

15-104. Application.

A. **Form of application.** All applications shall be under oath on forms provided by the Board of Bar Examiners, shall contain the information relating to the applicant's qualifications and eligibility as may be required by the board, and shall include applicant's age, residence, addresses for at least the five (5) years immediately preceding the date of application, citizenship, occupations, general and legal background, and information as to the applicant's background and moral character. The Supreme Court may revoke the license of any attorney at any time upon satisfactory showing that the license was obtained by false representations, fraud, or deceit.

B. **Filing requirements.** Applications for admission to the State Bar of New Mexico shall be submitted in duplicate on forms prescribed by the Board of Bar Examiners from time to time. Applications shall be filed with the board at its executive offices. Applications to take the bar examination shall be filed as follows:

(1) The filing deadline for the February bar examination is September 20th immediately preceding the examination and the filing deadline for the July bar examination is January 20th immediately preceding the examination.

(2) Applicants seeking a re-examination must file by December 10th for the February bar examination and May 10th for the July bar examination. No application for re-examination shall be accepted after the applicable deadline.

(3) No application will be accepted after the applicable filing date set forth in this rule except upon payment of any additional late fees as required by these rules.

C. **Documents needed.** The following documents shall be furnished with the application:

(1) a copy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation identification record of the applicant and a copy of the New Mexico Department of Public Safety identification record of the applicant;

(2) a credit report from one (1) of the three (3) major credit reporting agencies printed within thirty (30) days of submission of the application for admission; the credit report shall be included with the application for admission;

(3) a properly authenticated transcript (sent from the law school) evidencing graduation with a juris doctor or bachelor of laws and letters degree from a law school formally accredited by the American Bar Association along with a completed law school certification on a form prescribed by the board; except that if the applicant is not a graduate of an accredited law school, the applicant shall transmit with the application

(a) a certificate of admission in another state;

(b) three (3) certificates vouching for the applicant's good moral character by members of the bar of the other state; and

(c) one (1) or more certificates by a judge or judges of the highest court of original jurisdiction in the other state, or the clerk thereof, to the effect that the applicant has been actively engaged in the actual practice of law in that state for at least four (4) years prior to the date of the certificate, and further that applicant is in good standing in the bar of the state and has not been disbarred, been placed under disciplinary suspension, or resigned from the bar while under disciplinary investigation, is not the subject of any pending disciplinary proceedings in the state, or if the applicant has been suspended or disbarred, that the applicant has been duly reinstated. Certificates of admission from other states may be sent directly to the board under

separate cover. All of those papers will be returned to the applicant in due course. Other documents submitted will be returned to the applicant, if requested, upon approval by the chair or vice chair of the board; and

(4) character and fitness statements from three (3) licensed attorneys in good standing in any jurisdiction in the United States, who are familiar with the applicant's qualifications, certifying that the applicant is a person of good moral character and physically and mentally qualified for admission to the State Bar of New Mexico.

[As amended, effective November 14, 1988; effective November 1, 1994; November 17, 1999 for bar examinations after January 1, 2001; April 9, 2002; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 08-8300-028, "effective for the February 2009 bar examination"; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 13-8300-012, effective May 14, 2013; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 15-8300-018, effective November 1, 2015; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 16-8300-004, effective immediately for applications for the February 2017 bar examination and thereafter; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. 17-8300-008, effective for applications pending or filed on or after August 4, 2017.]