practice
134 within twelve months following that bar examination, the applicant shall file another supplemental

135 character questionnaire with the Office of Bar Admissions. The supplemental character
136 questionnaire shall supplement the information on the applicant's character, fitness, and moral
137 qualifications furnished in the applicant's examination application. The Office of Bar Admissions
138 shall refer the supplemental character questionnaire to a regional or local bar association
139 admissions committee in accordance with Section ~~4~~ 13 of this rule. The admissions committee
140 shall review the supplemental character questionnaire, conduct further investigation and interviews
141 pursuant to Section ~~4~~ 13 of this rule, if appropriate and necessary, and report to the Board its
142 recommendation regarding the applicant's character, fitness, and moral qualifications to practice
143 law. The applicant shall not be admitted to the practice of law unless the Board reissues a final
144 approval of the applicant's character, fitness, and moral qualifications no fewer than six months
145 before the applicant's admission.

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147 (H) As used in this rule:

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149 (1) "Accredited college or university" means a college or university approved by one
150 of the following accrediting associations or, if not located in the United States or Canada, a college
151 or university evaluated and approved in accordance with Section 2(C) ~~or~~ Section ~~9 10(C)(43)~~ 10(C)(12)
152 or Section 11(B)(7) of this rule: Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools/Commission
153 on Higher Education; New England Association of Schools and Colleges--Commission on
154 Institutions of Higher Education; North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; Northwest
155 Association of Schools and Colleges; Southern Association of Colleges and Schools--
156 Commission on Colleges; Western Association of Schools and Colleges--Accrediting Commission
157 for Senior Colleges--Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

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161 **Section 4. Bar Examiners; Readers.**

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163 (A) The Board of Bar Examiners shall be appointed by the Court and shall consist of
164 eighteen members of the bar of Ohio in good standing. The term of office of each bar examiner
165 shall be five years, beginning the first day of April immediately following the appointment. ~~Each~~
166 ~~bar examiner shall be appointed six months before the start of the term and shall serve an internship~~
167 ~~for those six months. During the internship, the intern shall attend Board meetings, Board training,~~
168 ~~and question review sessions and may assist in drafting essay questions.~~ Vacancies for any cause
169 shall be filled by appointment by the Court for the unexpired term. Each year, the Court shall
170 designate one bar examiner as Chair of the Board and one bar examiner as Vice-Chair of the Board.
171 The Director of Attorney Services or ~~his or her~~ the Director's designee shall serve as secretary of
172 the Board.

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174 (B) The Board shall be responsible for examination of applicants for admission to the
175 practice of law in Ohio. Subject to the Court's approval, the Board may promulgate rules and
176 adopt procedures to aid in the administration and conduct of the examination, which may include
177 resolution of allegations related to testing irregularities.

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179 (C)(1) A bar examiner shall devote the time necessary to perform the duties of the office.
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181 (2) A bar examiner shall be conscientious, studious, thorough, and diligent in
182 considering, developing, and implementing sound testing and grading procedures; in preparing the
183 Ohio Law Component bar examination questions; and in seeking to improve the administration of
184 the examination and its administration, including resolution of allegations related to testing
185 irregularities. Before an essay question prepared by a bar examiner is accepted for use in a bar
186 examination, the question shall be analyzed and approved by the Board or a committee of the
187 Board.

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189 (3) A bar examiner shall be just and impartial in performing the duties of the office.
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191 (4) A bar examiner should not have adverse interests, conflicting duties, or inconsistent
192 obligations that will in any way interfere or appear to interfere with the proper administration of
193 the bar examiner's duties. A bar examiner shall not participate directly or indirectly in courses for
194 the preparation of applicants for bar admission or act as a trustee, administrator, professor, adjunct
195 professor, or instructor for a law school or for a university of which a law school is a part, or with
196 which a law school is affiliated. ~~No bar examiner shall be an employee or consultant of a trade~~
197 ~~association in the field of Board interest.~~ The conduct of a bar examiner shall be such that there
198 may be no suspicion that the bar examiner's judgment may be swayed by improper considerations.
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200 (D) The Court will select readers to assist with grading the written portion of the Ohio
201 bar examination. Readers shall be members of the bar of Ohio in good standing and satisfy the
202 same standards of conduct as those required of bar examiners, to the extent those standards are
203 applicable to readers. Readers shall not be related by blood or marriage to the bar examiner with
204 whom they are assigned to grade. The Board shall train and supervise the readers.
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206 **Section 5. Ohio Bar Examination.**

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208 (A) Two Ohio bar examinations shall be held each year in ~~Columbus Ohio~~, one
209 commencing in February and one commencing in July. The examinations shall be the UBE
210 prepared by the NCBE and shall be scheduled consistent with the dates designated by the National
211 Conference of Bar Examiners NCBE for administration of the UBE. The UBE shall consist of
212 the Multistate Bar Essay Examination (MBE MEE) and the two Multistate Performance Test
213 (MPT). Each examination shall consist of five items, and the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE),
214 which are administered in four half-day sessions over a period of two and one-half days. The UBE
215 covers such subjects and skills as published by the NCBE on its website.
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217 (1) ~~Two of the half-day sessions of each examination shall consist of the MBE prepared~~
218 ~~by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.~~

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220 (2) ~~One of the half-day sessions of each examination shall consist of two MPT items~~
221 ~~prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.~~

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223 (3)(a) ~~Two of the half-day sessions of each examination shall consist of twelve essay~~
224 ~~questions prepared by the Board of Bar Examiners.~~
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226 (b) The essay portion of each examination shall consist of at least one question, and no
227 more than two questions, in each of the following subjects:

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- 229 Business Associations (including Agency, Partnerships, and Corporations)
- 230 Civil Procedure
- 231 Commercial Transactions
- 232 Constitutional Law
- 233 Contracts
- 234 Criminal Law
- 235 Evidence
- 236 Legal Ethics
- 237 Property (Real and Personal)
- 238 Torts
- 239 Wills

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241 (e) ~~The subject matter of the essay questions shall not be designated or labeled on the~~
242 ~~examination.~~

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244 (B)(1) ~~The MBE shall be graded by the National Conference of Bar Examiners NCBE or~~
245 ~~its agent. An applicant's MBE scaled score shall be used in computing the applicant's Ohio bar~~
246 ~~examination score.~~

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248 (2) All answers to the written portion of the examination, which shall consist of both
249 the ~~essay questions MEE~~ and the ~~MPT items~~, shall be graded under the direction of the Board ~~of~~
250 ~~Bar Examiners~~. The Board shall adopt rules ~~and policies~~ for grading that are consistent with the
251 sound testing practices ~~followed by all jurisdictions that administer the UBE~~. The rules shall
252 include a provision for ~~scaling the NCBE to convert the raw scores on the written portion of an~~
253 ~~examination to the MBE range of scores for that examination using the mean and standard~~
254 ~~deviation method scale by the methodology used for UBE jurisdictions~~. The rules also shall
255 include a provision for regrading of the written portion of the examination, ~~prior to announcement~~
256 ~~of examination results~~, for any applicant whose total examination score after scaling falls within
257 ~~one point two points~~ below the minimum passing score.

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259 (3) ~~In the calculation of an applicant's total examination score, the applicant's sealed~~
260 ~~score on the written portion of the examination shall be weighed twice as much as the applicant's~~
261 ~~sealed MBE score~~ calculating UBE total scores, the MEE shall be weighted thirty percent, the
262 MPT shall be weighted twenty percent, and the MBE shall be weighted fifty percent. Subject to
263 the Court's approval, the Board shall determine and publish the total score necessary to pass the
264 examination.

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266 (4) Except where a mathematical or clerical error has been made, scores determined in
267 accordance with this section and Board rules shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal.

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269 (C) ~~To achieve a portable UBE score that is transferable to other UBE jurisdictions,~~
270 ~~persons taking the Ohio bar examination shall sit for and take all components of the bar~~
271 ~~examination in a single administration in order.~~

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273 (D) Within a reasonable time following the announcement of examination results, the
274 Board shall ~~may~~ publish the ~~essay questions MEE and MPT~~ used on the examination. The Board
275 may publish a selection of applicant answers to the written portion of the examination. For a
276 reasonable fee, applicants who did not pass the examination may obtain copies of their answers to
277 the written portion of the examination. All other examination and Board materials shall not be
278 considered public information.

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280 ~~(D)(E)(1)~~ Information regarding whether an applicant has taken or passed a particular
281 bar examination shall be public information. ~~As~~ Except as provided in division (E)(2) of this
282 section, an applicant's bar examination scores shall not be public information.

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284 (2) Upon request by an applicant, the applicant's raw bar examination score shall be
285 provided to the NCBE to calculate scaled scores and to certify and transfer the applicant's scaled
286 written score, scaled MBE score, and total UBE score to other UBE jurisdictions. NCBE may also
287 release to an applicant, upon request by the applicant, the applicant scaled MBE score, scaled
288 written score, and total UBE score.

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290 **Section 6. Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination.**

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292 (A) Before being admitted to the practice of law in Ohio by examination or by
293 transferred UBE score, an applicant shall take and pass the ~~Multistate Professional Responsibility~~
294 ~~Examination (MPRE)~~ prepared and administered by the ~~National Conference of Bar Examiners~~
295 ~~NCBE~~. An applicant may take the MPRE at any time before or after taking the Ohio bar
296 examination.

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298 (B) An applicant shall make arrangements for taking the MPRE directly with the
299 ~~National Conference of Bar Examiners NCBE~~ and shall pay the fee for the MPRE to the
300 ~~Conference NCBE~~.

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302 (C) Subject to the Court's approval, the Board of Bar Examiners shall determine and
303 publish the scaled score necessary to pass the MPRE.

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305 **Section 7. Ohio Law Component.**

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307 (A) Before being admitted to the practice of law in Ohio by examination or by
308 transferred UBE score, an applicant shall take and pass the Ohio Law Component prepared and
309 maintained by the Board of Bar Examiners. If applying to transfer a UBE score, an applicant may
310 take the Ohio Law Component any time after the acceptance of the application by the Office of
311 Bar Admissions. If applying by examination, an applicant may take the Ohio Law Component at
312 any time after the applicant completes the final day of the Ohio bar examination.

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314 (B) Subject to the Court's approval, the Board shall determine and publish the score
315 necessary to pass the Ohio Law Component.

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317 (C) An applicant shall pay any fee associated with the Ohio Law Component.

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Section 8. Application for Reexamination.

(A) An applicant who has failed and seeks to retake an Ohio bar examination shall file with the Office of Bar Admissions an Application for Reexamination. A reexamination application for the February examination shall be filed by the first day of November immediately preceding the examination. A reexamination application for the July examination shall be filed by the first day of April immediately preceding the examination. The secretary of the Board of Bar Examiners may set a later filing deadline for applicants for reexamination who have taken a bar examination, the results of which have not been released prior to the filing deadlines established in this division.

(B) The reexamination application shall be on forms furnished by the Office of Bar Admissions and shall include all of the following:

(1) An affidavit that the applicant has not engaged in the unauthorized practice of law;

(2) A typed and completed supplemental reexamination character questionnaire, in duplicate, in the form prescribed by the Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness, updating the previously furnished information on the applicant's character, fitness, and moral qualifications;

(3) A fee in the amount charged by the ~~National Conference of Bar Examiners~~ NCBE for the ~~Multistate Performance Test items~~ UBE components;

(4) A fee of three hundred thirty dollars if the reexamination application is filed on or before the dates set forth in division (A) of this section or any later filing deadline set by the secretary of the Board of Bar Examiners. The fee shall be four hundred thirty dollars if either of the following applies:

(a) A reexamination application for the February examination is filed after the first day of November or any later filing deadline set by the secretary of the Board of Bar Examiners, but on or before the tenth day of December;

(b) A reexamination application for the July examination is filed after the first day of April but on or before the tenth day of May.

(C) The Office of Bar Admissions shall refer the reexamination application to the regional or local bar association admissions committee in accordance with Section ~~44~~ 13 of this rule. The admissions committee shall review the reexamination application, conduct further investigation and interviews under Section ~~44~~ 13 of this rule if appropriate or necessary, and report its recommendation regarding the applicant's character, fitness, and moral qualifications to the Board on a form prescribed by the Board.

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Section 8 9. Induction to the Bar.

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(D) The oath for successful bar examination applicants shall be administered by a state or federal judge. In no event shall the oath of office of an applicant occur prior to the bar admissions ceremony that the applicant qualified to attend. If the applicant does not attend the bar admissions ceremony, an affidavit for administration of the oath, in a form prepared by the Office of Bar Admissions, shall be executed and returned to the Office of Bar Admissions.

Section 9 10. Admission Without Examination.

(A) An applicant may apply for admission to the practice of law in Ohio without examination if all of the following apply:

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(3) The applicant has not taken and failed an Ohio bar examination within the past five years of applying for admission without examination;

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(C) An applicant for admission to the practice of law in Ohio without examination shall file with the Office of Bar Admissions an Application for Admission to the Practice of Law Without Examination. The application shall include all of the following:

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~~(2) A certificate from the admissions authority in the jurisdiction from which the applicant seeks admission, demonstrating that the applicant has taken and passed a bar examination and has been admitted to the practice of law in that jurisdiction;~~

~~(3)~~ A certificate of good standing from each jurisdiction in which the applicant is admitted to practice law, dated no earlier than sixty days prior to the submission of the application;

~~(4)~~(3) An affidavit that demonstrates that the applicant has complied with division (A)(2) of this section and that includes a description of the applicant's practice of law, the dates of such practice, and, if applicable, a description of the applicant's employment subsequent to ceasing such practice;

~~(5)~~(4) To confirm that the applicant has engaged in the full-time active practice of law for at least five full years out of the last ten years prior to the applicant's submission of the application, an affidavit from the applicant's employer or employers verifying the applicant's full-time practice of law or, if the applicant has been self-employed, an affidavit from an attorney who is a member of the bar in the jurisdiction in which the applicant practiced and who knows the applicant, verifying the applicant's full-time practice of law. ~~As used in division (C)(5) of this section, "full-~~

410 time practice of law” means practice in which the applicant was actively and substantially engaged
411 as a principal business or occupation;

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413 ~~(6)~~(5) To confirm that the applicant’s practice was performed in a jurisdiction that
414 affirmatively permitted such practice by a lawyer not admitted to practice in that jurisdiction, if
415 applicable, a rule, statute, or other authority verifying that the applicant’s practice was lawful at
416 the time the practice occurred;

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418 ~~(7)~~(6) Such other evidence, as may be reasonably requested by the Court, demonstrating
419 that the applicant has met the requirements of division (A) of this section;

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421 ~~(8)~~(7) A certificate by an attorney admitted to the practice of law in Ohio and duly
422 registered pursuant to Gov. Bar R. VI, who may present the applicant to the Court pursuant to
423 division (G) of this section, stating that the applicant is of good moral character and recommending
424 the applicant for admission to the practice of law in Ohio without examination;

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426 ~~(9)~~(8) Fingerprint identification taken by a sheriff, deputy sheriff, municipal police
427 officer, or state highway patrol officer;

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429 ~~(10)~~(9) A questionnaire, typed and in duplicate, for use by the ~~National Conference of Bar~~
430 ~~Examiners~~ NCBE, the Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness, and the regional or local
431 bar association admissions committee in conducting a character investigation of the applicant;

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433 ~~(11)~~(10) A fee of one thousand five hundred dollars;

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435 ~~(12)~~(11) A fee in the amount charged by the ~~National Conference of Bar Examiners~~ NCBE
436 for its character investigation and report;

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438 ~~(13)~~(12) Certificates or official transcripts evidencing compliance with Section 1(B) and
439 (C) of this rule. If the applicant’s undergraduate or legal education was not received in the United
440 States, a one hundred fifty dollar fee shall accompany the application for evaluation of the
441 applicant’s legal education. If the applicant’s legal education was not received in the United States,
442 the application shall not be processed until the applicant’s legal education is approved by the Court.

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444 (D) The Office of Bar Admissions shall refer the application and the report of the
445 ~~National Conference of Bar Examiners~~ NCBE to the regional or local bar association admissions
446 committee in accordance with Section ~~11~~ 13 of this rule unless certain criteria are met, as
447 established by the Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness. The applicant shall be
448 reviewed and approved as to character, fitness, and moral qualifications in accordance with the
449 procedures provided in Sections ~~11~~ 13, if applicable and ~~12~~ 14 of this rule.

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456 **Section 10 11. Admission by Transferred UBE Score.**
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458 (A) An applicant may apply for admission to the practice of law in Ohio by filing an
459 Application to Transfer UBE score if all of the following apply:
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461 (1) The applicant earned an UBE score that meets or exceeds the minimum score
462 required by the Board of Bar Examiners, subject to approval by the Court;
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464 (2) The qualifying UBE score was earned in an administration of the UBE that occurred
465 within five years of the date of the applicant's submission of an application pursuant to division
466 (B) of this section, but no earlier than the date of the February 2016 administration of the UBE.
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468 (3) The applicant has taken the MPRE prepared and administered by the NCBE and
469 earned the scaled score required by the Board, subject to approval by the Court;
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471 (4) The applicant has met all requirements of Section 1 of this rule, including
472 successful completion of the Ohio Law Component.
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474 (B) An applicant for admission by transferred UBE score shall file with the Office of
475 Bar Admissions an Application for Admission to the Practice of Law by Transferred UBE Score.
476 The application shall include all of the following:
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478 (1) An affidavit stating all of the following:
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480 (a) That the applicant has not engaged in the unauthorized practice of law;
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482 (b) That the applicant has studied the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio, the
483 Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct, and the Code of Judicial Conduct.
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485 (2) A certificate of good standing from each jurisdiction, if any, in which the applicant
486 is admitted to practice law, dated no earlier than sixty days prior to the submission of the
487 application;
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489 (3) Fingerprint identification taken by a sheriff, deputy sheriff, municipal police
490 officer, or state highway patrol officer;
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492 (4) A questionnaire provided for use by the NCBE, the Board of Commissioners on
493 Character and Fitness, and the regional or local bar association admissions committee in
494 accordance with NCBE and the Office of Bar Admissions' policies in conducting a character
495 investigation of the applicant;
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497 (5) A seven hundred and fifty dollar fee;
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499 (6) A fee in the amount charged by the NCBE for its character investigation and report;
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501 (7) Certificates or official transcripts evidencing compliance with Section 1(B) and (C)
502 of this rule. If the applicant’s undergraduate or legal education was not received in the United
503 States, a one hundred fifty dollar fee shall accompany the application for evaluation of the
504 applicant’s foreign education. If the applicant’s legal education was not received in the United
505 States, the application shall not be processed until the applicant’s legal education is approved by
506 the Court.

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508 (C) The Office of Bar Admissions shall refer the application and the report of the NCBE
509 to the regional or local bar association admissions committee in accordance with Section 12 and
510 13 of this rule. The applicant shall be reviewed and approved as to character, fitness, and moral
511 qualifications in accordance with the procedures provided in Sections 12 and 13 of this rule.

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513 (D) The applicant shall be under a continuing duty to update the information contained
514 in the application, including the character questionnaire, and to report promptly to the Office of
515 Bar Admissions all changes or additions to information in the application that occur prior to the
516 applicant’s admission to practice.

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518 (E) The applicant shall successfully complete the Ohio Law Component within the
519 timeframe required by the Board.

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521 (F) An applicant who has been approved for admission under this section shall be
522 administered the oath of office pursuant to Section 9 of this rule.

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524 (G) An application for admission by UBE score transfer shall be considered withdrawn
525 if the applicant does not take the oath of office within twelve months after being approved for
526 admission to the practice of law in Ohio.

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528 (H) An applicant under this section shall not engage in the practice of law in Ohio prior
529 to approval by the Court and administration of the oath pursuant to Section 9 of this rule. This
530 division does not apply to applicants whose practice is affirmatively permitted by Ohio law,
531 including those who have been approved for practice pending admission pursuant to Section 19 of
532 this rule.

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534 **Section 12. Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness.**

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538 **(B) The Board shall do all of the following:**

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542 **(5) Submit recommendations to the Court as to the disapproval of applicants by the**
543 **Board in accordance with Section 12 14 of this rule, or the approval of applicants who must be**
544 **reviewed by the Court under Section 41-(D)(5)(e) 13(D)(5)(b) of this rule.**
545

546 (6) Investigate any matter brought to the attention of the Board after an applicant has
547 been admitted to the practice of law and alleging that the applicant made a materially false
548 statement in, or deliberately failed to disclose any material fact in connection with, the applicant's
549 application for admission to the practice of law.

550 **Section 13. Character Investigation by Admissions Committees.**

551 **[Existing language unaffected by the amendments is omitted to conserve space]**

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555 (C)(1) Upon receipt of an applicant's complete Application to Register as a Candidate for
556 Admission to the Practice of Law filed under Section 2 of this rule, or Application for Admission
557 by Transferred UBE Score pursuant to Section 11 of this rule, or, if applicable, Application for
558 Admission to the Practice of Law Without Examination filed under Section 9 10 of this rule, the
559 Office of Bar Admissions shall forward one copy of the applicant's character questionnaire to the
560 ~~National Conference of Bar Examiners~~ NCBE for a character investigation and report. Upon
561 receipt of this report, the Office of Bar Admissions shall forward the report and the applicant's
562 character questionnaire to one of the following admissions committees:

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564 (a) An admissions committee of the county in which the applicant claims permanent
565 residence, if the applicant is a resident of Ohio;

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567 (b) An admissions committee in the county in which the applicant is enrolled in law
568 school;

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570 (c) An admissions committee in the county in which the applicant intends to practice
571 law;

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573 (d) Such other admissions committee as the Office of Bar Admissions deems
574 appropriate.

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576 (2) Within thirty-five days after the admissions committee's receipt of the applicant's
577 character questionnaire and the report of the ~~National Conference of Bar Examiners~~ NCBE, the
578 admissions committee shall review the character questionnaire and the report, schedule an
579 interview, and notify the applicant, in writing, of the date and place of the interview. The notice
580 shall inform the applicant that the applicant's failure to cooperate in completing the interview may
581 be grounds for disapproval of the application.

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584 (4) The admissions committee shall ascertain, from the character questionnaire, the
585 report of the ~~National Conference of Bar Examiners~~ NCBE, and the interview, whether the
586 applicant possesses the requisite character, fitness, and moral qualifications for admission to the
587 practice of law. If the admissions committee deems it necessary or appropriate under the
588 circumstances, it shall conduct further investigation of the applicant before ascertaining the
589 applicant's character, fitness, and moral qualifications.

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592 (D)(1) The applicant has the burden to prove by clear and convincing evidence that the
593 applicant possesses the requisite character, fitness, and moral qualifications for admission to the
594 practice of law. An applicant's failure to provide requested information, including information
595 regarding expungements and juvenile court proceedings, or otherwise to cooperate in proceedings
596 before the admissions committee may be grounds for a recommendation of disapproval.
597

598 (2) The admissions committee shall determine an applicant's character, fitness, and
599 moral qualifications in accordance with all of the following:

600 (a) The provisions of this rule;

601 (b) The applicable decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States;

602 (c) The applicable decisions of the Supreme Court of Ohio;

603 (d) Any standards of conduct promulgated by the Board and approved by the Court
604 under Section ~~12~~ 12(B)(2)(b) of this rule.
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609 (5)(a) If an applicant has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this state, the laws
610 of the United States, or the laws of another state or territory of the United States, or adjudicated a
611 delinquent child for conduct that, if committed by an adult, would be such a felony, the applicant
612 shall undergo a review by the Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness in accordance
613 with Section ~~12~~ 14 of this rule. In addition to considering the factors listed in (D)(3) of this ~~Section~~
614 section, the Board shall consider the following:
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620 (b) If the applicant's conviction or delinquency adjudication was for aggravated
621 murder, murder, or any first or second degree felony under Ohio law, and the Board votes to
622 approve the applicant in accordance with this section and Section ~~12~~ 14 of this rule, the Board
623 shall make a final report, with its findings of fact and recommendation of approval, for the Supreme
624 Court's review. The Board shall file the report and the record with the Clerk of the Supreme Court.
625 Consistent with the procedures established in Section ~~12~~ 14(F) and (G) of this rule, the Court will
626 review the applicant and make the final determination on whether the applicant shall be approved
627 for admission.
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632 (E) After reviewing the character questionnaire and the report of the ~~National~~
633 ~~Conference of Bar Examiners~~ NCBE, interviewing the applicant, and conducting any further
634 investigation, the admissions committee shall file with the Office of Bar Admissions a written
635 report with its recommendations on a form prescribed by the Board.
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637 (F)(1) An admissions committee recommendation other than an unqualified approval shall
638 be deemed a recommendation that the applicant not be admitted to the practice of law, in which
639 case the written report shall enumerate the specific reasons for such recommendation with relation
640 to the standards set forth in divisions (D)(3) and (4) of this section, and the matter shall proceed as
641 provided in Section ~~12~~ 14 of this rule.

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643 **[Existing language unaffected by the amendments is omitted to conserve space]**

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645 **Section ~~12~~ 14. Appeal to Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness.**

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647 (A) If an admissions committee makes a recommendation other than an unqualified
648 approval, or if the Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness is required to review the
649 applicant pursuant to Section ~~11~~ 13(D)(5)(a) of this rule, the Office of Bar Admissions shall
650 forward a copy of the report required under Section ~~11~~ 13(E) of this rule by certified mail to the
651 applicant, and the applicant may file a written notice of appeal with the secretary of the Board.
652 The report shall be sent by certified mail to the address listed on the application or as supplemented
653 by the applicant. If the certified mail is returned as unclaimed, refused, or otherwise undeliverable,
654 the Office of Bar Admissions shall send the report to the applicant by regular mail.

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658 (C)(1) Upon receipt of a notice of appeal that has been timely filed, the secretary shall, by
659 entry, appoint a panel consisting of three commissioners and designate one of them chair of the
660 panel. No commissioner appointed to the panel shall be from the appellate district in which the
661 admissions committee that made the recommendation is located. Except with the consent of the
662 applicant, a commissioner shall not sit as a member of a hearing panel or otherwise participate in
663 the Board's investigation or recommendation of an applicant if it is reasonable to expect that the
664 commissioner's judgment will be, or could be, affected by such commissioner's financial,
665 business, property, or personal interest. The secretary shall serve a copy of the entry appointing
666 the panel on the applicant, the admissions committee, and all counsel of record.

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668 **[Existing language unaffected by the amendments is omitted to conserve space]**

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670 (4) The chair of the Board, the chair of the panel, and the secretary of the Board shall
671 have authority to issue subpoenas, which shall be issued in the name and under the Seal of the
672 Supreme Court and signed by the chair of the Board, the chair of the panel, or the secretary of the
673 Board. In order to preserve confidentiality consistent with Section ~~13~~ 15 of this rule, subpoenas
674 shall bear the case number but not the name of the applicant. The party calling or subpoenaing a
675 witness shall inform the witness of the purpose of the hearing and of the confidentiality provisions
676 of this rule. All witnesses, whether or not subpoenaed, are bound by the confidentiality provisions
677 of this rule. The refusal or neglect of the person subpoenaed or called as a witness to obey a
678 subpoena, attend the hearing, be sworn or affirm, answer any proper question, or abide by the
679 confidentiality provisions of this rule shall be deemed to be contempt of the Supreme Court and
680 may be punished accordingly.

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682 **[Existing language unaffected by the amendments is omitted to conserve space]**

683 **Section ~~13~~ 15. Confidentiality of Character and Fitness Matters.**

684
685 (A) All information, proceedings, or documents relating to the character and fitness
686 investigation of an applicant for admission, including all character questionnaires submitted
687 pursuant to this rule, shall be confidential, and no person shall disclose any information,
688 proceedings and documents except for any of the following purposes:

- 689
690 (1) To further any character and fitness investigation of the applicant under this rule;
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692 (2) In connection with investigations of the applicant under Gov. Bar R. V;
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694 (3) Pursuant to a written release of the applicant in connection with the applicant's
695 application for admission to the practice of law in another jurisdiction;
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697 (4) To file a final report with the Court pursuant to Sections ~~11(D)(5)(e)~~ 13(E) or ~~12~~
698 14(E) of this rule;

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700 **[Existing language unaffected by the amendments is omitted to conserve space]**

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702 **Section 14 16. Admissions Fees.**

703 **[Existing language unaffected by the amendments is omitted to conserve space]**

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706 (B) Parties shall bear their own costs in proceedings brought under Section ~~12~~ 14 of
707 this rule before the Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness and the Court.

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709 **Section 15 17. Publication of List of Applicants for Admission.**

710
711 At least twice yearly, the Court shall publish in the *Ohio Official Reports Advance Sheets*
712 a list of the names, cities, and counties or states of residence of those persons who have applied
713 for admission to the practice of law ~~in~~ by Ohio Bar Examination since the list was last published.
714 The Court shall distribute copies of the list to all regional and local bar association admissions
715 committees.

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717 **Section 16 18. Military Spouse Attorneys Admission.**

718 **[Existing language unaffected by the amendments is omitted to conserve space]**

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721 (B) An applicant for temporary admission to the practice of law in Ohio as a military
722 spouse attorney shall file an application with the Office of Bar Admissions. The application shall
723 be on a form furnished by the office and include all of the following:

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727 (6) A questionnaire, typed and in duplicate, for use by the ~~National Conference of Bar~~
728 ~~Examiners~~ NCBE and the Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness in conducting a
729 character investigation and report of the applicant;

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731 (7) A fee in the amount charged by the ~~National Conference of Bar Examiners~~ NCBE
732 for conducting a character investigation and report of the applicant;

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734 **[Existing language unaffected by the amendments is omitted to conserve space]**

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736 (D) Upon receipt of the character report of the applicant by the ~~National Conference of~~
737 ~~Bar Examiners~~ NCBE, the Office of Bar Admissions shall submit the report and the application to
738 the Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness, which shall review the report and the
739 application. The Board may request additional information or materials from the applicant and
740 may conduct a personal interview to determine the applicant's character, fitness, and moral
741 qualifications to practice law. The Board may recommend that the applicant be approved as
742 possessing the requisite character, fitness, and moral qualifications for admission or may submit a
743 recommendation to the Court as to the disapproval of the applicant in accordance with Section ~~42~~
744 14 of this rule.

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746 **[Existing language unaffected by the amendments is omitted to conserve space]**

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748 **Section 17. RESERVED**

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750 **Section 18. RESERVED**

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752 **Section 19. Practice Pending Admission during the Admission ~~without~~**
753 **Examination to the Practice of Law Process.**

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755 (A)~~(1)~~ An applicant who has a completed ~~Application for Admission to the Practice of~~
756 ~~Law without Examination on file and filed~~ with the Office of Bar Admissions pursuant to ~~Section~~
757 ~~9 of this rule~~ one of the following applications for the admission to the practice of law may apply
758 to file with the Office of Bar Admissions to practice pending admission an Application to Practice
759 Pending Admission during the admission ~~without examination~~ process pursuant to division (A)(4)
760 of this section;

761
762 (a) An Application to Register as a Candidate for Admission pursuant to Section 2 of
763 this rule;

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765 (b) An Application for Admission to the Practice of Law without Examination pursuant
766 to Section 10 of this rule;

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768 (c) An Application to Transfer UBE Score pursuant to Section 11 of this rule.

769
770 (2) Upon acceptance of the Application to Practice Pending Admission, the applicant
771 may provide legal services in Ohio for no more than three hundred sixty-five days from the

772 acceptance of the Application to Practice Pending Admission, unless that time period is extended
773 by the Office of Bar Admissions, provided that the applicant meets all the following requirements:

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777 (4) Submits within ninety days of providing legal services in Ohio a complete
778 ~~Application~~ application for Admission without Examination admission to practice law in
779 accordance with ~~Section 9~~ of this rule and on forms furnished by the Office of Bar Admissions.
780 An applicant who submits a completed application after the ninety days may petition the Office of
781 Bar Admissions to waive this provision for good cause;

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783 (5) Reasonably expects to fulfill all of the requirements for admission ~~without~~
784 ~~examination to the practice of law~~ pursuant to ~~Section 9~~ of this rule;

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788 (C) The applicant shall immediately notify the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and the
789 Office of Bar Admissions if the applicant becomes subject to criminal charges or becomes subject
790 to a disciplinary investigation or disciplinary sanction in any jurisdiction at any time during the
791 practice authorized by this rule. ~~The Supreme Court shall consider this~~ This information shall be
792 considered when determining whether to approve the applicant's ~~Application~~ application for
793 Admission admission to the Practice practice of Law without Examination law.

794

795 (D) The authority of an applicant to practice law pursuant to this section shall terminate
796 immediately upon the occurrence of any of the following:

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798 (1) The time period authorized by division (A) of this section has expired and no
799 extension has been granted;

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801 (2) The applicant withdraws the applicant's ~~Application~~ application for Admission
802 admission to the Practice practice of Law without Examination law;

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804 (3) The Application for Admission to the Practice of Law without Examination is
805 ~~disapproved, the Application to Transfer UBE Score is denied, or the applicant fails the Ohio bar~~
806 examination;

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808 **[Existing language unaffected by the amendments is omitted to conserve space]**

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810 [Effective: February 28, 1972; amended effective October 30, 1972; November 27, 1972; March
811 19, 1973; November 12, 1973; March 1, 1974; July 8, 1974; April 26, 1976; January 24, 1977;
812 March 9, 1977; August 1, 1977; January 1, 1982; March 9, 1983; July 1, 1983; May 7, 1984; May
813 28, 1984; December 31, 1984; April 1, 1987; May 6, 1987; January 1, 1989; July 1, 1989; January
814 1, 1991; February 1, 1991; October 1, 1991; February 1, 1992; May 1, 1992; July 1, 1992; August
815 1, 1992; January 1, 1993; September 15, 1993; January 1, 1995; May 1, 1997; August 3, 1998;
816 June 1, 2000; October 1, 2000; February 1, 2003; October 1, 2003; February 1, 2007; May 1, 2007;
817 October 1, 2007; January 1, 2008; February 1, 2009; August 1, 2010; January 1, 2013; January 1,

818 2014, July 1, 2014; January 1, 2015; January 1, 2017; July 1, 2017; September 2,
819 2019;_____.]

820 APPENDIX III: RULES OF THE OHIO BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS

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822 RULE I. GRADING OF OHIO BAR EXAMINATION

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824 Section 1. Grading by and Calibration of Bar Examiners and Readers

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826 (A) With the assistance of readers selected by the Court pursuant to Gov. Bar R. I, Sec.
827 4(D), the Board of Bar Examiners shall grade applicant answers from the written portion of the
828 Ohio bar examination, which shall consist of both the ~~essay~~ Multistate Essay Examination (MEE)
829 questions and the Multistate Performance Test (MPT) items. Before answers are graded, each bar
830 examiner shall participate in a training and calibration session with those readers who will be
831 assisting the bar examiner in grading answers to the same ~~essay~~ MEE question or MPT item.

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833 (B) Scores assigned to individual answers on the written portion of the examination
834 may range from 0 to 6 points.

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836 Section 2. ~~Raw and Sealed~~ Calculation of Scores

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838 (A) ~~Scores assigned to individual answers~~ Raw scores on the written portion of the
839 examination ~~may shall be scaled to the MBE range from 0 to 7 points of scores for that examination~~
840 using the mean and standard deviation method.

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842 (B) ~~Scores assigned to~~ In calculating UBE total scores, the MEE is weighted thirty
843 percent, the MPT answers shall be is weighted by multiplying them by 1.5 twenty percent, and the
844 MBE is weighted fifty percent.

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846 (C) ~~An applicant's raw score on the written portion of the examination shall be the total~~
847 ~~of the applicant's 12 essay scores plus the applicant's two weighted MPT scores~~ UBE total scores
848 are reported on a four hundred point scale and are calculated by the National Conference of Bar
849 Examiners.

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851 (D) ~~Raw scores on the written portion of an examination shall be scaled to the MBE~~
852 ~~range of scores for that examination using the mean and standard deviation method.~~

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854 Section 3. Passing Examination Score

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856 (A) ~~An applicant's total examination score shall be determined by the following~~
857 ~~formula:~~

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859 ~~Total score = (sealed score on written portion of examination x 2) + (MBE sealed score).~~

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861 (B) ~~An applicant shall pass the examination if the applicant achieves a total~~ two
862 hundred and seventy UBE score of at least 405 points or higher.

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866 **Section 4. Automatic Regrade of Written Answers**

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868 (A) Applicants who achieve total scores ~~one point~~ two points or a ~~fraction of one point~~
869 less than the minimum passing score shall have their answers to the written portion of the
870 examination regraded. Before the announcement of examination results, the ~~Clerk Office of Bar~~
871 Admissions shall submit the written answers of those applicants, along with a random sampling of
872 answers written by passing applicants, to the bar examiners for regrading. The bar examiners shall
873 not be given the original scores assigned to the answers they receive for regrading.

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875 (B) After regrading, final total scores shall be calculated for those applicants who are
876 entitled to have their written answers regraded. For each applicant entitled to have his or her
877 written answers regraded, the applicant's original written raw score shall be averaged with the
878 written raw score assigned to the applicant during regrading. This average score shall be the
879 applicant's final written raw score. The final written raw score shall be scaled and combined with
880 the applicant's MBE scaled score, ~~in accordance with the formula in Section 3 of this rule,~~ to obtain
881 the applicant's final total score.

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884 **RULE II. MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION**

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886 A scaled score of at least ~~85~~ eighty-five points shall be required to pass the Multistate
887 Professional Responsibility Examination for UBE transfers and applicants who are admitted by
888 Ohio Bar Examination.

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890 **RULE III. OHIO LAW COMPONENT**

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892 (A) The Ohio Law Component shall be an online, open-book, multiple choice test on
893 outline material drafted by the Board of Bar Examiners. The subject matter of the outline material
894 shall be relevant Ohio-specific topics attorneys licensed in Ohio are reasonably expected to know.

895
896 (B) A score of eighty percent shall be required to pass the Ohio Law Component. There
897 shall be no limit on how many times an applicant may take the test to achieve a passing score,
898 provided an applicant shall wait at least twenty-four hours before retaking the test.

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900 (C) The Ohio Law Component outlines shall be made available to the public.

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903 **RULE IV. VIOLATION OF EXAMINATION RULES AND IRREGULARITIES**

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905 **Section 1. Violations**

906
907 An applicant may be subject to disqualification or other sanctions if the applicant does any
908 of the following:

909
910 (A) Gives or receives aid in answering examination questions;

- 912 (B) Begins working on an examination segment before time to begin has been called;
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915 (C) Continues working on an examination segment for any period of time after time to
916 stop has been called;
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918 (D) Brings prohibited materials into the examination hall;
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920 (E) Removes testing materials from the examination hall;
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922 (F) Otherwise violates any written or oral examination instructions.
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924 **Section 2. Investigation by Board**
925

926 (A) Upon an allegation of a breach of examination rules or other examination
927 irregularity by an applicant, the Board of Bar Examiners shall provide the applicant an opportunity
928 to submit a written explanation. The Board shall review the allegations and the applicant's written
929 response and take appropriate action, which may include referring the matter to the Board of
930 Commissioners on Character and Fitness or an evidentiary hearing pursuant to Section 3 of this
931 rule.

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933 (B) Actions taken by the Board shall require agreement by a majority of its members
934 and shall be final and not subject to appeal.

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936 (C) The investigation by the Board shall be confidential and not subject to subpoena.
937 Records of the investigation shall not be subject to public access pursuant to Sup.R. 44 through
938 47. However, a finding by the Board of irregularity or breach of examination rules shall be made
939 public.

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941 **Section 3. Evidentiary hearing**
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943 (A) If the Board of Bar Examiners refers a matter to an evidentiary hearing pursuant to
944 Section 2 of this rule, the Chair of the Board shall appoint a three-member panel consisting of
945 Board members to conduct the hearing, and the Office of Bar Admissions shall appoint an active
946 Ohio attorney to present the alleged violations or irregularities to the panel.

947
948 (B) The burden of proof in the evidentiary hearing shall be on the Office of Bar
949 Admissions to establish by clear and convincing evidence the applicant breached the examination
950 rules or engaged in other examination irregularity.

951
952 (C) An applicant's failure to provide requested information or to cooperate in the
953 proceedings before the panel may be grounds for disqualification of the applicant's bar
954 examination.
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956 (D) A hearing before the panel may be waived upon agreement of the parties and the
957 panel, and the panel may proceed with its own investigation of the allegations and base its
958 recommendation on the results.

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960 (E) Following the evidentiary hearing, the panel shall issue a report and
961 recommendation to the full Board.

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964 **RULE V. EFFECTIVE DATES**

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966 The Rules of the Ohio Board of Bar Examiners approved by the Supreme Court November
967 2, 1994, shall become effective January 1, 1995. The amendments to the Rules of the Ohio Board
968 of Bar Examiners approved by the Supreme Court June 4, 1996, shall become effective July 1,
969 1996. The amendments to the Rules of the Ohio Board of Bar Examiners approved by the Supreme
970 Court March 30, 1999, shall become effective June 1, 2000. The amendments to the Rules of the
971 Ohio Board of Bar Examiners approved by the Supreme Court on _____ 20____, shall
972 become effective _____ 20____.