



## SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

Atlanta July 2, 2013

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

It is ordered that the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law, Part B, Board of Bar Examiners, Section 3 (Refunds) be revised and that Section 4 (a) (1), (2) (Educational Requirements) and Part D, Attorneys Examination, Section 2 (Eligibility) be revised to reflect the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) as the successor organization; and that Part F, General Provisions, Section 7 (Filings) be revised, such that the amended rules, effective July 2, 2013, will read as follows:

### **PART B BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS**

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#### **Section 3. Refunds**

Refunds of the bar examination application fee will be made in the event an applicant is found to be ineligible to take an examination. Further, an applicant who withdraws not less than fourteen (14) days prior to an examination shall be refunded 50% of the bar application fee paid. National Conference of Bar Examiners charges are not refundable.

#### **Section 4. Educational Requirements**

The educational requirements to take the bar examination are as follows:

- (a) (1) Prior to taking the bar examination, an applicant must have been awarded an undergraduate degree (BA, BS, BBA or their equivalent) by an institution of higher learning which has been accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).
- (2) An applicant who has been awarded an undergraduate degree (BA, BS, BBA or their equivalent) by an institution of higher learning which has not been accredited by an accrediting body recognized by CHEA shall be considered as satisfying the undergraduate educational requirement of these **Rules** if the applicant has received the first professional degree in law (JD or LLB) from a law school approved by the American Bar Association. If, however, the applicant is a graduate of a law school certified by the Georgia Board of Bar Examiners and the applicant has been awarded an undergraduate degree from an institution not recognized by CHEA, the applicant shall be considered to have satisfied the undergraduate degree requirements of these **Rules** if, prior to the date of the examination he or she wishes to take, he or she has the College Board certify to the Board of Bar Examiners that he or she has passed the College Level

Examination Program (CLEP) all multiple-choice version of the General Examination in English Composition and any two of the following CLEP examinations: General Examination in Humanities; General Examination in Mathematics; General Examination in Natural Sciences; and General Examination in Social Sciences and History. The passing score for each of the general examinations shall be that scaled score which represents the 50th percentile of achievement as reported by the College Board for its 1978 reference group or such later reference group as may be established by the College Board.

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**PART D  
ATTORNEYS' EXAMINATION**

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**Section 2. Eligibility**

A person who:

(a) Has been awarded an undergraduate degree by a college or university which has been accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and who has been awarded the first professional degree in law (JD or LLB) by a law school approved by the American Bar Association; and who

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**PART F  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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**Section 7. Filings**

All filings required to be made with the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants and with the Board of Bar Examiners by these **Rules** shall be made with the Office of Bar Admissions. Unless otherwise indicated, filings must be received by the Office of Bar Admissions on or before the appropriate filing deadline in order to be filed in a timely manner. Filings which are received after a deadline or which, if received by or on a deadline date, are incomplete or which do not include required fees or which include a check in payment of required fees which is not honored by the drawee bank will not be considered as filed in a timely manner.

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA**  
Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I certify that the above is a true extract from the minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year last above written.

 Clerk