

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND

PETITION OF OUT-OF-STATE ATTORNEY FOR ADMISSION TO THE MARYLAND BAR

(NOTE: A PETITIONER MUST HAVE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AND MEET THE OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF BAR ADMISSION RULE 13, Out of State Attorneys.)

Disclosure of your Social Security Number (SSN) is mandatory pursuant to the Family Law Article, Title 10, section 10-119.3 (b), Annotated Code of Maryland. The State Board of Law Examiners will disclose your name, SSN, and address to the Child Support Enforcement Administration, upon its request, to assist it in enforcing compliance with child support orders. The State Board of Law Examiners will provide your name, SSN, and address to the Client Protection Fund when you are recommended for admission to the bar of the State of Maryland. Pursuant to the Business Occupations and Professions Article, Title 10, section 10-313, the Client Protection Fund, in turn, will disclose this information to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to assist it in identifying new businesses within the State and to the Comptroller to assist it in determining whether lawyers have paid all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance contributions payable to the Comptroller or the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation. The Court of Appeals of Maryland, the Character Committees appointed by the Court, and the State Board of Law Examiners will use the SSN for positive identification of bar applicants in the course of character and fitness investigations.

I _____ / _____
(first) (middle) (last) (social security number)

hereby apply for admission to the Bar of Maryland pursuant to Rule 13 of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Maryland adopted by the Court of Appeals of Maryland and in support of my application state:

1. I am now residing at _____
_____ (full address and zip code)

Home phone: _____ Bus. phone: _____

2. I intend to sit for the February July _____ Out-of-State Attorneys' Bar Examination.
(year)

If admitted to the Maryland Bar, I intend:

- () to practice law in Maryland, or
() to teach law full time at _____ Law School.

My intention and commitment to this end are established by the following facts:

3. I am a member of the Bar in good standing having been admitted to the State Bar(s) of the following jurisdictions:

| State | Highest State Court to Which Admitted | Date | Basis for Admission : Examination/ Diploma Privilege/Motion |
|-------|---------------------------------------|-------|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Note: No person may be admitted to the Bar of this State under this Rule unless that person has passed a written bar examination in some other State, possession, territory, or commonwealth of the United States or the District of Columbia.

4. For at least five years within the ten years immediately preceding the filing of this petition or for a total of at least ten years irrespective of recency, I have been engaged full time as a:

- () practitioner of the law as defined in Rule 13c, or
- () judge of a court of record, or
- () teacher of the law at an ABA law school, or
- () a combination thereof.

5. Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Business and Professions Article, Title I, Section 203, I hereby certify to the Court of Appeals of Maryland that I have paid all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance contributions which I am obligated to pay to the Comptroller of Maryland or the Department of Economic and Employment Development or have provided for payment in a manner satisfactory to the unit responsible for collection. **(Note any exceptions to this certification by attaching a statement of explanation.)**

6. Submitted with this petition are the following:

- (a) Certificate(s) furnished by the Court(s) named in paragraph 3 showing the facts therein alleged (attach to petition). **(A CERTIFICATE FROM THE CLERK OF COURT IS REQUIRED. A CERTIFICATE FROM THE STATE BAR DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE RULE.)**
- (b) A certificate of one judge **OR** certificates of two attorneys attesting to the applicant's practice of law (to be executed on the original of this petition).
- (c) National Conference of Bar Examiners Questionnaire with the affidavit (signature page) and three original, executed "Authorization and Release" statements.
- (d) **PREPARE AND ATTACH A STATEMENT IN YOUR OWN WORDS SUPPORTING YOUR CLAIM OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION. YOUR STATEMENT SHOULD DESCRIBE THE SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF YOUR EMPLOYMENT AND INDICATE THAT YOU WERE REQUIRED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BAR DURING ALL RELEVANT PERIODS (SEE RULE 13c).**
- (e) **IF, AT ANY TIME RELEVANT TO THIS PETITION, YOU PRACTICED LAW IN A JURISDICTION DURING A PERIOD WHEN YOU WERE NOT ADMITTED TO THE JURISDICTION'S BAR, PROVIDE A COPY OF THE AUTHORITY WHICH PERMITTED YOUR PRACTICE IN THAT JURISDICTION PRIOR TO YOUR ADMISSION TO ITS BAR.**
- (f) Check or money order in the amount set by the Court of Appeals of Maryland.
- (g) Check or money order payable to the National Conference on Bar Examiners in such amount as required to cover the cost of the character and fitness investigation and report.

Signature

(State) (District) of _____, (County) (City) of _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this ____ day of _____, _____ before me, the subscriber, a notary public
(month) (year)

of said state or district, in and for said state or district, in and for said county or city, duly commissioned and qualified, personally appeared _____ and made oath in due form of law that the facts stated in the foregoing petition and all supporting documents are true.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal. _____
Notary Public

My commission expires: _____,
(month) (year)

Note: Below are the forms of required certificates. The certificate of at least one judge of a court of record of a jurisdiction where you are admitted to practice (the first form) **OR** the certificates of at least two members of the bar of any State where you practiced law (the second two forms) are required. **If any such judge or member of the bar is unable to certify to the full five-year period referred to in paragraph 4 of the petition, type and attach as needed additional certificates which in their totality cover the period, but at least one such judge or two such members of the bar must certify as to EACH portion of the period. (Certificate must be on the basis of personal knowledge; an individual may not certify to any period prior to first meeting the applicant.)**

CERTIFICATE OF JUDGE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I, _____ the undersigned, am a judge of _____ a court of record of the State of _____; that I have known the petitioner, _____ for _____ years; that the petitioner is a person of good moral character; that the petitioner is now a member of the Bar in good standing of the above-named State and has been engaged continuously as a: () practitioner of the law, () teacher of the law, () judge, () or a combination thereof in _____ from _____ (month and year) to _____ (month and year)

(Signature)

OR

**CERTIFICATES OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE BAR
(FROM INDIVIDUALS BOTH OF WHOM HAVE KNOWN APPLICANT 5 OR MORE YEARS)**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I, _____ the undersigned, am a member of the State Bar of _____; that I have known the petitioner, _____, for _____ years; that the petitioner is a person of good moral character; that the petitioner is now a member of the Bar in good standing of the state of _____ and has been continuously engaged as a: () practitioner of the law, () teacher of the law, () judge, () or a combination thereof in _____ from _____ (month and year) to _____ (month and year)

(Signature)

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(Signature)

