



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

Atlanta January 8, 2010

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

It is ordered that effective January 8, 2010, that Part A, Section 5, Application Fees, of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in Georgia, be amended by inserting a phrase at the beginning of the last sentence, that Part B, Section 13, Review of Examination Answers, be amended by changing the language of Section 13 by adding "or she" in two places and deleting "either questions or" and deleting the last clause, and by amending the heading of Section 14 to read, Certificates of Eligibility for Admission to Practice Law, and that Part C, Section 1, General, be amended by deleting the last clause, so that such sections shall read as follows:

PART A. BOARD TO DETERMINE FITNESS OF BAR APPLICANTS

SECTION 5. APPLICATION FEES

Late fees may be applicable; refer to Part A, Section 4 (b).

- *(a) Filings made prior to the award of the first professional degree in law..... \$500
*(b) Filings made between the award of the first professional degree in law and within one year thereof \$700
*(c) Filings made more than one year after the award of the first professional degree in law \$800
*(d) Applications for Certification of Fitness for the Attorneys' Examination or for Admission on Motion without Examination \$1000
(e) Petitions to determine eligibility for Admission on Motion without Examination\$600
*(f) Applications for Readmission following disbarment by the State Bar of Georgia.....\$3500
*(g) Applications for Readmission after the expiration of five years from the effective date of voluntary resignation from the State Bar of Georgia.....\$1000
(h) Applications for Readmission within five years from the effective date of voluntary resignation from the State Bar of Georgia \$800
*(i) Applications for Readmission following termination from the State Bar of Georgia due to non-payment of dues \$1000

- (j) Applications for Reinstatement following suspension from the State Bar of Georgia due to non-payment of dues \$800
- (k) Applications for renewal of certification \$400

With the exception of the Application for Certification of Fitness filed for Admission on Motion pursuant to Part C, Section 4 (a), provided a request in writing for withdrawal of his or her Application for Certification of Fitness to Practice Law is filed within 15 work days of the date of receipt of the application by the Office of Bar Admissions, the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants shall refund 2/3 of the filing fee paid by the applicant; provided, however, that no part of the late filing fees described in Section 4, above, may be refunded.

PART B. BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS

SECTION 13. REVIEW OF EXAMINATION ANSWERS

Neither the Board of Bar Examiners nor any member thereof shall conduct post examination interviews with applicants nor shall the Board or any member thereof regrade any applicant's answers to examination questions after the general release of grades nor shall any applicant's answers be retained beyond the commencement date of the succeeding examination. The Director of Bar Admissions may conduct post examination interviews with applicants but he or she shall not review examination questions or answers with an applicant, nor shall he or she allow inspection of answers following the giving of an examination.

SECTION 14. CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW

Upon an applicant's passing the bar examination and provided that his or her certification of fitness to practice law is current and that he or she has met all of the educational and testing requirements of these **Rules**, the Board shall issue a certification of eligibility for admission to the practice of law to the applicant. Certification may be in such form as the Board prescribes, including a letter bearing the seal of the Board and signed by the chair of the Board of Bar Examiners, or any member of the Board designated by the chairman or by the Director of Bar Admissions. The applicant shall deliver the certificate to the Chief Judge of the circuit in which he or she wishes to be admitted to the Bar. Such certificate shall be valid for one year from the date of its issuance. A duplicate original certificate shall not be issued for ten (10) business days following the release date of bar examination results.

PART C. ADMISSION ON MOTION WITHOUT EXAMINATION

SECTION 1. GENERAL

The Board of Bar Examiners may admit on motion without examination any attorney

licensed in a United States jurisdiction other than Georgia if that attorney satisfies the criteria set out in Section 2 of this Part. The attorney must also be certified for fitness, pursuant to Part A of these Rules.



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Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I hereby 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.

Thiuse J. Barnes
, Clerk