

Chapter Bar 2

EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION  
TO THE BAR

(Adopted by the State Bar Commissioners)

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**Bar 2.01 Definitions.** (1) "COURT RULES" means the rules governing admissions to the bar by examination adopted by the supreme court of Wisconsin and as may be amended.

(2) "BOARD RULES" means these rules.

(3) Words and terms as defined in section Bar 1.01 are here used in the same sense.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, November, 1960, No. 59, eff. 12-1-60.

**Bar 2.02 Time for examinations.** (1) The board will meet for the regular annual examination of candidates for admission to the bar at the supreme court chambers, state capitol, in the city of Madison on the third Monday of July in each year at 9:00 o'clock A.M.

(2) The written examination will consist of 5 sessions. The morning sessions will commence at 9:00 o'clock A.M. and afternoon sessions at 1:30 P.M. In administering such examination, the board may employ the multi-state bar examination prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

(3) The board reserves the right to give an oral examination on the day following the close of the written examination, or at such other time as it may determine.

(4) The board may also at any time or times other than hereinbefore appointed for the regular annual examination give an examination (hereinafter for convenience referred to as special examination) open to all then qualified applicants for examination for admission to the bar as determined by the board.

(5) The board may advance or postpone the date of the regular examination and may change the place of examination whenever deemed necessary. Unless otherwise ordered by the board, any special examination will be held at the state capitol in the city of Madison.

(6) In the event of any change of date or place of the regular examination or of the giving of a special examination, the secretary of the board will give reasonable notice by mail to all candidates whose applications are on file, and to accredited law schools.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, November, 1960, No. 59, eff. 12-1-60; am. (1), Register, January, 1970, No. 169, eff. 2-1-70; am. (2), Register, March, 1972, No. 195, eff. 4-1-72.

**Bar 2.03 Subject matter of examinations.** (1) Applicants are expected to be familiar with the uniform acts and model codes adopted in Wisconsin, but not with local variations therein.

(2) Applicants are expected to be familiar with the general provi-

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sions of Wisconsin statutory law in relation to real property, uses and trusts, powers, descent, wills and administration; with the jurisdiction of, and with the statutes and court rules dealing with pleading and practice in Wisconsin constitutional courts of record.

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**Bar 2.04 Applications for examination.** (1) Each applicant shall file with the secretary of the board, not less than 60 days before the date of examination, the following:

(a) The form of application appended to these rules.

*Note:* Form no longer appended. See note at the end of this section.

(b) If born in the United States, a certified copy of his birth certificate or, if not available, proof of his birth place, satisfactory to the board.

(c) If born without the United States of parents at the time citizens of the United States, a certified copy of his birth certificate or, if not available, proof of his birthplace satisfactory to the board, and proof satisfactory to the board that at the time of his birth his parents were citizens of the United States and that his United States citizenship has not been forfeited.

(d) If a naturalized citizen, proof thereof satisfactory to the board.

(e) The certificate of the college required by Bar 1.05 showing compliance with the appropriate paragraph of Bar 1.04 to be furnished directly to the secretary of the board by the proper officer of the college.

(f) The certificate of the law school required by Bar 1.07 showing compliance with the appropriate paragraph of Bar 1.06 to be furnished directly to the secretary of the board by the appropriate officer of the law school. This certificate must show courses taken by periods, hours of credit received and grades, together with a statement of the grading system of the school and the number of hours required for a degree and the requirements for a degree in respect to grades which count toward a degree and the average which must be maintained for a degree. The certificate must clearly define all academic terms therein used. The certificate as to the moral character of the applicant must show the extent of acquaintance and opportunity for observation of the person or persons making it, and must be explicit. If the applicant has not completed his law course in time to file the certificate as required, it may be furnished later if permitted by, and under circumstances specified by, the board.

(2) The board reserves the right at any time prior to the issuance of the certificate provided for in Bar 1.09 to require additional or supplemental proofs as to moral character and prelegal and legal preparation.

(3) No application will be granted which does not fully and fairly furnish the information and proofs reasonably required by the form of application and inquiry.

(4) In exceptional circumstances and for good cause, the board may waive the time limit for the filing of application and proofs, if the application is filed not less than 30 days before the examination and the applicant pays an additional fee of \$25. An application offered for filing less than 30 days before the examination will not be ac-