

RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF KENTUCKY

ADMISSION OF PERSONS TO PRACTICE LAW

SCR 2.022 Application for admission by examination

The application for Admission by Examination shall be on a verified form approved by the Board. Applications may not be filed more than 90 days before the filing deadline outlined below.

(1) An applicant must file a complete Application for Admission by Examination form accompanied by a fee of \$625.00 (cashier's or certified check or money order) at the time of filing. The filing deadline is October 1 for the February Bar examination and February 1 for the July Bar examination.

(2) **ATTORNEY APPLICANT:** An attorney applicant who is admitted in another jurisdiction must file a complete Application for Admission By Examination form along with a fee of \$675.00 (cashier's or certified check or money order). The filing deadline is October 1 for the February Bar examination and February 1 for the July Bar examination.

(3) Every person who intends to apply for admission to the Kentucky Bar by examination shall file with the Kentucky Office of Bar Admissions, a verified application on a form provided by the Kentucky Office of Bar Admissions. The applicant shall provide such information as requested on the form. An application must be complete at the time of filing including a properly executed Authorization & Release form.

(4) The Dean of each law school shall certify to the Committee as to the character and fitness of each applicant. Each applicant shall pay all additional investigation expenses that exceed the \$200.00 fee required by the Committee in conducting the background investigation necessary for certification of eligibility. These costs are incurred when circumstances require a more intensive background investigation. The cost of any record, document or inquiry concerning an application or transcript of record as a result of a hearing shall be paid by the applicant. Any additional expenses incurred must be paid prior to the release of any examination results for the applicant.

(5) Any applicant whose application to the Bar of another state has been refused for any reason is ineligible to take the Bar examination in this state unless the refusal was based upon a failure to pass the Bar examination in that state.

(6) Any applicant who is a member of the bar in another jurisdiction must produce a certificate of good standing with the application. The applicant must also produce a statement from the disciplinary board of that jurisdiction indicating whether any complaints have been filed against the applicant and their disposition. Any applicant who has a complaint(s) pending, is under disciplinary action, suspended, or any other action that would prohibit the practice of law as a member of the bar in another jurisdiction is not eligible for admission in Kentucky. Any applicant who is disbarred in another jurisdiction is not eligible for admission in Kentucky.

(7) An applicant who wishes to withdraw from the Bar examination must notify the Kentucky Office of Bar Admissions, in writing, not later than five (5) days prior to the examination date or have a verified excuse, otherwise, the Bar examination fee shall be forfeited.

(8) No part of any fees or expenses as stated in the paragraphs above shall be refundable.

HISTORY: Amended by Order 2009-12, eff. 1-1-2010; prior amendments eff. 1-1-02 (Order 2001-2), 2-1-00 (Order 99-1); adopted by Order 92-1, eff. 8-1-92