

Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar

Rule VI(A).

Board of Bar Examiners

A. Creation of Board. In accordance with the provisions of Act 436 of the Legislature of Alabama of 1949, approved August 23, 1949 (§ 34-3-2, Code of Alabama 1975), there is hereby created a Board of Examiners on admission to the Alabama State Bar, which Board shall hereafter be designated and known as the Board of Bar Examiners.

B. Composition of the Board. Unless a different number is set by the Board of Commissioners of the Alabama State Bar, the Board of Bar Examiners shall consist of 15 members who are residents of the State of Alabama and who are licensed attorneys of the Bar of this State. One examiner shall be designated by the Board of Commissioners as chairman of the Board of Bar Examiners, but he or she shall have no examining responsibilities. In lieu of examining responsibilities, the chairman shall supervise and direct the activities of the Board of Bar Examiners in accordance with such rules as are promulgated for the Board of Bar Examiners. The chairman shall be compensated as are all other examiners. The Board of Bar Examiners shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners of the Alabama State Bar and may be removed from office with or without cause by a majority vote of those present at any meeting of the Board of Commissioners where a quorum is present. However, no examiner may serve more than four consecutive years without the prior approval of the Board of Commissioners.

C. Selection of Examiners. The Advisory Committee to the Board of Bar Examiners, appointed by the president of the Alabama State Bar, shall serve as a nominating committee to nominate persons for membership on the Board of Bar Examiners. The nominations shall be made in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Bar Examiners and the Secretary.

D. Vacancies and Removal From Office. Any vacancy on the Board of Bar Examiners shall be filled by the Board of Commissioners of the Alabama State Bar. Interim appointments for no more than one exam may be made by the chairman with the approval of the executive committee of the Board of Commissioners.

E. Compensation of Members. Each member of the Board of Bar Examiners shall receive such compensation as the Board of Commissioners shall from time to time establish. In addition to any such amount, examiners shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary traveling and other expenses incident to the discharge of their duties. These expenses shall include, but not by way of limitation, amounts paid for books, postage, stationery, supplies, printing, and other like expenditures. The members of the Board of Bar Examiners shall submit statements for compensation and expenses on forms provided by the Secretary.

F. Organization and Authority of the Board. The Board of Bar Examiners shall be chaired by the chairman, who cannot succeed himself or herself in office. The Secretary of the Board of Commissioners shall serve as secretary ex- officio.

A quorum for any meeting shall consist of eight examiners. A vote of the majority of the Board of Bar Examiners present at any meeting shall constitute the action of the Board.

The Board of Bar Examiners shall examine applicants for admission to the Bar of Alabama as may be certified to the Board under these Rules and shall perform such other duties as may be required of them by the Board of Commissioners of the Alabama State Bar.

G. Time and Place of Meetings. The Board of Bar Examiners shall hold meetings for the purpose of examining applicants for admission to the Bar at least twice each year as provided in Rule VI(B)G. All members of the Board are not required to be in attendance throughout the examination; provided, however, that the chairman shall arrange for the attendance of as many examiners as are necessary for the efficient administration of the examination. The Board of Bar Examiners shall hold other meetings as necessary to fulfill its function. The Board shall meet at the call of the chairman or a majority of the Board of Bar Examiners.

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