

REGISTRATION OF LAW STUDENTS

Every person intending to apply for admission to the Alabama State Bar shall, within 60 days following the commencement of the study of law in an accredited law school, or in one of the non-accredited law schools located in the State of Alabama, register with the Secretary of the Alabama State Bar by filing a Law Student Registration Application as a registrant upon the forms supplied by the Board, and such other papers as may from time to time be reasonably required by the Board.

The deadline date shall be set from the official date announced by the registrant's respective law school for the commencement of study. The registrant shall be responsible for submitting, as a part of the Law Student Registration Application, certified verification of said date upon the form supplied by the Board.

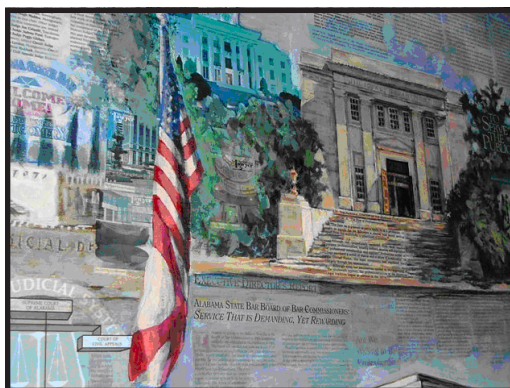
The Law Student Registration application executed by a registrant shall not be deemed an application for admission into the Alabama State Bar. See Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar.

RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION VARY BY STATE

If you have questions about bar admission requirements, contact the Board of Bar Examiners in the state you wish to be admitted.

In Alabama:

Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar are available at www.alabar.org/public/admissions



To access the admissions rules of states other than Alabama:

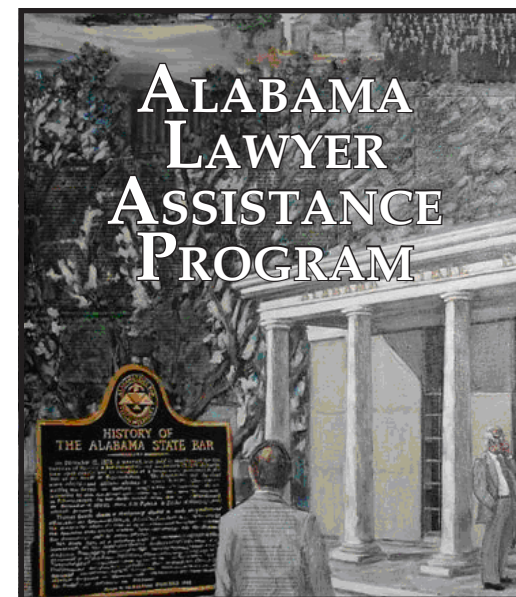
The Bar Examiners for each state are listed in the Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admission Requirements, available at www.ncbex.org



Are You Fit to be a Lawyer?

Lawyers handle cases involving issues which matter the most to people. When making decisions which impact a person's family, property, business, reputation, or freedom, the court depends on lawyers. Their tireless effort, dedication, honesty and integrity are essential. Lawyers are "officers of the court" and should live lives which exemplify that concept.

Chief Justice
Sue Bell Cobb



RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION

When you apply for admission to the Alabama State Bar, you must show that you are fit to practice law and have the necessary character to justify the trust and confidence that the public and the legal system will place in you.



Consequently, the Committee on Character and Fitness reviews applicants' past conduct to ensure that they are honest, trustworthy,

diligent and reliable. Conduct that raises concern about the competence, character or fitness of an applicant may cause the Character and Fitness Committee and the Secretary of the Alabama State Bar to inquire further. If you have a history of conduct that may indicate a problem, you should seek further information and assistance as soon as possible. Most law schools require verification and on-going updating of information provided on the law school application.

THE IMPORTANCE OF HONEST DISCLOSURE

Full disclosure is required by the Committee on Character and Fitness when applying for admission to the Alabama State Bar.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED HONESTLY AND COMPLETELY

Failure to candidly disclose information is taken seriously and may result in denial of admission, even if the undisclosed conduct would not necessarily have resulted in denial of admission.

CONDUCT THAT MAY BE CAUSE FOR CONCERN

The Committee on Character and Fitness typically considers the following conduct as cause for further inquiry before making a determination of character and fitness:

- **Unlawful conduct** (*even conduct you may consider minor—including speeding, underage offenses, alcohol consumption or drug offenses, disorderly conduct, and other offenses*)
- **Neglect of financial responsibilities or professional obligations**
- **Academic or employment related misconduct**
- **Acts involving dishonesty, fraud or violation of a court order** (*child support, restraining orders or other disobedience of court directives*)
- **Conduct evidencing mental or emotional instability or evidencing drug or alcohol abuse or addiction** (*Open bottle, DUI or underage drinking charges, public intoxication*).

SIGNIFICANCE ATTACHED TO PAST BEHAVIOR

In Alabama, an applicant's prior conduct is assessed in light of the following factors:

- Applicant's age at the time of the conduct
- How recent the conduct and the reliability of the information concerning the conduct
- Cumulative effect of the conduct or information
- Evidence of rehabilitation
- Positive social contributions since the conduct
- Candor in the admissions process
- Materiality of omissions or misrepresentations

Confidential resources for chemical abuse or addiction and mental health concerns:

- Alabama Lawyer Assistance Program @ alabar.org or call (334) 834-7576.
- ABA Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs (CoLAP)
- Confidential hotline for law students and lawyers, 1-800LAW-LAPS; resources at your law school (counseling service, dean of students or other appropriate person)



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