

ALABAMA STATE BAR ADMISSIONS OFFICE
PAPER ITEMS PACKET INSTRUCTIONS
RULE III (RECIPROCITY) APPLICATION

The items in this packet must be printed in hard copy, completed (including notarization where applicable) and returned to the Admissions Office before processing will begin on your electronic application. Once these items have been received, you will receive confirmation and we will begin processing your application.

The items listed below are included in this packet and must be returned to the Admissions Office at the address below.

- Acknowledgment of Complete Application
- Alabama Authorization & Release
- Attorney Oath of Office
- Attorney Affidavit (x3) – to be completed and returned separately by attorney affiants
- Rule III Affidavit of Eligibility

The completed items must be returned in hard copy format to the following address:

Alabama State Bar
Attn: Admissions
P.O. Box 671
Montgomery, AL 36101

The National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) will conduct a separate character and fitness investigation of your application. You will receive an email from NCBE with the subject line "Alabama Character Report Application for Bar Admission" with instructions for initiating the investigation.

For more information, you may contact the Admissions Office at (334) 269-1515.

Applicant Name

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COMPLETE APPLICATION

I have submitted an application to the Alabama State Bar, through its online application portal and, in said application, I have answered all questions completely and fully in all respects without mental reservation or purpose of evasion. I am aware that the application is continuing in nature and that I should update my application, if necessary. I have not modified the questions in any respect, and I understand that should they be modified, work on my application may be terminated. I understand that I should update my application during its pendency and that failure to do so may result in delays in its processing.

Signature of Applicant

Date

STATE/DISTRICT OF _____

COUNTY/PARISH OF _____

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this _____ day
of _____, 20_____.

Signature of Notary Public

My commission expires _____

Seal or stamp must be affixed to each original.

ALABAMA AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

Name of Registrant or Applicant

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, _____
Applicant Name

Having filed an application with the Alabama Board of Bar Examiners and fully recognizing the responsibility to the Public, the bench and the Bar of this State lodged with the Alabama Board of Bar Examiners by the Supreme Court of Alabama under the Constitution of the State of Alabama to determine that only those of high character and ability are admitted to the Bar of Alabama, hereby authorize and request every medical doctor, school official, and every other person, firm, officer, corporation, association, organization or institution having control of any documents, records or other information pertaining to me relevant to my good moral character and fitness to perform the responsibilities of an attorney, to furnish the originals or copies of any such documents, records and other information to said Board, or any such documents, records and other information including but not limited to any and all medical reports, laboratory reports, X-rays, or clinical abstracts which may have been made or prepared pursuant to, or in connection with, any examination or examinations, consultation or consultations, test or tests, evaluation or evaluations of the undersigned.

I hereby authorize all such persons as set out above to answer any inquiries, questions or interrogatories concerning the undersigned which may be submitted to them by the Alabama Board of Bar Examiners or its authorized representative, and to appear before said Board, or its authorized representative, and to give full and complete testimony concerning the undersigned, including any information furnished by the undersigned. I hereby relinquish any and all rights to said reports, including but not limited to clinical abstracts, consultations, evaluations, or any other incident in any way to cooperation with the Alabama Board of Bar Examiners, or its authorized representative, and fully understand that I shall not be entitled to have disclosed to me the contents of any of the foregoing.

I hereby authorize the Alabama Board of Bar Examiners or its authorized representative, at their discretion, to prepare for immediate or future release of bar exam scores, statistics and other reports on performance which may contain my name.

I hereby release and exonerate every medical doctor, school official, and every other person, firm, officer, corporation, association, organization or institution which shall comply in good faith with the authorization and request made herein from any and all liability of every nature and kind growing out of or in anywise pertaining to the furnishing or inspection of such documents, records and other information or the investigation made by said Alabama Board of Bar Examiners. The undersigned further waives absolutely any privilege he/she may have relevant to his/her good moral character and fitness to perform the responsibilities of an attorney under the laws of Alabama, Rules of Court, and such other regulations as may be promulgated governing the practice of law in the State of Alabama.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature of Applicant

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

I, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, hereby certify that on this day personally appeared before me

(Applicant Name)

to me well known to be the person described in an who executed the foregoing instrument and he/she acknowledged before me that he/she executed the same freely and voluntarily for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at the City of _____, County/Parish of _____
and State/District of _____ this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public

Commission Expires

CERTIFICATE

All forms of Authorization and Release executed by student registrants and applicants for admission into the Alabama State Bar shall terminate immediately upon admission to the Alabama State Bar or within 60 days of the total and absolute withdrawal of an application the applicant.

I, Justin C. Aday, Acting Secretary of the Alabama Board of Bar Examiners, hereby certify that the above referenced applicant has not notified this Board of the termination of his/her application, nor has the applicant been admitted to the Alabama State Bar.

DATE _____

Acting Secretary, Alabama Board of Bar Examiners

**ATTORNEY OATH OF OFFICE
STATE OF ALABAMA**

STATE/DISTRICT OF _____

COUNTY/PARISH OF _____

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will
(Name of Applicant)

demean myself as an attorney, according to the best of my learning and ability, and with all good fidelity, as well to the court as to the client; that I will use no falsehood or delay any person's cause for lucre or malice, and that I will support the constitution of the State of Alabama and of the United States, so long as I continue a citizen thereof, so help me God.

Applicant Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the ____ day of _____, 20____.

(Seal or Stamp)

Notary Public

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ATTORNEY AFFIDAVIT

NOTE TO ATTORNEY AFFIANTS:

The Attorney Affidavit serves a most useful and important function in the certification process. Be sure you are sufficiently acquainted with the application to execute the affidavit. State the "facts" called for with some particularity. General statements are of little assistance to the Committee on Character and Fitness.

STATE/DISTRICT _____

COUNTY/PARISH _____

Before me the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County/Parish, in said State/District, personally appeared

Attorney Affiant's Name

who is known to me, and who being duly sworn, on oath deposes and says:

That affiant is and for more than FIVE years continuously has been admitted to the Bar of

Jurisdiction(s) Where Attorney Affiant Admitted

and is a member in good standing; that the affiant is personally acquainted with the applicant

Applicant's Name

and has known him/her well and continuously for a period of _____ years; that affiant has frequently come in contact with him/her and has knowledge of the demeanor, habits, character, and conduct of the said applicant, as well as the associates and the type of associates of the applicant; affiant is familiar with the background, standing, and position in life of the applicant; the applicant has a good character and reputation where he/she resides and enjoys the confidence and respect of the general public; that affiant's association and intimacy with the applicant, his/her family and/or his/her associates, arise out of the following facts:

AFFIANT

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Admission Without Examination Pursuant to Rule III

Affidavit of Eligibility

I, _____, certify that I meet all of the following eligibility requirements as stated in Rule III of the *Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar*.

1. I meet all educational eligibility requirements of Rule III A. 1. (undergraduate degree and law degree from an ABA or AALS – approved law school);
2. I have been admitted in _____ (state or jurisdiction) which has reciprocity with Alabama;
3. I have been primarily engaged in the active practice of law in one or more states or territories or the District of Columbia for five of the last six years prior to filing this application;
4. I am a member in good standing with all jurisdictions in which I am admitted and not currently subject to lawyer discipline or the subject of pending lawyer discipline in any other jurisdiction;
5. Within the last ten years, I have not taken and failed the Alabama State Bar Exam;
6. I am now a permanent resident of Alabama; *or* 6. I intend to conduct my primary practice of law in Alabama as defined in Rule III and maintain an office in this state with at least 75 percent of my time devoted to the practice of law conducted in this state; ***[strike through the one that does not apply to you and initial the strike-through]***
7. I have not engaged in the unauthorized practice of law; and
8. I have taken the MPRE and achieved a score of 75 or better.

Signature

Printed Name

State of _____

County of _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the _____ day of _____ 20____.

Signature of Notary

My Commission Expires: _____