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## TEXT (a)

**(a) Application.** Any person desiring to be admitted to the practice of law in the State of Arizona must submit to the secretary of the Committee on Character and Fitness, a written application in the form supplied by the Committee. The application must be accompanied by required supporting documents, examination fee and application fee. The applicant shall complete and submit a character report accompanied by a character investigation fee as established by the supreme court. The character report and related fee may be submitted separately from the application for admission.

## TEXT (b)

**(b) Documents Required in Support of Application.** The following must accompany every application:

## TEXT (b) 1

1. Subject to the exception made and provided for in paragraph (c)(1)(D) of this rule, the applicant's law school diploma, or other evidence satisfactory to the Committee on Character and Fitness showing that he or she is a graduate with a juris doctor or bachelor of laws and letters degree of a law school provisionally or fully approved by the American Bar Association at the time of graduation.

## TEXT (b) 2

2. If the applicant has been previously admitted to practice law in any jurisdiction, foreign or domestic, the certificate of the appropriate court agency(ies) or the mandatory bar association, whichever has custody of the roll of attorneys in such jurisdiction. The certificate must indicate the date of admission, and that the applicant is presently in good standing; or, that the applicant resigned in good standing or is capable of achieving good standing status in that jurisdiction.

## TEXT (b) 3

3. An examination fee as established by the supreme court

TEXT (b) 4

4. An application fee as established by the supreme court.

TEXT (b) 5

5. Application for admission must be accompanied by a full face photograph of the applicant's head, neck and shoulders, without a hat, and not larger than two and one-half (2.5) inches by two and one-half (2.5) inches nor smaller than two (2) inches by two (2) inches, taken within six months prior to filing with the Committee on Character and Fitness.

TEXT (b) 6

6. Application for admission must be accompanied by a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints. The Supreme Court's Committee on Character and Fitness is authorized to receive criminal history information regarding any applicant for admission from any law enforcement agency in conjunction with the admissions process.

TEXT (c)

**(c) Applicant Requirements and Qualifications.**

TEXT (c) 1

1. On the basis of an application for admission properly and timely filed, with all required supporting documents and fees, the applicant will be certified to sit for the bar examination.

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2. No applicant shall be recommended to the practice of law in Arizona by the Committee on Character and Fitness unless the Committee is satisfied:

TEXT (c) 1 A

A. That the applicant is or at the time of the examination will be over the age of twenty-one years;

TEXT (c) 1 B

B. That applicant is of good moral character;

TEXT (c) 1 C

C. That applicant is mentally, emotionally and physically able to engage in the practice of law;

TEXT (c) 1 D

D. That applicant is a graduate with a juris doctor or bachelor of laws and letters degree of a law school provisionally or fully approved by the American Bar Association at the time of graduation; provided that this requirement shall not apply to an applicant who has been actively engaged in the practice of law in some other state or states for at least five of the last seven years prior to filing an application for admission to practice in Arizona; and

## TEXT (c) 1 E

E. That, if ever admitted to practice law in any jurisdiction, foreign or domestic, applicant is presently in good standing, or that applicant resigned in good standing or is capable of achieving good standing status in that jurisdiction.

## TEXT (c) 3

3. The Committee on Character and Fitness may provide for early filing of an intention to seek admission to the state bar on the part of Arizona law students, after completion of their first year at the University of Arizona College of Law or Arizona State University College of Law, to enable expeditious inquiry into the character and fitness of the applicant and to facilitate the giving of advice and counsel on issues relating to character and fitness.

## TEXT (c) 4

4. The Committee on Character and Fitness should complete its inquiries, some or all of which may be delegated to the National Conference of Bar Examiners, so as to be in a position to recommend for or against a successful examinee's admission to the state bar no later than the time the results from the bar examination are available. In extraordinary cases more extended time for inquiry and formulation of a recommendation may be required.

## TEXT (d)

**(d) Application Filing Schedule; Penalties.**

## TEXT (d) 1

1. The application for admission and all of the documents required to be submitted by the applicant (except law school diploma in the case of law school graduates who have graduated immediately prior to the examination to be taken) must be timely submitted, with required fees, in accordance with the schedule and filing fees established by the Court. In the event an application, documents or fees are submitted after the initial filing deadline, late fees as established by the Court shall be assessed. No application, documents or fees will be accepted after the close of filing deadline, as established by the Court.

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Any applicant failing to pass a written examination who wishes to take the next subsequent examination must submit an application for examination, required supporting documentation, and application and examination fees as established by the Court, no later than twenty days after the date of the letter notifying the applicant of his or her failure to pass the written examination. If the application is submitted after twenty days, a late application fee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule and filing fees established by the Court.

## TEXT (d) 2

2. When an application to take the bar examination is properly filed with required supporting documents, the applicant shall be promptly notified that the application is in order and that the applicant is certified to sit for the bar examination, specifying the time and place of such examination.

## TEXT (e)

**(e) Deficiency in Application and Supporting Documents.** If the Committee on Character and Fitness finds that the application is deficient, or the required supporting documents are deficient, or both, the Committee shall advise the applicant in writing of the deficiency, and the assessment of applicable late fees as established by the Court. The Committee shall allow the applicant either to supply additional information or to correct, explain in writing, or otherwise remedy the defects in such applicant's application, supporting documents, or fees as the case may be. If such deficiencies are not cured by the deadlines established by the Court, and if the Committee's reasons for refusing to grant permission for the applicant to take an examination are of record as a part of the applicant's file, the Committee shall withdraw the application and advise the applicant of such withdrawal and the reasons therefor.

## TEXT (f)

**(f) Completion of Professionalism Course.**

## TEXT (f) 1

**1. *New Admittee Professionalism Course.*** Except as otherwise provided in this rule, within one year after being admitted to the state bar, the applicant shall complete the state bar course on professionalism, or an equivalent course on the principles of professionalism approved or licensed by the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Arizona for this purpose.

## TEXT (f) 1 a

a. A new admittee taking inactive status immediately upon admission is exempt from completing such a course but shall complete one within 12 months of becoming an active member of the state bar.

## TEXT (f) 1 b

b. A new admittee who is an active member but neither resides nor practices law in Arizona is exempt from completing such a course but shall complete one within 12 months of becoming a resident of or commencing the practice of law in Arizona.

## TEXT (f) 2

**2. *Summary Suspension.*** An applicant who fails to comply with the requirements of § 1 above, shall be summarily suspended from membership in the state bar, upon motion of the state bar pursuant to Rule 62, provided that a notice by certified, return receipt mail of such non-compliance shall have been sent to the member, mailed to his last address of record in the state bar office at least thirty days prior to such suspension, but may be reinstated in accordance with these rules.

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