

BAR EXAM INFORMATION PACKET

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I. BAR INFORMATION

A. General Information

There are two steps to being registered to take the July 28-29, 2009 Georgia Bar Exam. The first step is to complete the fitness for the bar application. Once you have passed this step, the next step is to complete the application to take the exam. The information on the second step is included with the fitness for the bar information, and the application to take the exam will be mailed to you once you have been certified "fit".

The fitness portion of the application process looks at candor, fiscal responsibility, compliance with court orders, record of criminal activity, misuse of alcohol and controlled substances, and mental and emotional stability. Also, the past seven (7) years of work history and your driving record are reviewed.

To obtain a credit report you can contact: Equifax Credit Information Services
P.O. Box 740241
Atlanta, GA 30374
(800) 685-1111
Web Site: www.equifax.com

* Per a student referral, those residing in southern states can obtain a FREE report from: www.annualcreditreport.com.

To obtain information on your work history, you can contact the Social Security Office:
Social Security Administration
3530 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
MACON, GA 31210
(478) 477-7950
Office Hours: M- F, 08:30 AM - 03:30 PM
SS Office Locator:
<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/locator>

If you are willing to wait in line, you can go to the Social Security Office (above) and pick up your work history. (Take a number and wait your turn). There is a fee for this report. The BarBri Digest provides you with a good place to start if you are taking the Bar in another state. See the Student BarBri representative to obtain a copy.

B. Telephone Numbers

Information on each Bar Exam is different. Below are the telephone numbers for the other Bar Examination Offices in the Southeastern States.

AL-334-269-1515	FL-850-487-1292	MS-601-576-4620
GA-404-656-3490	LA-504-836-2420	TX-512-463-1621
NC-919-828-4886	SC-803-734-1080	KY-859-246-2381
TN-615-741-3234	VA-804-367-0412	

C. Web Sites

1. The National Conference of Bar Examiners' web address is:
<http://www.ncbex.org/>
The web site has links to each state's Bar Admissions Offices; Admissions Procedures and Rules; Multistate Test Dates and Information; Character and Fitness; Publications; and Bar Exam Statistics. **VERY COMPREHENSIVE!**
2. To get information on the GA Bar, you can access the website at:
<http://www.gabaradmissions.org>
(This is a very helpful web site)
3. For a comprehensive listing of bar admissions information, see the American Bar Association web site:
<http://www.abanet.org/legaled/baradmissions/barcont.html>
4. The BarBri Digest also has web sites listed for most every state.

D. General Format for the Bar Exam:

1. The **Multistate Bar Exam (MBE)** is administered over one entire day of your bar exam (except Louisiana and Washington) and contains 200 multiple choice questions. Generally, you have six hours to complete 200 questions. The six subject areas covered are Contracts, Real Property, Torts, Evidence, Constitutional Law, and Criminal Law/Procedure. For more information on the MBE portion of the exam, go to the following website: <http://www.ncbex.org/multistate-tests/mbe/>
2. The **Essay Exam**, the written portion of the exam, is part of virtually every state bar exam. The number of questions varies from state to state.
3. The **Multistate Performance Test (MPT)** is composed of two 90-minute questions. The questions cover legal analysis, fact analysis, problem solving, resolution of ethical dilemmas, organization and management, and communications. For each question you receive a case file and library (of statutes, cases, etc.). You are responsible for deciphering and applying appropriate authorities and completing the written assignment. According to the National Conference of Bar Examiner's web site, this exam is only offered in Alabama, Arkansas, Alaska, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Several other states are considering adopting the MPT, so be sure to check your state's requirements. For more information on this exam, go to the following website: <http://www.ncbex.org/multistate-tests/mpt/>
4. The **Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE)** is a sixty question, two-hour, multiple-choice examination administered three times each year. On-line registration is available at: <http://www.act.org/mpre/services>

The current year's MPRE Information Booklet can also be downloaded from this site.

Scheduled Exam(s) remaining for 2009 (the 2010 schedule is not yet available):

Exam Date: 8/07/2009 11/07/2009

Regular Receipt Deadline: 6/30/2009 9/29/2009

Late Receipt Deadline: 7/16/2009 10/15/2009

NOTE: Online registration must be received before 12:00 midnight Central Time on the published deadline date. Paper applications must be received in the MPRE Application Department in Iowa City, by 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the published deadline date.

E. Driving Record

1. Georgia

On the bar application you will need to provide information on your driving record. To obtain information on your driving record in Georgia you can:

- a. Purchase a Georgia Motor Vehicle Report in person at any customer service center. Proper identification will be required. See <http://www.dds.ga.gov/locations/index.aspx> for locations.

The Macon Office is located at Terminal Station, 200 Cherry Street. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm. Phone: (478) 751-6031.

- b. You can send a written request to:
Georgia Department of Driver Services,
MVR Unit
Post Office Box 80447
Conyers, Georgia 30013

You can obtain an MVR by submitting a notarized letter requesting either a 3-year or 7-year MVR. In your written request you must include your:

- full name (as it appears on your driver's license),**
- date of birth,**
- driver's license number,**
- complete mailing address (i.e., the address where the information should be sent), and**
- a self-addressed stamped envelope. YOUR REQUEST MUST BE SIGNED AND NOTARIZED AND BE AN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE. NO COPIES ACCEPTED.**

When requesting a 3-year MVR, please include a \$6.00 **MONEY ORDER OR CASHIER'S CHECK** made payable to the *Department of Driver Services*; or a \$8.00 **MONEY ORDER OR CASHIER'S CHECK** made payable to the *Department of Driver Services* for a 7-year MVR. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Once they have received your request in their offices it will take from 7 to 14 days to complete your request and return the information to you. Please note, you cannot obtain a certified MVR from the Georgia Department

of Driver Services via the internet or by facsimile. However, there are several other internet sites that claim to obtain a report for you for a cost from \$21.99 to \$49.99 +. However, we do not have sufficient information to recommend these sites. You can also print a Request for Motor Vehicle Record from The Department of Driver Services on the web at: <http://www.dds.ga.gov/docs/forms/DDS-18.pdf>. Same charges and policies apply. The web site contains the mailing address.

NOTARIES:

Several faculty secretaries are Notaries and will notarize your documents if needed. Please make sure you have your student ID with you.

If you have any additional questions, the contact number for the Department of Driver Services is **678-413-8400**.

Web Address: <http://www.dds.ga.gov>

2. Florida

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/html/dlnew.html>

- a. Send a written request **including full name, date of birth, social security number, FL driver's license number, the address where the record is to be sent, and the appropriate fee to:**

Bureau of Records
P.O. Box 5775
Tallahassee, FL 32314-5775

OR

If you wish to use express mail, send the request to:

Bureau of Records
2900 Apalachee Pkwy, MS90
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0500

- b. The cost for records are:
\$2.10 for 3 years
\$3.10 for 7 years
\$3.10 for 3 or 7 years certified report (the most complete report)

Pay by personal check or money order payable to the Division of Driver Licenses. For questions, call the Customer Service Center at (850) 617-2000.

- c. Florida Driving Records are also available from some County Clerks Offices in Florida. For a list of clerks, see:

http://www.flhsmv.gov/ddl/clerks_records.html

3. Other States

1. A Web search for your state's driving records department will help you find a web site which will give you information on how to obtain your driving record. For example, if you are from New York, you

might perform a Google search for “New York Driving Record”. Be sure to look for the web site that contains “ny.us” so that you know it is an official state site and not one of the sites that will charge \$20.00 or more to obtain a copy. Most Bar Examiners ONLY accept records from official State Departments, NOT third party web site. Most states further require that records not be dated earlier than six months prior to application.

F. Selective Service Information

To find your selective service number, go to the following web site:

<http://www.sss.gov>

Input the information to see if you are registered, and it should give you your number.

G. Bar Information Specific to Georgia

There are **two** steps to applying for the Georgia Bar. The first step is completing the Application for Certification of Fitness. The second step is applying to the Board to take the Exam. The second application is NOT available on the web site. **You will not be eligible to receive the Bar Examination Application until you have been issued Certification of Fitness.**

There are TWO ways to obtain an Application for Certification of Fitness online:

PDF Format; OR

FITNESS APPLICATION PROGRAM DOWNLOAD:

IMPORTANT THIS VERSION MUST BE DOWNLOADED AND INSTALLED ON A COMPUTER WHICH MUST HAVE:

1) A drive to which you can save your answers on 3.5 diskette, CD, USB or other external storage medium.

- You must click on "Save Answers to an External Storage Medium" from the **Main Menu** of the installed application.
- The medium to which you save your answers must be labeled with your full name and submitted with your application.

2) An installed printer

- You must click on "Print Application" from the **Main Menu** of the installed application and submit the entire form including
 1. a signed and notarized *Continuing Application and Verification*
 2. a signed and notarized *Authorization and Release*

* **Also note:** ONLY the Application for Certification of Fitness is available on the web site. You will not be eligible to receive the Bar Examination Application until you have been issued Certification of Fitness.

Dean Donovan has offered to help all 3rd year students with their application for fitness, so if you have any questions about something you may/may not be considering putting on your application, PLEASE see her. Any omissions may cause you to be deemed unfit to sit for the Exam, and without certification, you cannot sit for the Bar.

**** CONTACTING THE GA OFFICE OF BAR ADMISSIONS**

Office of Bar Admissions
244 Washington Street, Suite 440
Atlanta, GA 30334

PHONE: 404-656-3490

WEB SITE: <http://www.gabaradmissions.org/>

1. Deadlines

GEORGIA FILING DEADLINES: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF FITNESS TO PRACTICE LAW - JULY 27-28, 2010 BAR EXAM:

Regular Fitness Application Filing Deadline: **December 2, 2009***

Final Fitness Application Filing Deadline: **March 3, 2010****

Bar Exam Application Filing Deadline: **June 4, 2010***

(NOTE: Bar Application **CANNOT** be filed until Certification has been issued).

* All filings must be RECEIVED in the Office of Bar Admissions no later than 4:30 p.m. on the filing deadline. Postmarking is not acceptable.

** Please note that after December 2, 2010 the application fee rises by \$400.00 for a total of \$900.00.

2. Fees

a.. **FITNESS FOR THE BAR APPLICATION:** There is a \$500.00 fee to be paid if you apply before the awarding of your law degree. As was stated above, you can apply late, by the final filing deadline, but it will cost you an extra \$400.00.

b. **BAR EXAM APPLICATION:** Once the Fitness Application has been submitted and approved, you will receive the Bar Exam Application from the Georgia Bar. You will need to complete that application and mail the appropriate fees. The fee for the Application to the Georgia Bar Examiners is \$90.00. There is a separate fee to the National Conference of Bar Examiners for the MBE (Multistate Bar Examination) and MPT (Multistate Performance Test) of (approximately) \$74.00. These fees are based on information from last year so the numbers could be a little off. Please note that late filing of the Bar Exam Application and/or failure to pay fees in a timely manner result in a late fee of \$200.00.

3. Format

The Bar Exam in Georgia is a 2 Day Exam.

A. **DAY ONE:** On the first day you will sit for four(4) 45 minute Georgia essay questions; and two (2) 90 minute questions for the Multistate Performance Test

(MPT) problems using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes, and other material provided by the examiners.

In Georgia, **essay questions** prepared by the Board of Bar Examiners shall be drawn from the following list of subjects: Business Organizations; Civil Procedure; Constitutional Law; Contracts; Criminal Law and Procedure; Evidence; Family Law; Federal Practice and Procedure; Georgia Practice and Procedure; Non-Monetary Remedies; Professional Ethics; Property; Secured Transactions; Torts; Trusts, Wills and Estates; and the Uniform Commercial Code (Articles 2, 3 & 9). Applicants will be provided forty-five minutes to answer each question.

- B. **DAY TWO:** On the second day you will take the MBE. The MBE is a 200 question Multiple Choice Exam.
The MBE subject areas are Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Real Property, and Torts.

- C. **SCORING and GRADING of the BAR EXAM:** The scores from the MBE and the Essay/MPT questions will be combined in some incomprehensible formula to determine whether an applicant has passed the Bar.
Passing score is 270.
Applicant must receive an MBE score of 115 to have his/her essays graded.
A combined score of 265-269 will result in the re-grading of the essays.
Results are generally released in late May for the February Exam.
Results are generally released in late October for the July Exam.

Rule 8-104. Education Requirements and Exemptions.

Can be found at: http://www.gabar.org/handbook/part_viii_continuing_lawyer_competency/rule_8-104_education_requirements_and_exemptions/

1. (A) Minimum Continuing Legal Education Requirement.

Each active member shall complete a minimum of twelve (12) hours of actual instruction in an approved continuing legal education activity during each year. If a member completes more than twelve (12) hours in a year, the excess credit may be carried forward and applied to the education requirement for the succeeding year only.

(B) Basic Legal Skills Requirement.

(1) Except as set out in subsections (a) and (b) below, any newly admitted active member admitted after June 30, 2005, must complete in the year of his or her admission or in the next calendar year the State Bar of Georgia Transition Into Law Practice Program, and such completion of the Transition Into Law Practice Program shall satisfy the mandatory continuing legal education requirements for such newly admitted active member for both the year of admission and the next succeeding year.

(a) Any newly admitted active member, who has practiced law in another United States jurisdiction other than Georgia for two or more years immediately prior to admission to practice in this state, may be exempted from completing the Transition Into Law Practice Program upon the submission, within three months of admission, of an affidavit to the Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency. The affidavit shall provide the date or dates of admission in every other state in which the member is admitted to practice and a declaration that the newly admitted member has been actively engaged in the practice of law for two or more years immediately prior to admission in this state. Upon submission of a satisfactory affidavit, the newly admitted active member shall be required to complete the annual twelve hours of instruction in approved continuing legal education activity beginning at the start of the first full calendar year after the date of admission. Any newly admitted active member, who has practiced law in another United State jurisdiction other than Georgia for two or more years immediately prior to admission to practice in this state and who does not timely file the required affidavit, shall be required to complete the Transition Into Law Practice Program as set out above.

(b) Any newly admitted active member, who is a judicial law clerk or who begins a clerkship within three months of admission, shall not be subject to the requirement of completing the Transition Into Law Practice Program during the period of the judicial clerkship. Within thirty days of admission to the State Bar or within thirty days of the beginning of the clerkship if said clerkship begins within three months after admission, the member shall provide written notice to the Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency of the date of entry into the clerkship position. Judicial law clerks are required to complete the annual twelve hours of regular instruction in approved continuing legal education courses beginning at the start of the first full calendar year after the date of admission. Within thirty days of the completion of the clerkship, the member shall provide written notice to the Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency of the date of such completion. The member must complete, in the year the clerkship was concluded, or the next calendar year, the Georgia Transition Into Law Practice Program. Such completion of the Transition Into Law Practice Program shall satisfy the mandatory continuing

legal education requirements for such member for both the year of completion of the clerkship and the next succeeding calendar year.

(2) Each active member, except those participating in the Georgia Transition Into Law Practice Program, shall complete a minimum of one (1) hour of continuing legal education during each year in the area of ethics. This hour is to be included in, and not in addition to, the twelve-hour (12) requirement. If a member completes more than one (1) hour in ethics during the calendar year, the excess ethics credit may be carried forward up to a maximum of two (2) hours and applied to the ethics requirement for succeeding years.

(3) Each active member, except those participating in the Georgia Transition Into Law Practice Program, shall complete a minimum of one (1) hour of continuing legal education during each year in an activity of any sponsor approved by the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism in the area of professionalism. This hour is to be included in, and not in addition to, the twelve-hour (12) requirement. If a member completes more than one (1) hour in professionalism during the calendar year, the excess professionalism credit may be carried forward up to a maximum of two (2) hours and applied to the professionalism requirement for succeeding years.

(4) Confidentiality of Proceedings.

(a) The confidentiality of all inquiries to, decisions of, and proceedings by the Transition Into Law Practice Program shall be respected. No disclosure of said inquiries, decisions and proceedings shall be made in the absence of the agreement of all participating.

(b) Except as expressly permitted by these rules, no person connected with the Transitions Into Law Practice Program operated under the auspices of the Standards of the Profession Committee of the Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency shall disclose any information concerning or comments on any proceeding under these rules.

(c) The Transition Into Law Practice Program operated under the auspices of the Standards of the Profession Committee of the Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency may reveal records when require by law, court rule, or court order.

(d) Any records maintained by the Transition Into Law Practice Program operated under the auspices of the Standards of the Profession Committee of the Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency, as provided herein, shall be available to Counsel for the State Bar only in the event the State Bar or any department thereof receives a discovery request or properly executed subpoena requesting such records.

Regulations

(1) Definitions.

(a) Newly Admitted Active Member. A "newly admitted active member" is one who becomes an active member of the State Bar of Georgia for the first time.

(b) Bridge-the-Gap. "Bridge-the-Gap" is a program organized and defined by ICLE. Currently, the Bridge-the-Gap program consists of two days of instruction: the first day being a seminar called Bridge-the-Gap and the second day being any other approved six hour seminar to be selected by each lawyer. This program will be replaced by the Transition Into Law Practice Program after October 1, 2005.

(c) Transition Into Law Practice Program. "Transition Into Law Practice Program" is a program organized and defined by the Standards of the Profession Committee of the Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency. Currently, the Transition Into Law Practice Program consists of two components:

(i) Attendance at the Enhanced Bridge-the-Gap program, or the Fundamentals of Law Practice program of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education, or a comparable program approved by the Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency; and

(ii) Completion of a Mentoring Plan of Activities and Experiences.

(d) Enhanced Bridge-the-Gap. "Enhanced Bridge-the-Gap," is the continuing legal education program of the Transition Into Law Practice Program that is delivered by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in large group settings. Enhanced Bridge-the-Gap consists of two consecutive days of course work that inform and facilitate further discussion in the mentoring context.

(e) Fundamentals of Law Practice. "Fundamentals of Law Practice" is the continuing legal education program of the Transition Into Law Practice Program that is delivered by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in small group settings to foster close interaction between newly admitted active lawyers and instructors. Fundamentals of Law Practice consists of two consecutive days of course work that inform and facilitate further discussion in the mentoring context.

(f) Mentoring Plan of Activities and Experiences. The "Mentoring Plan of Activities and Experiences" is the plan that structures and guides the mentoring component of the Transition Into Law Practice Program. The Plan shall be submitted to the Program in the year of admission or early in the next calendar year by the newly admitted active member and his or her mentor. The Plan must be completed in the year of admission or the next calendar year.

(2) Transition Application. *Except as set out in Sections (B)(1)(a) and (B)(1)(b) above, the Transition Into Law Practice Program shall be required of all newly admitted active members admitted after June 30, 2005. The ICLE Bridge-the-Gap program shall be required of all newly admitted active members who are admitted prior to July 1, 2005.*

(3) Legal Ethics. *Legal ethics includes instruction on professional responsibility and malpractice. It does not include such topics as attorney fees, client development, law office economics, and practice systems except to the extent that professional responsibility is directly discussed in connection with these topics.*

(4) Professionalism. *The professionalism CLE requirement is distinct from, and in addition to, the ethics CLE requirement. The one-hour professionalism requirement is satisfied only by attending an activity of any sponsor approved by the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism in the area of professionalism. Legal ethics sets forth the minimal standards of professional conduct required of a lawyer; professionalism encompasses what is more broadly expected of lawyers to serve both client and public good. Professionalism refers to the intersecting values of competence, civility, integrity, and commitment to the rule of law, justice, and the public good. The general goal of the professionalism CLE requirement is to create a forum in which lawyers, judges, and legal educators can explore and reflect upon the meaning and goals of professionalism in contemporary legal practice. The professionalism CLE sessions should encourage lawyers toward conduct that preserves and strengthens the dignity, honor, and integrity of the legal profession. Professionalism CLE includes, but is not limited to, courses on (a) the duties of lawyers to the systems of justice, courts, public, clients, other lawyers, and the profession, (b) the roles of lawyers as advocates, counselors, negotiators, problem solvers, and consensus builders, (c) various forms of dispute resolution, (d) pro bono service, (e) the concept of a profession, (f) history of the legal profession, (g) comparison of the legal profession in different nations' systems of advocacy, and (h) jurisprudence or philosophy of law.*

*(5) **Deadlines.** The normal MCLE deadlines (December 31 and approved deficiency plan extensions) are applicable to the Transition Into Law Practice Program.*

*(6) **Appointment of Mentors; Minimum Qualifications.***

(a) Appointment of Mentors. The Supreme Court of Georgia has the sole authority to appoint Mentors.

(b) Nomination of Mentors. The Standards of the Profession Committee may nominate individuals satisfying the Minimum Qualifications to the Supreme Court of Georgia for appointment consideration; provided however, that the Supreme Court of Georgia retains the authority to appoint Mentors upon its own recommendation and/or motion.

(c) Minimum Qualifications for Mentors. A volunteer shall meet the following Minimum Qualifications to be eligible for nomination to the Supreme Court of Georgia for appointment as Mentor:

(i) Active Status. Be an active member of the State Bar of Georgia, in good standing; and,

(ii) 5 Years of Practice. Have been admitted to the practice of law for not less than five (5) years; and,

(iii) Professional Reputation. Maintain a professional reputation in his or her local legal community for competence, ethical and professional conduct; and,

(iv) Disciplinary Action. Never have received the sanction of disbarment or suspension from the practice of law in any jurisdiction, nor have voluntarily surrendered his or her license to practice law for the purpose of disposing with a pending disciplinary proceeding in any jurisdiction. During the ten (10) years preceding the nomination as mentor, the prospective mentor shall not have been otherwise sanctioned by the pertinent entity governing the admission and practice of law in any jurisdiction. The term "sanctioned" means subjected to disciplinary action. (For example, in Georgia, "sanctioned" currently means any of the levels of discipline whether public or confidential listed in State Bar of Georgia Rule 4-102(b) (i.e., Disbarment; Suspension; Public Reprimand; Review Panel Reprimand; Investigative Panel Reprimand; Formal Admonition); Rule 8-107 (C) (i.e., Administrative Suspension for deficiency in continuing legal education hours); or State Bar Bylaws Article I, Section 4, Item 2 (i.e., Failure to Register with State Bar of Georgia within one year upon eligibility)). Nominations of individuals having formal complaint (s) pending before the Supreme Court of Georgia will be deferred until the final disposition of the formal complaint (s); and,

(v) Court-ordered Disciplinary Action. During the ten (10) years preceding the nomination as mentor, the prospective mentor shall not have been the subject of a written order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction that prohibits or otherwise limits the prospective mentor from practicing before that court or class of courts. A directive, request or order by a judge of a court requesting or directing that an attorney employed by an agency of government or a legal aid organization who is assigned to handle cases before that judge be transferred or reassigned to other duties or another courtroom does not constitute court-ordered disciplinary action under this part. A prospective mentor who is or has within the preceding ten (10) years been the subject of such a written order may petition the Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency (the "Commission") for a waiver of this requirement. After review of the facts and circumstances which led to the entry of such order, the Commission may, upon good cause shown, grant such waiver if the prospective mentor is otherwise qualified to be a mentor; and

(vi) Professional Liability Insurance or Equivalent. Be covered under a professional liability insurance policy with minimum limits of \$250,000.00/\$500,000.00, or, if applicable, the equivalent to such coverage through the legal status of his or her employer.

(C) Exemptions.

(1) An inactive member shall be exempt from the continuing legal education and the reporting requirements of this Rule.

(2) The Commission may exempt an active member from the continuing legal education, but not the reporting, requirements of this rule for a period of not more than one (1) year upon a finding by the Commission of special circumstances unique to that member constituting undue hardship.

(3) Any active member over the age of seventy (70) shall be exempt from the continuing legal education requirements of this rule, including the reporting requirements, unless the member notifies the Commission in writing that the member wishes to continue to be covered by the continuing legal education requirements of this rule.

(4) Any active member residing outside of Georgia who neither practices in Georgia nor represents Georgia clients shall be exempt, upon written application to the Commission, from the continuing legal education, but not the reporting, requirements of this rule during the year for which the written application is made. This application shall be filed with the annual reporting affidavit.

(5) Any active member of the Board of Bar Examiners shall be exempt from the continuing legal education but not the reporting requirement of this Rule.

Regulations

*(1) **Inactive.** To be fully exempt, the member must be inactive during the entire year. An active attorney who changes to inactive status is not exempt during the year in which the status change occurs. An inactive attorney who changes to active status must comply with the full 12 CLE hour requirement.*

*(2) **Undue Hardship.** Requests for undue hardship exemptions on physical disability or other grounds may be granted. The CCLC shall review and approve or disapprove such requests on an individual basis.*

(D) Requirements for Participation in Litigation.

(1) Prior to appearing as sole or lead counsel in the Superior or State Courts of Georgia in any contested civil case or in the trial of a criminal case, any participant in the Transition Into Law Practice Program admitted to practice after June 30, 2005, shall complete the mandatory Advocacy Experiences of the Transition Into Law Practice Program set forth in Regulation (5) hereunder. The mandatory Advocacy Experiences shall be completed as part of the Mentoring Plan of Activities and Experiences, except that up to three (3) of the five (5) mandatory Advocacy Experiences may be obtained after completion of 60% of the credit hours required for law school graduation and prior to admission to practice. At least two (2) of the mandatory Advocacy Experiences must be completed as part of the Mentoring Plan of Activities and Experiences.

(2) Each active member who appears as sole or lead counsel in the Superior or State Courts of Georgia in any contested civil case or in the trial of a criminal case, shall complete for such year a minimum of three (3) hours of continuing legal education activity in the area of trial practice. A trial practice CLE activity is one

exclusively limited to one or more of the following subjects: evidence, civil practice and procedure, criminal practice and procedure, ethics and professionalism in litigation, or trial advocacy. These hours are to be included in, and not in addition to, the 12-hour (twelve) requirement. If a member completes more than three (3) trial practice hours, the excess trial practice credit may be carried forward and applied to the trial practice requirement for the succeeding year only.

Regulations

Trial MCLE

(1) Lead Counsel is defined as the attorney who has primary responsibility for making all professional decisions in the handling of the case.

(2) The trial MCLE rule applies to all members who appear as sole or lead counsel in the Superior or State Courts of Georgia in any contested civil case or in the trial of a criminal case. As a segment of the 12-hour (twelve) total MCLE requirement, the MCLE exemptions are applicable to the trial MCLE rule. Likewise, the normal MCLE deadlines (December 31st and approved deficiency plan extensions) are applicable to the trial MCLE rule.

(3) Due to the "exclusively limited" requirement, trial CLE must be (a) clearly segregated and identified (b) a minimum of one (1) hour in length, and (c) limited to one or more of the five (5) listed subjects in order to receive trial CLE credit. The "exclusively limited" requirement does not prohibit credit for a seminar that deals with one or more of the subjects stated in the Rule in the context of a particular field of trial practice, such as medical malpractice, personal injury defense, criminal cases, construction law, etc.

(4) MCLE transcripts will reflect trial CLE in addition to ethics and total CLE. However, the certification of compliance is made by the members when they make the court appearance described in the Rules. The sanctions for false certification or other non-compliance lie with the Court in which the lawyer appeared and with the State Disciplinary Board of the State Bar of Georgia. If the Commission receives allegations or evidence of a false certification or other non-compliance, a report thereof shall be forwarded to the State Disciplinary Board for any action it deems necessary.

(5) For participants in the Transition Into Law Practice Program who wish to appear as sole or lead counsel in the Superior or State Courts of Georgia in any contested civil case or in the trial of a criminal case, the mentors and beginning lawyers shall devise five (5) mandatory Advocacy Experiences tailored to the practices of the beginning lawyers. The following are examples:

- i. An actual or simulated deposition of a witness or adverse party in a civil action;*
- ii. An actual or simulated jury trial in a civil or criminal case in either a state or federal court;*
- iii. An actual or simulated nonjury trial or evidentiary hearing in a state or federal court;*
- iv. An actual or webcast of an appellate argument in the Supreme Court of Georgia, the Court of Appeals of Georgia, or a United States Circuit Court of Appeals; and*
- v. An actual or simulated mediation.*

Other advocacy experiences may be selected by Mentors to comply with Rule 8-104(D).

O.C.G.A. § 15-18-22
Third Year Practice Act

§ 15-18-22. Use of third-year law students and law school staff instructors as legal assistants in criminal proceedings

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as "The Law School Public Prosecutor Act of 1970."

(b) With the increasing docket in criminal matters, it is in the public interest to provide legal assistance to district attorneys and, in connection therewith, to utilize the services of third-year law students and staff instructors in criminal proceedings as a form of legal intern training which will promote the efficiency of criminal proceedings.

(c) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) "Criminal proceeding" means any investigation, grand jury, trial, or other legal proceeding by which a person's liability for a crime is investigated or determined, commencing with the investigation, return of an indictment, or filing of the accusation and including the final disposition of the case.

(2) "District attorney" means any district attorney of this state, the Attorney General, the director of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia, or any solicitor-general or solicitor of a state, municipal, or recorder's court or any assistants of such officers.

(3) "Law school" means a law school within or outside this state which is approved by the American Bar Association or which is authorized to operate under Code Section 20-3-250.8 or which was chartered and began operation in this state prior to February 10, 1937, and continued in operation in this state on July 1, 1970.

(4) "Staff instructor" means a full-time professional staff instructor of a law school in this state who has been admitted to the bar of another state but who has not yet been admitted to the bar of this state.

(5) "Third-year law student" means a student regularly enrolled and in good standing in a law school within or outside this state who has satisfactorily completed at least two-thirds of the requirements for the first professional degree in law (J.D. or its equivalent) in not less than four semesters or six quarters of residence.

(d) An authorized third-year law student or staff instructor, when under the supervision of a district attorney, may assist in criminal proceedings within this state as if admitted and licensed to practice law in this state except that all indictments, presentments, pleadings, and other entries of record must be signed by a district attorney or by his duly appointed assistant

and that, in the conduct of a grand jury investigation, trial, or other criminal proceeding, a district attorney or his duly appointed assistant must be physically present.

(e) A third-year law student or staff instructor may be authorized to assist a district attorney in such form and manner as the judge of the superior court may prescribe, taking care that the requirements of this Code section and the good moral character of the third-year student or staff instructor are properly certified by the dean of the law school. Before entering an order authorizing him to assist the district attorney, the judge shall further require of the student or instructor an oath similar to the oath required by a district attorney.

(f) As to each third-year law student or staff instructor authorized to assist a district attorney, there shall be kept on file in the office of the clerk of the superior court in the county where such authority is to be exercised the dean's certificate, the student's and instructor's oaths, and the judge's order as contemplated under subsection (e) of this Code section. The authority to assist a district attorney as allowed under this Code section shall extend for no longer than 18 months. If during this period any change occurs in the status of the student or instructor at the law school in which he or she was enrolled or employed, that is, if the student ceases his or her enrollment, is suspended, or is expelled or if the instructor ceases his or her employment or is released by the school, any such authority shall terminate and be revoked.

(g) Any third-year law student or staff instructor authorized to assist a district attorney under this Code section is not required to possess the qualifications for election or appointment to the office of district attorney or assistant district attorney as defined in Code Section 15-18-3.

HISTORY: Code 1933, § 9-401.2, enacted by Ga. L. 1970, p. 336, § 2; Ga. L. 1978, p. 1949, § 1; Ga. L. 1990, p. 8, § 15; Ga. L. 1990, p. 1166, § 1; Ga. L. 1994, p. 313, §§ 1, 2; Ga. L. 1996, p. 748, § 4; Ga. L. 1997, p. 1319, § 14.

Rules of the Supreme Court of Georgia
Rules Governing the Use of the Third-Year Students as Legal Assistants and Law
School Graduates

Rule 91. An authorized third-year law student, when under the supervision of a district attorney, a solicitor general of a state court, a solicitor of a municipal court, a public defender, or a licensed practicing attorney who works or volunteers for a court or for a not-for-profit organization which provides free legal representation to indigent persons or children may assist in proceedings within this state as if admitted and licensed to practice law in this state.

Rule 92. All pleadings and other entries of record must also be signed by the district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, public defender, or duly appointed assistant district attorney, assistant solicitor general, assistant solicitor, assistant public defender, or licensed practicing attorney as described in Rule 91. In the conduct of any grand jury investigation, administrative proceeding, hearing, trial, or other proceeding, such district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, public defender, or duly appointed assistant district attorney, assistant solicitor general, assistant solicitor, assistant public defender, or licensed practicing attorney as described in Rule 91 must be physically present.

Rule 93. An eligible third-year law student is a student regularly enrolled and in good standing in a law school in this state, or an accredited law school located outside of this state, who has satisfactorily completed at least two-thirds of the requirements for the first professional degree in law, a J.D. or its equivalent, in not less than four semesters or six quarters of residence.

Any third-year law student eligible to assist a district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, or public defender under this Rule is not required to possess the qualifications for appointment to the office of district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, public defender, or assistant district attorney, assistant solicitor general, assistant solicitor, or assistant public defender.

Rule 94. An eligible third-year law student may be authorized to participate in the proceedings in such form and manner as the judge of the court where such authority is to be exercised may prescribe, if these requirements and the good moral character of the third-year law student are properly certified by the dean of the student's law school. Before entering an order authorizing a student to assist the district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, or public defender, the judge shall further require of the student an oath similar to the oath required by a district attorney, a solicitor general, a solicitor, or a public defender.

As to each third-year law student authorized to assist a district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, public defender or licensed practicing attorney as described in Rule 91, there shall be kept on file in the office of the clerk of the court where such authority is to be exercised, the dean's certificate, the student's oath if required, and the judge's order.

Rule 95. The authority to assist a district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, public defender, or

licensed practicing attorney as described in Rule 91 shall extend for no longer than one year. If during this period any change occurs in the student's law school enrollment status, such authority shall terminate and be revoked.

Rule 96. A licensed practicing attorney as described in Rule 91, who is supervising law students under this Rule, shall ensure that at all times the student is covered by an adequate amount of malpractice insurance.

XVI. LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES

Rule 97. A law school graduate certified under these rules, when under the supervision of the Attorney General, a district attorney, a solicitor general of a state court, a solicitor of a municipal court, a public defender, or a licensed practicing attorney who works or volunteers for a court or for a not-for-profit organization which provides free legal representation to indigent persons or children, may assist in proceedings within this state as if admitted and licensed to practice law in this state.

Rule 98. All pleadings and other entries of record must also be signed by the Attorney General, a district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, public defender, or duly appointed assistant attorney general, assistant district attorney, assistant solicitor general, assistant solicitor, assistant public defender, or licensed practicing attorney as described in Rule 97. In the conduct of any grand jury investigation, administrative proceeding, hearing, trial, or other proceeding, such Attorney General, district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, public defender, or duly appointed assistant district attorney, assistant solicitor general, assistant solicitor, assistant public defender, or licensed practicing attorney as described in rule 97, must be physically present.

Rule 99. An eligible law-school graduate is a recent graduate of a Georgia law school or of an accredited law school from another state who has not yet received the results of his or her first taking of the bar examination. Such graduate shall file a petition to practice as a law-school graduate with the Clerk of the Supreme Court, setting out the graduate's name, address, social security number, the name of the law school from which he or she graduated and the date thereof, and the name, title and signature of the Attorney General, district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, public defender, or licensed practicing attorney as described in Rule 97, whom the graduate intends to assist. If available, evidence of certification of fitness to practice law from the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants issued under Part A, Section 11 of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law, or similar certification from another state, shall be attached to the petition. If not available, the status of the graduate's fitness application in Georgia or any other state, if any, shall be set out in the petition. A graduate who has been denied or tentatively denied certification of fitness to practice law in Georgia, or any other state, shall not be eligible to practice under this Rule.

Application for a certificate of fitness to take the bar examination is not a prerequisite to eligibility to practice as a graduate.

Any graduate eligible to assist the Attorney General, a district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, or public defender under this Rule is not required to possess the qualifications for appointment to the office of Attorney General, district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, public defender, or assistant attorney general, assistant district attorney, assistant solicitor general, assistant solicitor, or assistant public defender.

Rule 100. Upon receiving and examining the petition of the graduate, the Court shall register the graduate as eligible to practice under these rules until the end of the month (October or May) in which the results of the first Georgia Bar examination for which the petitioner is eligible will be published. The Court shall issue a certificate to the graduate setting out the petitioner's status as a graduate and the duration of his or her eligibility to practice under these rules.

Rule 101. The graduate shall present such certificate to the judge of the trial court where the graduate intends to assist in proceedings. The graduate may be authorized to participate in the proceedings in such form and manner as the judge of the court where such authority is to be exercised may prescribe. Before entering an order authorizing a graduate to assist the Attorney General, district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, or public defender, the judge shall further require of the graduate an oath similar to the oath required by a district attorney, a solicitor general, a solicitor, or a public defender.

As to each graduate authorized to assist the Attorney General, a district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, public defender, or licensed practicing attorney as described in Rule 97, there shall be kept on file in the office of the clerk of the court where such authority is to be exercised, a copy of this Court's certificate, the graduate's oath if required, and the judge's order.

Rule 102. If during this period the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants, or a similar board from another state, denies or tentatively denies the graduate's application, the graduate shall notify the judge of the trial court where he or she is assisting in proceedings immediately and such authority to practice as a graduate shall terminate and be revoked.

Rule 103. A licensed practicing attorney as described in Rule 97, who is supervising law graduates under this Rule, shall ensure that at all times the graduate is covered by an adequate amount of malpractice insurance.

I. GENERAL

Rule 4. ATTORNEYS. An attorney must be in good standing and admitted in the Supreme Court in order to make an appearance. A visiting attorney from a foreign jurisdiction may participate in a particular case with permission of the Court. The visiting attorney's motion seeking such permission shall include a current certificate of good standing from the highest court of the foreign jurisdiction.

(1) Law students authorized to practice under the third-year practice act, see Rules 91-96, or the law-school graduate rules, see Rules 97-103, may not make oral argument, but may co-author briefs, and shall indicate their status on the signature line.

Office of Georgia Bar Admissions DUI Policy

The Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants, at its June, 2001 meeting, adopted a new policy regarding law students who receive a DUI during their third year of law school. Historically, the Board has tabled an application from any person who is on probation from a crime until probation is completed and the Court's sentence has been completed. The DUI statute in Georgia mandates 12 months probation upon conviction of a DUI. Thus, any third year law student who receives a DUI would be ineligible for the July exam administered immediately after graduation because probation would not yet have been completed. However, some judges have been suspending probation, or terminating it early, in order to remove that procedural bar from a third year student wishing to take the summer exam.

Due to this inconsistent application of the statute, the Fitness Board voted to table the application of any third year law student who receives a DUI regardless of whether the judge in the case sentences the student to probation. This automatic bar applies to all third year students who receive DUI's, and only bars them from the July exam. They may be eligible for the succeeding February exam, even if within twelve months, which will be decided by the Board on a case-by-case basis following its standard (and announced) policies.

It should be understood that this is a procedural bar only. Once the required time has passed, the Board will then review the applicant's file on the merits for a determination of whether to certify the applicant for fitness. The Board may have substantive concerns about the applicant's conduct. Given the seriousness of a DUI, particularly at the applicant's age and of this recency, the Board may well require the applicant to be evaluated for drug or alcohol dependency before acting upon certification.

Instructions for Filing an Application for Certification of Fitness to Practice Law

WHEN FILING AN APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF FITNESS TO PRACTICE LAW, THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

OBTAINING THE MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR FILING

Information on obtaining materials required for filing an Application for Certification of Fitness to Practice Law is available on this website.
<http://www.gabaradmissions.org/pages/fitnessinfo.htm>

FILING DEADLINES

Specific filing deadlines are set by the Supreme Court and are determined by the date of the Bar Examination you wish to take. Failure to meet regular filing deadline requires payment of late fees.

Deadlines can be found on the inside front cover of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law and on this website.

FEES

An Application for Certification of Fitness to Practice Law is not considered filed until all required fees have been paid, including late fees, if applicable. See Part A, Sections 4 & 5 of the Rules for an explanation of the regular fees and late fees.

IF YOU DO NOT USE THE ON-LINE APPLICATION FORM YOUR RESPONSES MUST BE TYPED ON THE ORIGINAL FORM WHICH WILL BE MAILED TO YOU.

The Board to Determine Fitness will not accept responses typed on photocopies of this application, computer scanned applications or applications copied by any other means; nor will handwritten responses be accepted.

You must complete and return the original form provided although you should make a photocopy for your records.

ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED COMPLETELY.

If a particular question is not applicable, you should so state.

You may not answer questions by incorporation, e.g. "...see Florida application."

Do not use additional sheets until you have filled the space provided.

Do not use abbreviations except for standard abbreviations such as state postal codes.

An application will not be processed until all questions have been answered, all fees received and any required documentation has been supplied.

If you are not a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States, you must complete the supplemental information sheet for non-immigrant applicants and return this sheet with your application.

YOU SHOULD INDICATE YOUR FULL LEGAL NAME (first, middle and last).

All processing will be done on the basis of your full name; therefore, all records will be retained and certification(s) issued in your full name.

If you do not have a middle name you should answer with “NMN”

CANDOR

Absolute and complete candor is required. Failure to be completely candid may result in denial of certification.

If there is concern whether your situation falls within the scope of a particular question, it is best to assume it does.

NARRATIVES

You are required to file narratives for all criminal and DUI offenses.

Arresting officers’ reports and court documents regarding these offenses will also be required.

CONTACTING YOU BY PHONE

Please be sure that the Office of Bar Admissions has a telephone number where you can be reached or where a detailed message can be left for you.

If the Office of Bar Admissions attempts to reach you at the daytime telephone number you provide on the application and are told that their call to you is “blocked” or is subject to “call intercept” or is otherwise unavailable to us, they will not continue to try to reach you by telephone.

This means that if they need additional information and cannot reach you, it is possible that your application will not be considered for the examination for which you apply.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Address changes must be submitted immediately in writing. Address changes should also include your Social Security number and daytime phone number. You will be held responsible for mail which is delayed, mis-routed or not delivered because the Office of Bar Admissions does not have your current address.

AMENDMENTS

The Application for Certification of Fitness is considered ongoing until you have passed the bar examination and been sworn in as a member of the State Bar of Georgia.

You must file an amendment within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of any event which would change any answer on the Application.

All updates must include your Social Security number and your current daytime phone number.

Failure to file a timely amendment may result in denial of certification or

withdrawal of a previously issued certification.

Only exception: You are not required to amend with monthly changes to credit account balances.

CONTACTING THE OFFICE OF BAR ADMISSIONS

Office of Bar Admissions
244 Washington Street
Suite 440
Atlanta, GA 30334

PHONE:

404-656-3490

AMENDMENTS TO GA FITNESS APPLICATION

<NOTE: AMENDMENT FORM CAN BE DOWNLOADED ON LINE>

Your Fitness Application is considered ongoing until you have passed the bar examination and have been sworn in as a member of the State Bar of Georgia. You must submit an amendment within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of any event which would change any answer on the Application. All updates must include your ***social security number*** and your ***current daytime phone number***. Failure to file a timely amendment may result in denial of certification or withdrawal of a previously issued certification.

Only Exception: You are not required to amend with monthly changes to credit account balances. Address and phone number changes must be submitted in writing immediately

LAPTOP INFORMATION

All applicants who are eligible to write the Georgia Bar Examination have the option to use personal laptop computers to provide answers to the Essay and Multistate Performance Test (MPT) portions of the Bar Examination. **There is no limit on the number of applicants who can register for laptop testing.** Laptop testing for the Georgia Bar Examination will be administered using the ExamSoft World Wide, Inc. SofTest software. ExamSoft will manage the SofTest registration process. Laptop applicants must read these **Laptop Testing Procedures and Requirements** and the **Laptop Testing Frequently Asked Questions** to ensure a good understanding of the laptop testing process and the SofTest software. <http://www.examssoft.com/gabar>

On-line registration for laptop testing and uploading the Mock Exam will be available **24 HOURS A DAY. Laptop registration for the February Exam will begin in December and in mid-May for the July Exam.** The published laptop registration deadline **WILL NOT** be extended. **All posted time is Eastern Time. To complete the entire Laptop Registration process consisting of:** (1) Payment of fees, (2) Installation and Registration of the SofTest software, and (3) Completion and uploading of the Mock Exam using SofTest **PRIOR** to the expiration of the published registration deadline.

Applicants must pay a \$100 nonrefundable fee with a credit card through the online laptop registration process. All major credit cards will be accepted.

The laptop registration process does NOT register you for the bar examination. The laptop fee is separate from the regular bar examination application fees. You must complete the regular bar examination application and submit appropriate fees as outlined on the actual bar examination application.

Applicants who request testing accommodations pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) must make the request on the ADA Accommodations Forms. If the applicants make the request for ADA accommodations and want to use a personal laptop computer to write the Essay and MPT portions of the Bar Examination, they MUST register for Laptop Testing with ExamSoft.

**LAPTOP EXAMINATION REGISTRATION INFORMATION
FOR THE JULY 2010 EXAM**

Applicants must register online for the laptop exam at
<http://www.examsoft.com/gabar>

**CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION TO TAKE THE
EXAM ON YOUR LAPTOP.**

DEADLINES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED!

<http://www.gabaradmissions.org>

Georgia Application for

Certification of Fitness to Practice Law Filing Deadlines

A printed version of the fitness application, 2 fingerprint cards, filing fee(s), signed and notarized Continuing Application and Verification, signed and notarized Authorization and Release, a Downloaded Application Version on 3.5 diskette, CD or USB, and required documentation must be **RECEIVED** in the Office of Bar Admissions **BEFORE** 4:30 p.m. EDT **ON OR BEFORE** the filing deadline. **Postmarking by the deadline is not acceptable.**

BAR EXAMINATION DATES	Regular Fitness Application Filing Deadline	Final Fitness Application Filing Deadline <i>*LATE FEE REQUIRED</i>
July 27-28, 2010	12/02/09	*03/03/10
February 22-23, 2011	07/07/10	*10/06/10
July 26-27, 2011	12/01/10	03/02/11
February 28-29, 2012	07/06/11	10/05/11
<i>See Part A, Section 4 of these Rules</i>		<i>See Part A, Section 4(b)</i>

Regular Fitness Application Filing Deadline

Applications filed by the *regular filing deadline* must be accompanied by a filing fee. See Part A, Section 4(a) of the *Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law*.

Final Fitness Application Filing Deadline

*Applications filed *between the regular filing deadline and the final filing deadline* must be accompanied by a regular filing fee plus a late filing fee. See Part A, Section 4(b) of the *Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law*.

Applications filed *after the regular filing deadline which are not accompanied by the late filing fee* will be treated as if filed for the next succeeding examination. See Part A, Section 4(c) of the *Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law*.

Fitness Application Filing Fees

Filing fees are listed in Part A, Section 5 of the *Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law*.