

Rule 14-707. Application; deadlines; withdrawals; postponements and fees.

(a) **Form.** Each Applicant must submit a Complete Application for admission in accordance with the instructions prescribed by the Bar. The application will include an authorization and release enabling the Bar to obtain information concerning the Applicant.

(b) **Filing deadlines generally.** Except as otherwise provided herein, an Applicant must file a Complete Application by October 1 preceding the February Bar Examination [and the March Alternate Path Examination](#) and by March 1 preceding the July Bar Examination [and the August Alternate Path Examination](#). In accordance with the filing instructions and information for the application, the Bar will not accept late or incomplete applications. An applicant requesting permission to file a late application may make such request in writing to the Admissions Committee by 5 days prior to the application deadline.

(1) An Applicant who will complete all law school academic requirements prior to the Bar Examination, but whose law degree will not be conferred until after the application filing deadline may file the certificate of law school graduation after the application has been submitted. The Bar must receive certificates of law school graduation prior to the Bar Examination. If the Bar does not timely receive the certificate of law school graduation, an Applicant will not be permitted to take the Bar Examination.

(2) An Applicant must complete a background investigation as prescribed by [Rule 14-708](#) and procedures prescribed by the Admissions Committee.

(c) **Filing deadlines for Delicensed Attorneys.** Delicensed Attorneys may not file an application for admission until the later of five years after the effective date of the license revocation or the date specified in the disciplinary order. Delicensed Attorneys must comply with [Rule 14-717\(b\)](#), if applicable. The Delicensed Attorney must complete an Application for Delicensed Attorneys by September 1 preceding the February Bar

Examination and by February 1 preceding the July Bar Examination. Late applications for Delicensed Attorneys are not permitted.

(d) **Withdrawal of applications and refunds.** To withdraw an application, an applicant must provide written notice. If the Admissions Office receives written notice of withdrawal 30 calendar days or more before the examination date, the Applicant will receive one-half of the filing fee, unless the Applicant withdraws after appearing before the Character and Fitness Committee or after the Bar has incurred nonrefundable expenses related to a test accommodation request. Late fees, computer fees, and the application fees of Applicants not taking an examination are nonrefundable.

(e) **Postponement of application.** An Applicant may only postpone or transfer an application for admission by examination due to emergency circumstances or pursuant to [Rule 14-708\(b\)\(4\)\(A\)](#). The Bar may grant an emergency transfer if:

(1) The Applicant provides a written request, including payment of the prescribed transfer fee, prior to the conclusion of the **examination**, and

(2) The Applicant provides proof of the emergency. An emergency under this rule is limited to two circumstances:

(A) a personal medical emergency, or

(B) a death in the immediate family.

(3) The transferring Applicant must specify which future Bar Examination the Applicant plans to take. The Applicant must take the exam within the next two scheduled Bar Examinations or the Bar will close the application.

(4) The Applicant must provide an Updated Application by filing a Reapplication for Admission form, updating any information that has changed since the prior application was filed. The Applicant may have to complete a new background investigation.. The Applicant must file the Reapplication for Admission form by the initial application deadline of October 1 preceding the February Bar Examination [or](#)

[March Alternate Path Examination](#), and March 1 preceding the July Bar Examination
[or August Alternate Path Examination](#). The Bar will not accept late or incomplete
applications. An applicant requesting permission to file a late application may make
such request in writing to the Admissions Committee by 5 days prior to the
application deadline.

(5) An Applicant is entitled to one transfer only.

(f) **Retaking the Bar Examination** [or the Alternate Path Examination](#). An Applicant who
fails the Bar Examination [or the Alternate Path Examination](#) may retake the examination
by filing a Reapplication for Admission form by the date prescribed by the Bar, updating
any information that has changed since the application was filed. The Applicant may
have to complete a new background investigation. Late applications will not be accepted.

(g) **Closure of application.** An Applicant must resolve all application deficiencies and
receive character and fitness approval within one year of filing the application or the
Deputy General Counsel will close the application. The Character and Fitness Committee
or the Admissions Committee may authorize the Deputy General Counsel to hold an
application open beyond the one-year deadline.

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