

Rule III
RECIPROCITY APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
PERSONS ENTITLED TO ADMISSION WITHOUT EXAMINATION

If you meet all of the requirements to file under Rule III – Reciprocity and you are licensed in one of the states with a reciprocal agreement with Alabama, click here [Alabama Interactive Site](#) to file your application.

Checklist of Applicant Eligibility/ Requirements

_____ Applicant must file the Alabama National Conference of Bar Examiners Character Report Application and attach the following:

- [Affidavit of Eligibility](#)
- [Certification of Jurisdictional Reciprocity](#)
(If you are licensed in one of the states listed below do not include the Certification of Jurisdictional Reciprocity)

_____ Applicant must pay the appropriate fees as set forth in the Rules Governing Admissions

Summary of the requirements for filing under Rule III:

_____ Admitted to practice in another state, territory or the District of Columbia.

_____ Must hold a professional degree in law (J.D. or L.L.B.) from a law school that was on the approved list of the American Bar Association or the Association of American Law Schools at the time the degree was conferred.

_____ Must have been primarily engaged in the active practice of law in one or more states, territories, or the District of Columbia for five of the six years preceding the application date.

_____ Must establish that the state, territory, or the District of Columbia in which the applicant has or had his or her principal place of business for the practice of law, or in which he or she was or is domiciled and admitted before seeking admission in Alabama, would allow attorneys from Alabama a similar accommodation as set forth in Rule III

_____ Must be in good standing in all jurisdictions where admitted.

_____ Applicant cannot currently be subject to lawyer discipline or the subject of a pending disciplinary matter in any other jurisdiction.

_____ Must possess the character and fitness to practice law as determined by the Committee on Character and Fitness under Rule V.

_____ Applicant has not taken and failed the Alabama State Bar Examination within the past 10 years.

_____ Must be a permanent resident of Alabama at the time of the application OR certify their intent to conduct the primary practice of law in Alabama and to maintain an office for the practice of law in this state. The “primary practice of law” shall mean at least 75% of the time devoted to the practice of law will be conducted in this State.

_____ Applicant has taken and achieved a score of 75 or better on the MPRE.

**STATES THAT HAVE A RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT WITH ALABAMA
AS OF Jan 01, 2012**

**Alaska
Colorado
Connecticut
District of Columbia
Georgia
Illinois
Indiana
Kansas
Massachusetts
Minnesota
Mississippi
Missouri
Nebraska
New Hampshire
Ohio
Oklahoma
Pennsylvania
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Virginia
Washington
West Virginia**