

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS — OUT OF STATE ATTORNEYS**

### **1. Does Maryland offer reciprocity to attorneys licensed to practice law in other states?**

No. In order to be licensed to practice law in Maryland, an applicant must pass an examination. The two-day general Bar examination is required of a recent law school graduate and an attorney who does not meet the standards for admission pursuant to Bar Admission Rule 13, *Out-of-State Attorneys*.

A person who is a member of the Bar of a state, has passed a written bar examination in a state, has specified professional experience may qualify for a special, limited bar examination in Maryland. See Bar Admission Rule 13 for details of eligibility.

### **2. Must I be admitted to the Maryland Bar in order to practice law as in-house counsel to a Maryland corporation?**

An individual who is employed by the corporation and is admitted to the Bar of any other state may give legal advice to that corporation in this State without being admitted to the Maryland Bar. Such a person is subject to disciplinary proceedings as the Maryland Rules provide and may not represent the corporation before a unit of the State government or of a political subdivision unless a court grants the individual a special admission. See the Annotated Code of Maryland, Business Occupations and Profession Article, § 10-206 (d).

### **3. How can I get information about admission requirements of other jurisdictions?**

The American Bar Association has a website at [www.abanet.org/legaled](http://www.abanet.org/legaled) which includes all of the information from its publication entitled *Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admission Requirements*. The site contains a wealth of detail about Bar admission requirements, as well as Bar statistics.