

## Chapter Bar 2

EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION  
TO THE BAR

(Adopted by the State Bar Commissioners)

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**Bar 2.01 (Rule I) Definitions.** (1) "Court rules" means the rules governing admissions to the bar by examination adopted by the supreme court of Wisconsin.

(2) "Board rules" means these rules.

(3) Words and terms as defined in court rule I are here used in the same sense.

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

(2) The written examination will consist of 6 consecutive three-hour sessions, commencing at 9:00 o'clock A. M. and at 2:00 o'clock P. M., respectively.

(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.

**Bar 2.03 (Rule III) Subject matter of examinations.** (1) In addition to the subjects listed in section Bar 1.08 (court rule VIII), the board may give questions in the following subjects:

Administrative law  
Agency  
Conflict of Laws  
Creditors rights  
Damages

Domestic Relations (including Marriage and Divorce)  
 Future Interests  
 Insurance  
 Labor Law  
 Legal Ethics  
 Partnership  
 Public Utilities  
 Sales  
 Taxation  
 Trade Regulation

(2) Applicants are expected to be familiar with the following uniform acts adopted in Wisconsin, but not with local variations therein: conditional sales, declaratory judgments, fiduciaries, fraudulent conveyances, joint obligations, negotiable instruments, partnership, both general and limited, and sales.

(3) Applicants are expected to be familiar with the general provisions 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.

**Bar 2.04 (Rule IV) 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.

(b) If born in the United States, a certified copy of his birth certificate or, if not available, proof of his birthplace, 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 section Bar 1.05 (court rule V) showing compliance with the appropriate paragraph of section Bar 1.04 (court rule IV), 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 section Bar 1.07 (court rule VII), showing compliance with the appropriate paragraph of section Bar 1.06 (court rule VI), 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.

(g) 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.

(h) If the applicant has not completed his law course in time to file the certificate as required, it may be furnished later but not less

than 20 days before the date of the examination. This paragraph does not apply to that part of legal preparation taking the form of office study under the option provided in paragraph (3) of section Bar 1.12 (court rule XII).

(2) Applicants under the provisions of paragraph (3) of section Bar 1.12 (court rule XII), shall furnish the additional proofs as required by the former court rules in force prior to June 3, 1940.

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

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

(5) Any person believing himself entitled to take the comprehensive examination permitted by par. (4) of section Bar 1.04 (court rule IV), shall, before taking such examination, make application to the board for permission so to do. Upon request the secretary of the board will furnish the form of application required.

(6) In exceptional circumstances and for good cause, the board may waive the time limit for the filing of applications and proofs.

**(7) APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO TAKE WISCONSIN BAR EXAMINATION**

TO THE BOARD OF STATE BAR COMMISSIONERS:

I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby make application for permission to take the Wisconsin Bar Examination.

I have carefully read the rules of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin governing admission to the Bar and the rules of said board relating to examination of applicants for admission to the Bar, and I understand that unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms respectively as defined in rule I of said court rules, wherever used herein, have the same meaning.

My application is predicated upon compliance as to prelegal education with paragraph \_\_\_\_\_ of court rule IV, and as to legal education with paragraph \_\_\_\_\_ of court rule VI. (If your application is predicated upon a modification of the present requirements pursuant to paragraph (1), (2) or (3) of court rule XII, state under which paragraph you claim to qualify \_\_\_\_\_)

In support of such application I hereby represent my qualifications and preparation to be as hereinafter set forth, and furnish the following information and proofs, all of which is true and correct:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name

2. I am a resident of the state of Wisconsin and my residence is at No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street, \_\_\_\_\_ City

3. Date and place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mo. Day Year

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State

4. Since my birth I have resided chronologically as follows:

City and State

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Street Address if possible

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Period

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Occupation (if any) and name and address of employer

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5. I am a citizen of the United States by birth ( ) naturalization ( ).

6. I have never been convicted of any offense against the laws of the United States or of any state or territory thereof, or of the District of Columbia, or of any foreign country. (If not true, so state, and furnish an affidavit setting forth each and every conviction, giving the name and location of the court, date of the conviction, charge, penalty inflicted, and all material information to enable the board to pass upon the question of moral character.)

7. For each community in which you have resided since you were 15 years of age, furnish the names of two or more responsible citizens, not related to you by blood or marriage, who knew you well while you resided in such community.

Name ----- City -----

Street Address ----- Occupation -----

Name ----- City -----

Street Address ----- Occupation -----

8. (For applicants under paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of court rule IV:) My general educational qualifications meet the requirements of paragraph ----- of court rule IV. I have attended the following colleges for the periods represented and have received credits as follows:

*Par 1.04*  
*Par 1.04*

Name and Location of College

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Period of Attendance

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Credits received for courses taken

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*Mar 1.04* 9. (For applicants under paragraph (4) of court rule IV:) The university which gave me the examination is:

Name -----

Location -----

Date of Examination -----

*Mar 1.06* 10. (For applicants under court rule VI:) My study of the law meets the requirements of paragraph *Mar 1.06* \_\_\_\_\_ of court rule VI. I have attended in residence the following law schools:

Name of School Location

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Period of Attendance

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Hours of Credit Received

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Hours now being carried not completed

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*2/1/12* 11. (If your legal preparation consists in whole or in part of study in a law office and you come within the exception of either paragraph (2) or (3) of court rule XII:) I have studied law in law offices and have furnished proofs thereof complying with the former court rules, as follows:

Name of Lawyer Tutor

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Address

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Date of Commencement of Study

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Date of Termination

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12. I am sufficiently well acquainted with the following members of the bar to enable them to give you dependable information as to my moral character:

Name of lawyer

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Address

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Years of Acquaintance

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(Not less than two listed must be members of the Wisconsin Bar. Judges may be named in place of practicing attorneys.)

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Applicant

Note: Attention is called to the requirements of Rule V and Rule VII. These certificates must be furnished directly to this Board and must constitute a full compliance with those rules.

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