

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

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

6 (b) Filing deadlines generally. Except as otherwise provided herein, ~~the Bar shall receive an~~
7 Applicant must file a Complete Applications by October 1 preceding the February Bar
8 Examination and the March Alternate Path Examination and by March 1 preceding the July Bar
9 Examination and the August Alternate Path Examination. ~~A Complete Application will be~~
10 ~~accepted up to 15 calendar days after the filing deadline if accompanied by the prescribed 15 day~~
11 ~~late fee. A Complete Application will be accepted up to November 1 for the February Bar~~
12 ~~Examination if accompanied by the prescribed 30 day late fee and up to April 1 for the July Bar~~
13 ~~Examination if accompanied by the prescribed 30 day late fee.~~ In accordance with the filing
14 instructions and information for the application, the Bar will not accept late or incomplete
15 applications ~~will not be accepted with the following exceptions~~ An applicant requesting permission
16 to file a late application may make such request in writing to the Admissions Committee by 5 days
17 prior to the application deadline.‡

18 ~~(b)(1)~~ (1) An Applicant who will complete all law school academic requirements prior to the
19 Bar Examination, but whose law degree will not be conferred until after the application
20 filing deadline may file the certificate of law school graduation after the application has
21 been submitted. The Bar must receive ~~C~~certificates of law school graduation ~~must be~~
22 ~~received by the Bar no later than thirty (30) calendar days~~ prior to the the examination ~~Bar~~
23 ~~Examination~~. In the event the Bar does not timely receive the certificate of law school
24 graduation ~~is not timely received by the Bar~~, an Applicant will not be permitted to take the
25 examination ~~the Bar Examination~~.

26 ~~(b)(2)~~ (2) ~~An Applicant who has not received the criminal background report may submit the~~
27 ~~application without a criminal background report provided the Applicant provides proof~~
28 ~~that a criminal background request has been filed prior to submission of the application.~~
29 ~~Sufficient proof of submission of the criminal background request shall be by declaration~~
30 ~~in the form prescribed by the Bar. In order for the Applicant's name to be included on a~~
31 ~~motion for admission the criminal background report must be submitted to the Bar no later~~
32 ~~than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date the motion is submitted to the Court. The~~
33 ~~Character and Fitness Committee may withdraw or modify its approval based upon~~
34 ~~information contained in the criminal background report. In the event the criminal~~
35 ~~background report is not timely received by the Bar, an Applicant will not be included on~~
36 ~~the motion for admission.~~ An Applicant must complete a background investigation as
37 prescribed by Rule 14-708 and procedures prescribed by the Admissions Committee.

38 (c) Filing deadlines for ~~Disbarred-Delicensed~~ Attorneys. ~~Disbarred-Delicensed~~ Attorneys may not
39 file an application for admission until the later of five years after the effective date of the license
40 revocation or the date specified in the disciplinary order. ~~Disbarred-Delicensed~~ Attorneys must
41 comply with Rule 14-717(b), if applicable. The Delicensed Attorney must ~~C~~complete an
42 Applications for ~~Disbarred-Delicensed~~ Attorneys ~~shall be received by the Bar~~ by September 1

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

45 (d) Withdrawal of applications and refunds. To withdraw an application, ~~written notice must be~~
46 ~~provided~~ an applicant must provide written notice. If the Admissions Office receives written notice
47 of withdrawal ~~is received by the Admissions Office~~ 30 calendar days or more before the
48 examination date, the Applicant will receive one-half of the filing fee ~~shall be refunded~~, unless the
49 Applicant withdraws after appearing before the Character and Fitness Committee or after the Bar
50 has incurred nonrefundable expenses related to a test accommodation request. Late fees, computer
51 fees, and the application fees of Applicants ~~not taking~~ not taking an examination the Bar
52 ~~Examination~~ are nonrefundable.

53 (e) Postponement of application. An Applicant may only postpone or transfer ~~her or his~~ an
54 application for admission by examination due to emergency circumstances or pursuant to Rule 14-
55 708(b)(4)(A). ~~Emergency transfers are subject to the following restrictions~~ The Bar may grant an
56 emergency transfer if:-

57 ~~(e)(1)~~ The Applicant ~~must provide~~ provides a written request, including payment of the
58 prescribed transfer fee, prior to the conclusion of the examination ~~the Bar Examination,~~
59 ~~and:-~~

60 ~~(e)(2)~~ The Applicant provides P proof of the emergency ~~must be provided~~. ~~The reasons for~~
61 ~~the transfer are~~ An emergency under this rule is limited to two circumstances:

62 ~~(e)(2)(A)~~ a personal medical emergency, or

63 ~~(e)(2)(B)~~ a death in the immediate family.

64 ~~(e)(3)~~ The transferring Applicant must specify which future examination ~~future Bar~~
65 ~~Examination she or he~~ the Applicant plans to take. The ~~exam~~ Applicant must be taken take
66 the exam within the next two scheduled examinations ~~scheduled Bar Examinations~~ or the
67 Bar will close the application:-

68 ~~(e)(4)~~ The Applicant must provide an Updated Application by filing a Reapplication for
69 Admission form, updating any information that has changed since the prior application was
70 filed. The Applicant may have to complete a new background investigation, ~~and a new~~
71 ~~criminal background check~~. The Applicant must file the Reapplication for Admission form
72 ~~should be submitted~~ by the initial application deadline of October 1 preceding the February
73 Bar Examination or March Alternate Path Examination and March 1 preceding the July
74 Bar Examination or August Alternate Path Examination. The Bar will not accept late or
75 incomplete applications. An applicant requesting permission to file a late application may
76 make such request in writing to the Admissions Committee by 5 days prior to the
77 application deadline.

78 ~~A Reapplication for Admission will be accepted up to 15 calendar days after the filing~~
79 ~~deadline if accompanied by the prescribed 15-day late fee. A Reapplication for Admission~~
80 ~~form will be accepted up to November 1 for the February Bar Examination if accompanied~~
81 ~~by the 30-day late fee and up to April 1 for the July Bar Examination if accompanied by~~
82 ~~the prescribed 30-day late fee.~~

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

84 (f) Retaking the Bar Examination or the Alternate Path Examination. An Applicant ~~failing-who~~
85 fails the Bar Examination or the Alternate Path Examination ~~who wishes to-may~~ retake the
86 examination ~~must file~~ by filing an Updated Application by filing a Reapplication for Admission
87 form by the date prescribed by the Bar, updating any information that has changed since the
88 application was filed. The Applicant may have to complete a new background investigation. and
89 ~~a new criminal background check~~. Late applications will not be accepted.

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