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Good morning,

Please find attached amendments to the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in North Carolina which have been approved by the North Carolina Supreme Court. I am also attaching a cover letter, a copy of the filed North Carolina Supreme Court Order, and a copy of the submitted Fee Consultation Request for your review. Please let me know if you are unable to open an attachment, or if you may need anything else.

Thank you,
Lee Vlahos



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TO: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
FROM: The North Carolina Board of Law Examiners
DATE: June 24, 2025

RE: Consultation pursuant to N.C.G.S. §12-3.1

Please accept this email as a consultation pursuant to N.C.G.S. §12-3.1 as to fees to be charged by the North Carolina Board of Law Examiners ("Board") which are set forth in the attached proposed rule amendments and as detailed below. Please note that the Board has not increased its exam fees since the year 2018. Please also note that these Rule changes are in the process of being reviewed by State Bar Council and the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Most of the fee increases are primarily the result of the anticipated move to a new examination commonly referred to as the "NextGen Uniform Bar Exam" in July of 2028. The NextGen Uniform Bar Exam is designed to assess the fitness of applicants seeking to become newly licensed attorneys in North Carolina. It is replacing the current version of the Uniform Bar Exam which is being phased out. The NextGen Uniform Bar Exam will utilize three types of questions: 1) integrated question sets that include both multiple choice, short answer, and medium answer questions based upon hypothetical fact scenarios; 2) longer performance tasks that focus on a closed universe of documents; and 3) multiple-choice questions. The exam seeks to test foundational concepts and principles and foundational skills, and to balance the skills needed in both litigation and transactional legal practices. The subject of "Decedents' Estates and Trusts" is not included in the Foundational Concepts and Principles of the NextGen Uniform Bar Exam but will be included in the Foundational Skills tested on the exam. In light of this, the North Carolina Board of Law Examiners will also require passage of a North Carolina examination component covering "Decedent's Estate and Trusts" within 12 months of passing the Next Gen Uniform Bar Exam before licensure which will require payment of a new fee.

The Board is amending its rules now in order to provide students entering law school this year with sufficient notice of the type of bar examination they will be required to take in North Carolina upon their graduation and the fees related thereto.

Separately there is a fee related to Servicemember applicants. In light of recent changes to the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act regarding portability of professional licenses, the Board has proposed an amended rule for relocated servicemembers and the spouses of relocated services, providing that such applicants who have a license to practice law in a State, or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia shall be granted a license to practice law without written examination, if the applicant satisfies the requirements contained in the proposed rule. This proposed rule eliminates the need for practice time in a reciprocal jurisdiction which is currently required for applicants seeking admission to practice law in North Carolina by comity (without examination).

The fees are set forth in the four attached Amended Rules 27 NCAC 03 .0404, 27 NCAC 03 .0501, 27 NCAC 03. 0504, and 27 NCAC 03. 0503.

- With regard to rule 27 NCAC 03 .0404:
 - This rule is entitled “Fees for General Applicants. The rule sets forth that beginning with applications to sit for the July 2028 bar examination, the application fees change as set forth below.
 - The application fee charged for the processing of applications by Board staff for those seeking to sit for examination is increased to one thousand twenty-five dollars (\$1,025.00) for applicants not licensed in other jurisdictions (an increase from the existing fee of eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850.00)
 - These fees are needed to offset the costs and time spent processing applications by Board staff and also conducting and grading examinations which expenses have increased as a result of inflation in the general economy. In addition, there will be new additional test material costs, new testing software costs, wireless internet connection costs, additional test proctor costs, and new double-grading requirement per applicant costs that will be incurred by the Board and need to be funded.
 - The application fee charged for the processing of applications by Board staff for those seeking to sit for examination for applicants that are or have been licensed in other jurisdictions is increased to one thousand eight hundred twenty-five dollars (\$1,825.00) (an increase from the existing fee of one thousand six hundred fifty dollars (\$1,650.00)).

- The processing is more expensive for those applications that need the additional background checks with employers and other jurisdictions which are necessitated when an applicant has been previously or is currently a licensed attorney in another jurisdiction.
- This rule also refers to a late fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) which is the same as the existing late fee.
- Finally, the rule sets forth a fee of five hundred seventy-five (\$575.00) for the submission of a supplemental application for reapplying after an unsuccessful exam attempt (an increase from the existing fee of four hundred dollars (\$400.00)). These fees are to offset the costs and time spent processing the supplemental applications by Board staff to update prior background checks and also to grade and give the additional exam.
- The statutory authority for these fees is contained in N.C.G.S. § 84-21 and N.C.G.S. § 84-24.
- With regard to rule 27 NCAC 03.0501:
 - This rule is entitled “Requirements for General Applicants.”
 - This rule establishes a new fee for general applicants to also take and pass a North Carolina examination component on “Decedent’s Estates and Trusts” which exam will be offered four times a year. Two of these exam times will coincide with the NextGen Uniform Bar Exam offered in July and February each year and will not require an additional fee for an examination applicant. However, the other two exam offerings will be in May or November to offer flexibility to exam applicants. In order to fund those two “off cycle” examinations, any applicant for the May or November North Carolina examination component covering “Decedent’s Estates and Trusts” will be required under this rule to pay a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
 - The statutory authority for these fees is contained in N.C.G.S. § 84-21 and N.C.G.S. § 84-24.
- With regard to rule 27 NCAC 03.0504:
 - This rule is entitled “Requirements for Transfer Applicants.”

- This rule establishes a new fee for transfer applicants to also pass a North Carolina examination component on “Decedent’s Estates and Trusts” which exam will be offered four times a year. Two of these exam times will coincide with the NextGen Uniform Bar Exam offered in July and February each year and will not require an additional fee for an examination applicant. However, the other two exam offerings will be in May or November to offer flexibility to exam applicants. In order to fund those two “off cycle” examinations any applicant for the May or November North Carolina examination component covering “Decedent’s Estates and Trusts” will be required under this rule to pay a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- The statutory authority for these fees is contained in N.C.G.S. § 84-21 and N.C.G.S. § 84-24.
- With regard to rule 27 NCAC 03. 0503:
 - This rule is entitled “Requirements for Relocated Servicemember and Spouse of Relocated Servicemember Applicants.”
 - This rule establishes a new application fee of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for relocated servicemember applicants. This is the same fee currently charged to applicants licensed in another jurisdiction seeking admission to practice law in North Carolina by transfer of UBE score. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §84-24, all applicants seeking admission to practice law in North Carolina must possess the qualifications of character and general fitness requisite for an attorney and counselor-at-law. The Board conducts a comprehensive background investigation for every applicant to ensure the applicant possesses the requisite character and fitness. The investigation necessary for licensed servicemembers is similar to that needed for applicants seeking admission to practice law in North Carolina by transfer of UBE score and carries similar costs. Please note that while members of the military practicing law on a military base in North Carolina are required to be licensed to practice in a jurisdiction, they are not required to be licensed in North Carolina to do so. Recognizing the challenges faced by spouses of relocated servicemembers, there is no fee for spouses of relocated servicemembers. This new fee is not related to the move to the “NextGen Uniform Bar Exam” but instead is the result of recent changes to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.
 - The statutory authority for these fees is contained in N.C.G.S. § 84-21 and N.C.G.S. § 84-24.

27 NCAC 03 .0101 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

TITLE 27 – THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR

CHAPTER 3 – RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

SECTION .0100 – ORGANIZATION

27 NCAC 03 .0101 DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Chapter, the following shall apply:

- (1) "Chapter" or "Rules" refers to the "Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in the State of North Carolina."
- (2) "Board" refers to the "Board of Law Examiners of the State of North Carolina." A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, and the action of a majority of a quorum, present and voting, shall constitute the action of the Board.
- (3) "Executive Director" refers to the "Executive Director of the Board of Law Examiners of the State of North Carolina."
- (4) "File" or "filing" or "filed" shall mean received in the office of the Board of Law Examiners. Except that applications placed in the United States mail properly addressed to the Board of Law Examiners and bearing sufficient first-class postage and postmarked by the United States Postal Service or date-stamped by any recognized delivery service on or before a deadline date will be considered as having been timely filed if all required fees are included in the mailing. Mailings which are postmarked after a deadline or which, if postmarked on or before a deadline, do not include required fees or which include a check in payment of required fees which is dishonored because of insufficient funds will not be considered as filed. Applications which are not properly signed and notarized; or which do not include the properly executed Authorization and Release forms; or which are illegible; or with incomplete answers to questions will not be considered filed and will be returned.
- (5) Any reference to a "state" shall mean one of the United States, and any reference to a "territory" shall mean a United States territory.
- (6) "Panel" means one or more members of the Board specially designated to conduct hearings provided for in these Rules.
- (7) "Uniform Bar Examination" (or "UBE") means the bar examination prepared and coordinated by the National Conference of Bar Examiners that is uniformly administered by user jurisdictions and results in a portable score. This includes the NextGen UBE. To the extent that these rules refer to "bar examination," "bar exam," "examination," and "exam," those terms also refer to the UBE.

History Note: Authority G.S. 84-21; 84-24;
Eff. February 1, 2025;
Amendments Approved by the Supreme Court: December 10, 2025.

1 27 NCAC 03 .0301 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

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3 **SECTION .0300 – EFFECTIVE DATE**
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5 **27 NCAC 03 .0301 EFFECTIVE DATE**

6 ~~These Revised Rules shall apply to all applications for admission to practice law in North Carolina submitted on or~~
7 ~~after June 30, 2018. Rule .0501(8) shall apply to all applications filed on or after November 15, 2027. Rule .0504(9)~~
8 shall apply to all applications filed on or after May 1, 2028. All other rules shall become effective as provided by law.
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10 *History Note: Authority G.S. 84-21; 84-24;*

11 *Eff. February 1, 2025;*

12 *Amendments Approved by the Supreme Court: December 10, 2025.*

27 NCAC 03 .0404 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

27 NCAC 03 .0404 FEES FOR GENERAL APPLICANTS

(a) The application specified in .0402(a) shall be accompanied by a fee of eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$850.00), if the applicant is not, and has not been, a licensed attorney in any other jurisdiction, or by a fee of one thousand six hundred fifty dollars (\$1,650), if the applicant is or has been a licensed attorney in any other jurisdiction; provided that if the applicant is filing after the deadline set out in Rule .0403(a), but before the deadline set forth in Rule .0403(b), the application shall also be accompanied by a late fee of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).

(b) A Supplemental Application shall be accompanied by a fee of four hundred dollars (\$400.00).

(c) Beginning with the July 2028 bar examination, the application specified in Rule .0402(a) shall be accompanied by a fee of one thousand and twenty-five dollars (\$1,025) if the applicant is not, and has not been, a licensed attorney in any other jurisdiction, or by a fee of one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$1,825) if the applicant is or has been a licensed attorney in any other jurisdiction; provided that if the applicant is filing after the deadline set out in Rule .0403(a), but before the deadline set forth in Rule .0403(b), the application shall also be accompanied by a late fee of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).

(d) Beginning with the July 2028 bar examination, a Supplemental application shall be accompanied by a fee of five hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$575.00).

History Note: Authority G.S. 84-21; 84-24;

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Brian Liebman
Office of Administrative Hearings
Rules Division
6714 Mail Service Center
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Dear Brian:

Enclosed are rule amendments approved by the Supreme Court on December 10, 2025, and ready for inclusion in the Administrative Code.

These include:

Amendments Adopted by the State Bar Council on October 31, 2025.

27 NCAC 03 RULE .0101, Definitions
27 NCAC 03 RULE .0301, Effective Date
27 NCAC 03 RULE .0404, Fees for General Applicants
27 NCAC 03 RULE .0501, Requirements for General Applicants
27 NCAC 03 RULE .0503, Requirements for Relocated Servicemember and Spouse of Relocated Servicemember Applicants
27 NCAC 03 RULE .0504, Requirements for Transfer Applicants
27 NCAC 03 RULE .0901, Bar Examination
27 NCAC 03 RULE .0902, Dates
27 NCAC 03 RULE .0903, Subject Matter
27 NCAC 03 RULE .0904, Grading and Scoring
27 NCAC 03 RULE .1001, Review
27 NCAC 03 RULE .1002, Reserved for Future Use
27 NCAC 03 RULE .1003, Release of Scores
27 NCAC 03 RULE .1005, Re-Grading

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely yours,

Lee A. Vlahos
Executive Director

Enclosures
cc: Ronald G. Baker, Sr., Chair

27 NCAC 03 .0501 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

SECTION .0500 - REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

27 NCAC 03 .0501 REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERAL APPLICANTS

As a prerequisite to being licensed by the Board to practice law in the State of North Carolina, a general applicant shall:

- (1) possess the qualifications of character and general fitness requisite for an attorney and counselor-at-law, and be of good moral character and entitled to the high regard and confidence of the public and have satisfied the requirements of Section .0600 of this Chapter at the time the license is issued;
- (2) possess the legal educational qualifications as prescribed in Section .0700 of this Chapter;
- (3) be at least 18 years of age;
- (4) have filed formal application as a general applicant in accordance with Section .0400 of this Chapter;
- (5) pass the written bar examination prescribed in Section .0900 of this Chapter, provided that an applicant who has failed to achieve licensure for any reason within three years after the date of the written bar examination in which the applicant received a passing score will be required to take and pass the examination again before being admitted as a general applicant;
- (6) have taken and passed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination within the 24 month period next preceding the beginning day of the written bar examination which applicant passes as prescribed above, or shall take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination within the 12 month period thereafter; the time limits are tolled for a period not exceeding four years for any applicant who is a ~~service member~~ servicemember as defined in the ~~Service Members~~ Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. Appx. § 511, while engaged in active service as defined in 10 U.S.C. § 101, and who provides a letter or other communication from the ~~service member's~~ servicemember's commanding officer stating that the ~~service member's~~ servicemember's current military duty prevents attendance for the examination, stating that military leave is not authorized for the ~~service member~~ servicemember at the time of the letter, and stating when the ~~service member~~ servicemember would be authorized military leave to take the examination.
- (7) if the applicant is or has been a licensed attorney, be in good standing in each state, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, in which the applicant is or has been licensed to practice law and not under any charges of misconduct while the application is pending before the Board.
 - (a) For purposes of this rule, an applicant is "in good standing" in a jurisdiction if:
 - (i) the applicant is an active member of the bar of the jurisdiction and the jurisdiction issues a certificate attesting to the applicant's good standing therein; or
 - (ii) the applicant was formerly a member of the jurisdiction, and the jurisdiction certifies the applicant was in good standing at the time that the applicant ceased to be a member; and

(b) if the jurisdiction in which the applicant is inactive or was formerly a member will not certify the applicant's good standing solely because of the non-payment of dues, the Board, in its discretion, may waive such certification from that jurisdiction.

(8) have successfully completed the North Carolina State-Specific Component covering Decedents' Estates and Trusts, outlined below, within 12 months after the beginning day of the bar examination which applicant passes as prescribed above. The time limits are tolled for a period not exceeding 24-months for any applicant who is a servicemember as defined in the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. Appx. § 511, while engaged in active service as defined in 10 U.S.C. § 101, and who provides a letter or other communication from the servicemember's commanding officer stating that the servicemember's current military duty prevents the servicemember from completing the State-Specific Component within the 12-month period after the beginning day of the written bar examination which applicant passes as prescribed above.

(a) Composition of the North Carolina State-Specific Component. The North Carolina State-Specific Component shall consist of a multiple-choice examination covering the subject area of Decedents' Estates and Trusts.

(b) Administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component. The North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be offered four times per year: February, May, July, and November.

(c) Deadlines and Fees. The deadlines and fees shall be as prescribed below.

(i) February and July administrations. The North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be administered with the February and July bar examinations. Applicants must apply by the deadlines provided in Rule .0403. There shall be no additional fee for the North Carolina State-Specific Component when taken at the February or July administration of the bar examination.

(ii) May administration. Applications for the May administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be filed with the Executive Director at the offices of the Board on or before the third Tuesday in April. The fee for the May administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

(iii) November administration. Applications for the November administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be filed with the Executive Director at the offices of the Board on or before the third Tuesday in October. The fee for the November administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

*History Note: Authority G.S. 84-21; 84-24;
Eff. February 1, 2025;*

27 NCAC 03 .1005 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

27 NCAC 03 .1005 ~~RE-GRADING~~ REGRADING

Examination answers ~~cannot~~ will not be regraded. ~~once UBE scores have been released.~~

History Note: Authority G.S. 84-21; 84-24;

Eff. February 1, 2025;

Amendments Approved by the Supreme Court: December 10, 2025.

27 NCAC 03 .0902 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

27 NCAC 03 .0902 DATES

The ~~written~~ bar examinations shall be held in North Carolina in the months of February and July on the dates prescribed by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

History Note: Authority G.S. 84-21; 84-24;

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27 NCAC 03 .0901 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

SECTION .0900 - EXAMINATIONS

27 NCAC 03 .0901 ~~WRITTEN~~ BAR EXAMINATION

Two ~~written~~ bar examinations shall be held each year for general applicants.

History Note: Authority G.S. 84-21; 84-24;

Eff. February 1, 2025;

Amendments Approved by the Supreme Court: December 10, 2025.

27 NCAC 03 .0903 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

27 NCAC 03 .0903 SUBJECT MATTER

The examination shall be the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners and comprising six Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) questions, two Multistate Performance Test (MPT) items, and the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE). Applicants may be tested on any subject matter listed by the National Conference of Bar Examiners as areas of law to be tested on the UBE. Questions will be unlabeled and not necessarily limited to one subject matter.

History Note: Authority G.S. 84-21; 84-24;

Eff. February 1, 2025;

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27 NCAC 03 .1003 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

27 NCAC 03 .1003 RELEASE OF SCORES

(a) The Board will not release UBE bar examination scores to the public.

(b) The Board will inform each applicant in writing of the applicant's ~~sealed~~ score on the UBE bar examination.

Scores will be shared with the applicant's law school only with the applicant's consent.

~~(c) Upon written request of an unsuccessful applicant, the Board will furnish the following information about the applicant's score to the applicant: the applicant's raw scores on the MEE questions and MPT items; the applicant's sealed combined MEE and MPT score; the applicant's sealed MBE score; and the applicant's sealed UBE score.~~

~~(d) Upon written request of an applicant, the Board will furnish the Multistate Bar Examination score of said applicant to another jurisdiction's board of bar examiners or like organization that administers the admission of attorneys for that jurisdiction.~~

History Note: Authority G.S. 84-21; 84-24;

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27 NCAC 03 .1002 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

27 NCAC 03 .1002 ~~MULTISTATE BAR EXAMINATION~~ RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

~~There is no provision for review of the Multistate Bar Examination. Applicants may, however, request the National Conference of Bar Examiners to hand score their MBE answers.~~

History Note: Authority G.S. 84-21; 84-24;

Eff. February 1, 2025;

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27 NCAC 03 .0904 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

27 NCAC 03 .0904 GRADING AND SCORING.

Grading of the bar examination of the MEE and MPT answers shall be strictly anonymous. ~~The MEE and MPT raw scores shall be combined and converted to the MBE scale to calculate written scaled scores according to the method used by the National Conference of Bar Examiners for jurisdictions that administer the UBE.~~ The Board shall grade the UBE in accordance with grading procedures and standards set by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

History Note: Authority G.S. 84-21; 84-24;

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27 NCAC 03 .0504 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

27 NCAC 03 .0504 REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER APPLICANTS

As a prerequisite to being licensed by the Board to practice law in the State of North Carolina, a transfer applicant shall:

- (1) possess the qualifications of character and general fitness requisite for an attorney and counselor-at-law, and be of good moral character and entitled to the high regard and confidence of the public and have satisfied the requirements of Section .0600 of this Chapter;
- (2) possess the legal educational qualifications as prescribed in Section .0700 of this Chapter;
- (3) be at least 18 years of age;
- (4) have filed with the Executive Director, upon such forms as may be supplied by the Board, a typed application in duplicate, containing the same information and documentation required of general applicants under Rule .0402(a);
- (5) have paid with the application an application fee of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), if the applicant is licensed in any other jurisdiction, or one thousand two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$1,275) if the applicant is not licensed in any other jurisdiction, no part of which may be refunded to an applicant whose application is denied or to an applicant who withdraws, unless the withdrawing applicant filed with the Board a written request to withdraw, in which event, the Board in its discretion may refund no more than one-half of the fee to the withdrawing applicant. However, when an application for admission by transfer is received from an applicant who, in the opinion of the Executive Director, after consultation with the Board Chair, is not eligible for consideration under the Rules, the applicant shall be so advised by written notice. Upon receipt of such notice, the applicant may elect in writing to withdraw the application, and provided the written election is received by the Board within 20 days from the date of the Board's written notice to the applicant, receive a refund of all fees paid.
- (6) have, within the three-year period preceding the filing date of the application, taken the Uniform Bar Examination and achieved a scaled score on such exam that is equal to or greater than the passing score established by the Board for the UBE as of the administration of the exam immediately preceding the filing date; For purposes of this rule: "passing score" means the minimum passing score established by the Board for the UBE as of the administration date of the exam immediately preceding the application filing date; and, the three-year period preceding the filing date begins to run on the date the applicant sat for the Uniform Bar Examination.
- (7) have passed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination.
- (8) if the applicant is or has been a licensed attorney, be in good standing in each state, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, in which the applicant is or has been licensed to practice law and not under any charges of misconduct while the application is pending before the Board.
 - (a) For purposes of this rule, an applicant is "in good standing" in a jurisdiction if:

- 1 (i) the applicant is an active member of the bar of the jurisdiction and the jurisdiction
2 issues a certificate attesting to the applicant's good standing therein; or
3 (ii) the applicant was formerly a member of the jurisdiction, and the jurisdiction
4 certifies the applicant was in good standing at the time that the applicant ceased
5 to be a member; and
6 (b) if the jurisdiction in which the applicant is inactive or was formerly a member will not
7 certify the applicant's good standing solely because of the non-payment of dues, the Board,
8 in its discretion, may waive such certification from that jurisdiction.
- 9 (9) have successfully completed the North Carolina State-Specific Component covering Decedents'
10 Estates and Trusts, outlined below, within 12 months after the filing of the application for admission
11 to practice law in North Carolina by UBE Transfer. The time limits are tolled for a period not
12 exceeding 24 months for any applicant who is a servicemember as defined in the Servicemembers
13 Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. Appx § 511, while engaged in active service as defined in 10 U.S.C. §
14 101, and who provides a letter or other communication from the servicemember's commanding
15 officer stating that the servicemember's current military duty prevents the servicemember from
16 completing the State-Specific Component within the 12 month period after the filing of the
17 application for admission to practice law in North Carolina by UBE Transfer.
- 18 (a) Composition of the North Carolina State-Specific Component. The North Carolina State-
19 Specific Component shall consist of a multiple-choice examination covering the subject
20 area of Decedents' Estates and Trusts.
- 21 (b) Administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component. The North Carolina State-
22 Specific Component shall be offered 4 times per year: February, May, July, and November.
- 23 (c) Deadlines and Fees. The deadlines and fees shall be prescribed below.
- 24 (i) Deadlines for February and July administrations. The North Carolina State-
25 Specific Component shall be administered with the February and July bar
26 examinations. Applicants must apply by the deadlines provided in Rule .0403.
27 There shall be no additional fee for the North Carolina State-Specific Component
28 when taken at the February or July administration of the bar examination.
- 29 (ii) Deadline for May administration. Applications for the May administration of the
30 North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be filed with the Executive
31 Director at the offices of the Board on or before the third Tuesday in April. The
32 fee for the May administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component
33 shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- 34 (iii) Deadline for November administration. Applications for the November
35 administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be filed with
36 the Executive Director at the offices of the Board on or before the third Tuesday

1 in October. The fee for the November administration of the North Carolina State-
2 Specific Component shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

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4 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 84-21; 84-24;*
5 *Eff. February 1, 2025;*
6 *Amendments Approved by the Supreme Court: December 10, 2025.*

27 NCAC 03 .1001 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

SECTION .1000 – REVIEW OF ~~WRITTEN~~ BAR EXAMINATION

27 NCAC 03 .1001 REVIEW

After release of the results of the ~~written~~ bar examination, a general applicant who has failed the ~~written~~ examination may, in the Board's offices, review ~~the MEE questions and MPT items on the written examination and the applicant's answers thereto, along with selected answers by other applicants which the Board determines may be useful to unsuccessful applicants~~ the applicant's examination in accordance with the policies and procedures set by the National Conference of Bar Examiners. ~~The Board will also furnish an unsuccessful applicant hard copies of any or all of these materials, upon payment of the reasonable cost of such copies, as determined by the Board. No copies of the MEE or MPT grading materials prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners will be shown or provided to the applicant unless authorized by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.~~

History Note: Authority G.S. 84-21; 84-24;

Eff. February 1, 2025;

Amendments Approved by the Supreme Court: December 10, 2025.

27 NCAC 03 .0503 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

27 NCAC 03 .0503 REQUIREMENTS FOR RELOCATED SERVICEMEMBER AND MILITARY SPOUSE OF RELOCATED SERVICEMEMBER COMITY APPLICANTS

A servicemember or spouse of a servicemember who has a license to practice law in a State, or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, and relocates residence because such servicemember receives military orders for military service in the State of North Carolina. A Military Spouse Comity Applicant, upon written application may, in the discretion of the Board, shall be granted a license to practice law in the State of North Carolina without written examination if the applicant satisfies the requirements listed below provided that:

(1) Requirements. The applicant must file an application, upon such forms as may be supplied by the Board. Such application shall require: The Applicant fulfills all of the requirements of Rule .0502, except that:

- (a) That an applicant supplies full and complete information in regard to the applicant's background, including family, past residences, education, military service, employment, credit status, whether the applicant has been a party to any discipline or legal proceedings, whether currently mentally or emotionally impaired, references, and the nature of the applicant's practice of law. in lieu of the requirements of paragraph (3) of Rule .0502, a Military Spouse Comity Applicant shall certify that said applicant has read the Rules of Professional Conduct promulgated by the North Carolina State Bar and shall prove to the satisfaction of the Board that the Military Spouse Comity Applicant is duly licensed to practice law in a state, or territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, and that the Military Spouse Comity Applicant has been for at least four out of the last eight years immediately preceding the filing of this application with the Executive Director, actively and substantially engaged in the practice of law. Practice of law for the purposes of this rule shall be defined as it would be defined for any other comity applicant; and
- (b) That the applicant provides the following documentation: Paragraph (4) of Rule .0502 shall not apply to a Military Spouse Comity Applicant.

(i) Proof of military orders as defined in section (2)(b);

(ii) If the applicant is the spouse of a relocated servicemember, a copy of the marriage certificate;

(iii) A notarized affidavit affirming under penalty of law that: the applicant is the person described and identified in the application; all statements made in the application are true, correct, and complete; the applicant has read and understands the requirements to receive a license to practice law and the scope of practice, of the State of North Carolina; the applicant certifies that the applicant meets and shall comply with the requirements to receive a license to practice law in the State of North Carolina; and the applicant is in good standing in all States in which the applicant holds or has held a license to practice law.

- (iv) Certificates of Moral Character from four individuals who know the applicant;
- (v) A recent photograph;
- (vi) Two sets of clear fingerprints;
- (vii) A certification of the Court of Last Resort from the jurisdiction from which the applicant is applying that: the applicant is currently licensed in the jurisdiction; the date of the applicant's licensure in the jurisdiction; and the applicant was of good moral character when licensed by the jurisdiction;
- (viii) Transcripts from the applicant's undergraduate and graduate schools;
- (ix) A copy of applications for admission to the practice of law that the applicant has filed with any state, territory, or the District of Columbia;
- (x) A certificate from the proper court or body of every jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed that the applicant is in good standing, and not under pending charges of misconduct. For purposes of this rule, an applicant is "in good standing" in a jurisdiction if: the applicant is an active member of the bar of the jurisdiction and the jurisdiction issues a certificate attesting to the applicant's good standing therein; or the applicant was formerly a member of the bar of the jurisdiction and the jurisdiction certifies the applicant was in good standing at the time that the applicant ceased to be a member; and if the jurisdiction in which the applicant is inactive or was formerly a member will not certify the applicant's good standing solely because of the non-payment of dues, the Board, in its discretion, may waive such certification from that jurisdiction; however, the applicant must not only be in good standing, but also must be an active member of each jurisdiction upon which the applicant relies for admission by comity.
- (c) The applicant shall possess the qualifications of character and general fitness requisite for an attorney and counselor-at-law and satisfy the requirements of Section .0600 of this Chapter;
- (d) The applicant must satisfy the educational requirements of Section .0700 of this Chapter.
- (e) The applicant may not have failed the written North Carolina Bar Examination within five years prior to the date of filing the application;
- (f) The applicant must have passed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination;
- and
- (g) The applicant must pay to the Board the application fee provided in section (3)(a) or (3)(b).
- (2) Definitions. Military Spouse Comity Applicant Defined. A Military Spouse Comity Applicant is any person who is
- (a) Servicemember. A servicemember, as defined in 50 U.S.C. § 3911(1), or a member of the North Carolina National Guard. An attorney at law duly admitted to practice in another state or territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia; and

1 (b) Military order. Official military orders, or any notification, certification, or verification
2 from the servicemember's commanding officer, with respect to a servicemember's current
3 or future military service. In the case of a member of the North Carolina National Guard,
4 this term includes an order from the Governor of North Carolina pursuant to Chapter 127A
5 of the General Statutes. Identified by the Department of Defense (or, for the Coast Guard
6 when it is not operating as a service in the Navy, by the Department of Homeland Security)
7 as the spouse of a service member of the United States Uniformed Services; and

8 (c) ~~Is residing or intends within the next six months to be residing, in North Carolina due to~~
9 ~~the service member's military orders for a permanent change of station to the State of North~~
10 ~~Carolina.~~

11 (3) Application Fee. Procedure. ~~In addition to the documentation required by paragraph (1) of Rule~~
12 ~~.0502, a Military Spouse Comity Applicant must file with the Board the following:~~

13 (a) For servicemembers, the application fee is one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500). A
14 copy of the service member's military orders reflecting a permanent change of station to a
15 military installation in North Carolina; and

16 (b) For spouses of servicemembers, there is no application fee. A military identification card
17 which lists the Military Spouse Applicant as the spouse of the service member.

18 (4) ~~Fee. No application fee will be required for Military Spouse Comity Applicants.~~

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20 *History Note: Authority G.S. 84-21; 84-24;*

21 *Eff. February 1, 2025;*

22 *Amendments Approved by the Supreme Court: December 10, 2025.*



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Via Hand Delivery

The Honorable Paul Newby
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CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

Re: Proposed Amendments to the Rules of the North Carolina State Bar

Dear Chief Justice Newby:

The State Bar submits proposed amendments to its rules to the Court for consideration following the Council's quarterly meetings of each year. Rule amendments adopted by the Council at its meeting on October 31, 2025, are submitted herewith.

Amendments Approved by the State Bar Council on October 31, 2025

TAB #1: Proposed Amendments to the Rules Governing the Admission to the Practice of Law in the State of North Carolina

27 N.C.A.C. 03, Section .0100, Rule .0101, .0301, .0404, .0501, .0503, .0504, .0901 through .0904, .1001 through .1003, and .1005

The proposed amendments (1) establish a new requirement that general and transfer applicants complete a North Carolina State-Specific Component Examination on Decedents' Estates and Trusts, effective for applications filed on or after November 15, 2027, and May 1, 2028, respectively; (2) revise fee structures for general and supplemental applications beginning with the July 2028 bar examination; (3) formally recognize the NextGen UBE as part of the Uniform Bar Examination administered in North Carolina with the first administration of the NextGen UBE in North Carolina to occur in July of 2028; (4) create a no-fee admission process for military spouse comity applicants, and clarify application requirements for servicemembers; (5) clarify filing and good standing definitions, including discretion to waive certain certification requirements related to bar dues; and (6) confirm that bar exam answers will not be regraded and provide updated procedures for score disclosure and exam review.

Thank you for your consideration. We will also provide a complete, electronic copy of this submission to Elizabeth Henderson Mashburn. Should you or the Court desire any additional physical



The Honorable Paul Newby
November 6, 2025

copies, or if any additional information or explanation would be useful to your consideration of these rule amendments, please let me know. We remain appreciative of your assistance with these important matters and are grateful for the opportunity to be the Court's partner in the important work of regulating the legal profession in the public interest.

Very truly yours,

Peter Bolac
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Officers of the State Bar

TAB #1

RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA:

The following Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in the State of North Carolina, submitted by the North Carolina Board of Law Examiners, was duly adopted by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar at its quarterly meeting on October 31, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar that the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in the State of North Carolina are approved to be amended as shown in the following attachment:

Attachment 1: Rules Governing the Admission to the Practice of Law in the State of North Carolina

- Attachment 1A: 27 N.C.A.C. 03, Section .0100, Rule .0101, Definitions
- Attachment 1B: 27 N.C.A.C. 03, Section .0300, Rule .0301, Effective Date
- Attachment 1C: 27 N.C.A.C. 03, Section .0400, Rule .0404, Fees for General Applicants
- Attachment 1D: 27 N.C.A.C. 03, Section .0500, Rule .0501, Requirements for General Applicants
- Attachment 1E: 27 N.C.A.C. 03, Section .0500, Rule .0503, Requirements for Relocated Servicemember and Spouse of Relocated Servicemember Applicants
- Attachment 1F: 27 N.C.A.C. 03, Section .0500, Rule .0504, Requirements for Transfer Applicants
- Attachment 1G: 27 N.C.A.C. 03, Section .0900, Rule .0901, Bar Examination
- Attachment 1H: 27 N.C.A.C. 03, Section .0900, Rule .0902, Dates
- Attachment 1I: 27 N.C.A.C. 03, Section .0900, Rule .0903, Subject Matter
- Attachment 1J: 27 N.C.A.C. 03, Section .0900, Rule .0904, Grading and Scoring
- Attachment 1K: 27 N.C.A.C. 03, Section .1000, Rule .1001, Review
- Attachment 1L: 27 N.C.A.C. 03, Section .0100, Rule .1002, Reserved for Future Use
- Attachment 1M: 27 N.C.A.C. 03, Section .0100, Rule .1003, Release of Scores
- Attachment 1N: 27 N.C.A.C. 03, Section .0100, Rule .1005, Re-Grading

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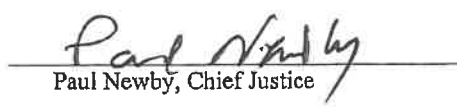
I, Peter Bolac, Secretary-Treasurer of the North Carolina State Bar, do hereby certify that the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in the State of North Carolina, submitted by the North Carolina Board of Law Examiners were duly adopted by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar at a regularly called meeting on October 31, 2025.

Given over my hand and the Seal of the North Carolina State Bar, this the 6th day of November, 2025.


Peter Bolac, Secretary

After examining the foregoing amendments to the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in the State of North Carolina as adopted by the Council of the North Carolina State Bar, it is my opinion that the same is not inconsistent with Article 4, Chapter 84 of the General Statutes.

This the 10th day of December, 2025.


Paul Newby, Chief Justice

On this date, the foregoing Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in the State of North Carolina were entered upon the minutes of the Supreme Court. The rules shall be published in the forthcoming volume of the Advance Sheets as provided by the Act incorporating the North Carolina State Bar, and as otherwise directed by the Appellate Division Reporter.

This the 10th day of December, 2025.


For the Court

TAB #1A

27 NCAC 03 .0101 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

TITLE 27 – THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR

CHAPTER 3 – RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

SECTION .0100 – ORGANIZATION

27 NCAC 03 .0101 DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Chapter, the following shall apply:

- (1) "Chapter" or "Rules" refers to the "Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in the State of North Carolina."
- (2) "Board" refers to the "Board of Law Examiners of the State of North Carolina." A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, and the action of a majority of a quorum, present and voting, shall constitute the action of the Board.
- (3) "Executive Director" refers to the "Executive Director of the Board of Law Examiners of the State of North Carolina."
- (4) "File" or "filing" or "filed" shall mean received in the office of the Board of Law Examiners. Except that applications placed in the United States mail properly addressed to the Board of Law Examiners and bearing sufficient first-class postage and postmarked by the United States Postal Service or date-stamped by any recognized delivery service on or before a deadline date will be considered as having been timely filed if all required fees are included in the mailing. Mailings which are postmarked after a deadline or which, if postmarked on or before a deadline, do not include required fees or which include a check in payment of required fees which is dishonored because of insufficient funds will not be considered as filed. Applications which are not properly signed and notarized; or which do not include the properly executed Authorization and Release forms; or which are illegible; or with incomplete answers to questions will not be considered filed and will be returned.
- (5) Any reference to a "state" shall mean one of the United States, and any reference to a "territory" shall mean a United States territory.
- (6) "Panel" means one or more members of the Board specially designated to conduct hearings provided for in these Rules.
- (7) "Uniform Bar Examination" (or "UBE") means the bar examination prepared and coordinated by the National Conference of Bar Examiners that is uniformly administered by user jurisdictions and results in a portable score. This includes the NextGen UBE. To the extent that these rules refer to "bar examination," "bar exam," "examination," and "exam," those terms also refer to the UBE.

1 27 NCAC 03 .0101 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:
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3 **TITLE 27 – THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR**
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5 **CHAPTER 3 – RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN THE STATE OF**
6 **NORTH CAROLINA**
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8 **SECTION .0100 – ORGANIZATION**
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10 **27 NCAC 03 .0101 DEFINITIONS**

11 For purposes of this Chapter, the following shall apply:

- 12 (1) "Chapter" or "Rules" refers to the "Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in the State
13 of North Carolina."
- 14 (2) "Board" refers to the "Board of Law Examiners of the State of North Carolina." A majority of the
15 members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, and the action of a majority of a quorum, present
16 and voting, shall constitute the action of the Board.
- 17 (3) "Executive Director" refers to the "Executive Director of the Board of Law Examiners of the State
18 of North Carolina."
- 19 (4) "File" or "filing" or "filed" shall mean received in the office of the Board of Law Examiners. Except
20 that applications placed in the United States mail properly addressed to the Board of Law Examiners
21 and bearing sufficient first-class postage and postmarked by the United States Postal Service or date-
22 stamped by any recognized delivery service on or before a deadline date will be considered as having
23 been timely filed if all required fees are included in the mailing. Mailings which are postmarked
24 after a deadline or which, if postmarked on or before a deadline, do not include required fees or
25 which include a check in payment of required fees which is dishonored because of insufficient funds
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34 the National Conference of Bar Examiners that is uniformly administered by user jurisdictions and
35 results in a portable score. This includes the NextGen UBE. To the extent that these rules refer to
36 "bar examination," "bar exam," "examination," and "exam," those terms also refer to the UBE.
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TAB #1B

1 27 NCAC 03 .0301 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:
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4 **SECTION .0300 – EFFECTIVE DATE**

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6 **27 NCAC 03 .0301 EFFECTIVE DATE**

7 Rule .0501(8) shall apply to all applications filed on or after November 15, 2027. Rule .0504(9) shall apply to all
8 applications filed on or after May 1, 2028. All other rules shall become effective as provided by law.
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SECTION .0300 – EFFECTIVE DATE

27 NCAC 03 .0301 EFFECTIVE DATE

~~These Revised Rules shall apply to all applications for admission to practice law in North Carolina submitted on or after June 30, 2018. Rule .0501(8) shall apply to all applications filed on or after November 15, 2027. Rule .0504(9) shall apply to all applications filed on or after May 1, 2028. All other rules shall become effective as provided by law.~~

TAB #1C

1 27 NCAC 03 .0404 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

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3 **27 NCAC 03 .0404 FEES FOR GENERAL APPLICANTS**

4 (a) The application specified in .0402(a) shall be accompanied by a fee of eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$850.00),
5 if the applicant is not, and has not been, a licensed attorney in any other jurisdiction, or by a fee of one thousand six
6 hundred fifty dollars (\$1,650), if the applicant is or has been a licensed attorney in any other jurisdiction; provided
7 that if the applicant is filing after the deadline set out in Rule .0403(a), but before the deadline set forth in Rule
8 .0403(b), the application shall also be accompanied by a late fee of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).

9 (b) A Supplemental Application shall be accompanied by a fee of four hundred dollars (\$400.00).

10 (c) Beginning with the July 2028 bar examination, the application specified in Rule .0402(a) shall be accompanied
11 by a fee of one thousand and twenty-five dollars (\$1,025) if the applicant is not, and has not been, a licensed attorney
12 in any other jurisdiction, or by a fee of one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$1,825) if the applicant is
13 or has been a licensed attorney in any other jurisdiction; provided that if the applicant is filing after the deadline set
14 out in Rule .0403(a), but before the deadline set forth in Rule .0403(b), the application shall also be accompanied by
15 a late fee of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).

16 (d) Beginning with the July 2028 bar examination, a Supplemental application shall be accompanied by a fee of five
17 hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$575.00).

1 27 NCAC 03 .0404 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

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3 **27 NCAC 03 .0404 FEES FOR GENERAL APPLICANTS**

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5 if the applicant is not, and has not been, a licensed attorney in any other jurisdiction, or by a fee of one thousand six
6 hundred fifty dollars (\$1,650), if the applicant is or has been a licensed attorney in any other jurisdiction; provided
7 that if the applicant is filing after the deadline set out in Rule .0403(a), but before the deadline set forth in Rule
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14 out in Rule .0403(a), but before the deadline set forth in Rule .0403(b), the application shall also be accompanied by
15 a late fee of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).

16 (d) Beginning with the July 2028 bar examination, a Supplemental application shall be accompanied by a fee of five
17 hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$575.00).

TAB #1D

1 27 NCAC 03 .0501 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:
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3 **SECTION .0500 - REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS**
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5 **27 NCAC 03 .0501 REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERAL APPLICANTS**

6 As a prerequisite to being licensed by the Board to practice law in the State of North Carolina, a general applicant
7 shall:

- 8 (1) possess the qualifications of character and general fitness requisite for an attorney and counselor-
9 at-law, and be of good moral character and entitled to the high regard and confidence of the public
10 and have satisfied the requirements of Section .0600 of this Chapter at the time the license is issued;
- 11 (2) possess the legal educational qualifications as prescribed in Section .0700 of this Chapter;
- 12 (3) be at least 18 years of age;
- 13 (4) have filed formal application as a general applicant in accordance with Section .0400 of this Chapter;
- 14 (5) pass the written bar examination prescribed in Section .0900 of this Chapter, provided that an
15 applicant who has failed to achieve licensure for any reason within three years after the date of the
16 written bar examination in which the applicant received a passing score will be required to take and
17 pass the examination again before being admitted as a general applicant;
- 18 (6) have taken and passed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination within the 24 month
19 period next preceding the beginning day of the written bar examination which applicant passes as
20 prescribed above, or shall take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination
21 within the 12 month period thereafter; the time limits are tolled for a period not exceeding four years
22 for any applicant who is a servicemember as defined in the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50
23 U.S.C. Appx. § 511, while engaged in active service as defined in 10 U.S.C. § 101, and who provides
24 a letter or other communication from the servicemember's commanding officer stating that the
25 servicemember's current military duty prevents attendance for the examination, stating that military
26 leave is not authorized for the servicemember at the time of the letter, and stating when the
27 servicemember would be authorized military leave to take the examination.
- 28 (7) if the applicant is or has been a licensed attorney, be in good standing in each state, territory of the
29 United States, or the District of Columbia, in which the applicant is or has been licensed to practice
30 law and not under any charges of misconduct while the application is pending before the Board.
 - 31 (a) For purposes of this rule, an applicant is "in good standing" in a jurisdiction if:
 - 32 (i) the applicant is an active member of the bar of the jurisdiction and the jurisdiction
33 issues a certificate attesting to the applicant's good standing therein; or
 - 34 (ii) the applicant was formerly a member of the jurisdiction, and the jurisdiction
35 certifies the applicant was in good standing at the time that the applicant ceased
36 to be a member; and

- 1 (b) if the jurisdiction in which the applicant is inactive or was formerly a member will not
2 certify the applicant's good standing solely because of the non-payment of dues, the Board,
3 in its discretion, may waive such certification from that jurisdiction.
- 4 (8) have successfully completed the North Carolina State-Specific Component covering Decedents'
5 Estates and Trusts, outlined below, within 12 months after the beginning day of the bar examination
6 which applicant passes as prescribed above. The time limits are tolled for a period not exceeding
7 24-months for any applicant who is a servicemember as defined in the Servicemembers Civil Relief
8 Act, 50 U.S.C. Appx. § 511, while engaged in active service as defined in 10 U.S.C. § 101, and who
9 provides a letter or other communication from the servicemember's commanding officer stating that
10 the servicemember's current military duty prevents the servicemember from completing the State-
11 Specific Component within the 12-month period after the beginning day of the written bar
12 examination which applicant passes as prescribed above.
- 13 (a) Composition of the North Carolina State-Specific Component. The North Carolina State-
14 Specific Component shall consist of a multiple-choice examination covering the subject
15 area of Decedents' Estates and Trusts.
- 16 (b) Administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component. The North Carolina State-
17 Specific Component shall be offered four times per year: February, May, July, and
18 November.
- 19 (c) Deadlines and Fees. The deadlines and fees shall be as prescribed below.
- 20 (i) February and July administrations. The North Carolina State-Specific Component
21 shall be administered with the February and July bar examinations. Applicants
22 must apply by the deadlines provided in Rule .0403. There shall be no additional
23 fee for the North Carolina State-Specific Component when taken at the February
24 or July administration of the bar examination.
- 25 (ii) May administration. Applications for the May administration of the North
26 Carolina State-Specific Component shall be filed with the Executive Director at
27 the offices of the Board on or before the third Tuesday in April. The fee for the
28 May administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be one
29 hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- 30 (iii) November administration. Applications for the November administration of the
31 North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be filed with the Executive
32 Director at the offices of the Board on or before the third Tuesday in October. The
33 fee for the November administration of the North Carolina State-Specific
34 Component shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
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1 27 NCAC 03 .0501 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:
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3 **SECTION .0500 - REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS**
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5 **27 NCAC 03 .0501 REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERAL APPLICANTS**

6 As a prerequisite to being licensed by the Board to practice law in the State of North Carolina, a general applicant
7 shall:

- 8 (1) possess the qualifications of character and general fitness requisite for an attorney and counselor-
9 at-law, and be of good moral character and entitled to the high regard and confidence of the public
10 and have satisfied the requirements of Section .0600 of this Chapter at the time the license is issued;
- 11 (2) possess the legal educational qualifications as prescribed in Section .0700 of this Chapter;
- 12 (3) be at least 18 years of age;
- 13 (4) have filed formal application as a general applicant in accordance with Section .0400 of this Chapter;
- 14 (5) pass the written bar examination prescribed in Section .0900 of this Chapter, provided that an
15 applicant who has failed to achieve licensure for any reason within three years after the date of the
16 written bar examination in which the applicant received a passing score will be required to take and
17 pass the examination again before being admitted as a general applicant;
- 18 (6) have taken and passed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination within the 24 month
19 period next preceding the beginning day of the written bar examination which applicant passes as
20 prescribed above, or shall take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination
21 within the 12 month period thereafter; the time limits are tolled for a period not exceeding four years
22 for any applicant who is a ~~service member~~ servicemember as defined in the ~~Service Members~~
23 Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. Appx. § 511, while engaged in active service as defined
24 in 10 U.S.C. § 101, and who provides a letter or other communication from the ~~service member's~~
25 servicemember's commanding officer stating that the ~~service member's~~ servicemember's current
26 military duty prevents attendance for the examination, stating that military leave is not authorized
27 for the ~~service member~~ servicemember at the time of the letter, and stating when the ~~service member~~
28 servicemember would be authorized military leave to take the examination.
- 29 (7) if the applicant is or has been a licensed attorney, be in good standing in each state, territory of the
30 United States, or the District of Columbia, in which the applicant is or has been licensed to practice
31 law and not under any charges of misconduct while the application is pending before the Board.
 - 32 (a) For purposes of this rule, an applicant is "in good standing" in a jurisdiction if:
 - 33 (i) the applicant is an active member of the bar of the jurisdiction and the jurisdiction
34 issues a certificate attesting to the applicant's good standing therein; or
 - 35 (ii) the applicant was formerly a member of the jurisdiction, and the jurisdiction
36 certifies the applicant was in good standing at the time that the applicant ceased
37 to be a member; and

1 (b) if the jurisdiction in which the applicant is inactive or was formerly a member will not
2 certify the applicant's good standing solely because of the non-payment of dues, the Board,
3 in its discretion, may waive such certification from that jurisdiction.

4 (8) have successfully completed the North Carolina State-Specific Component covering Decedents'
5 Estates and Trusts, outlined below, within 12 months after the beginning day of the bar examination
6 which applicant passes as prescribed above. The time limits are tolled for a period not exceeding
7 24-months for any applicant who is a servicemember as defined in the Servicemembers Civil Relief
8 Act, 50 U.S.C. Appx. § 511, while engaged in active service as defined in 10 U.S.C. § 101, and who
9 provides a letter or other communication from the servicemember's commanding officer stating that
10 the servicemember's current military duty prevents the servicemember from completing the State-
11 Specific Component within the 12-month period after the beginning day of the written bar
12 examination which applicant passes as prescribed above.

13 (a) Composition of the North Carolina State-Specific Component. The North Carolina State-
14 Specific Component shall consist of a multiple-choice examination covering the subject
15 area of Decedents' Estates and Trusts.

16 (b) Administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component. The North Carolina State-
17 Specific Component shall be offered four times per year: February, May, July, and
18 November.

19 (c) Deadlines and Fees. The deadlines and fees shall be as prescribed below.

20 (i) February and July administrations. The North Carolina State-Specific Component
21 shall be administered with the February and July bar examinations. Applicants
22 must apply by the deadlines provided in Rule .0403. There shall be no additional
23 fee for the North Carolina State-Specific Component when taken at the February
24 or July administration of the bar examination.

25 (ii) May administration. Applications for the May administration of the North
26 Carolina State-Specific Component shall be filed with the Executive Director at
27 the offices of the Board on or before the third Tuesday in April. The fee for the
28 May administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be one
29 hundred dollars (\$100.00).

30 (iii) November administration. Applications for the November administration of the
31 North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be filed with the Executive
32 Director at the offices of the Board on or before the third Tuesday in October. The
33 fee for the November administration of the North Carolina State-Specific
34 Component shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

TAB #1E

1 27 NCAC 03 .0503 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

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3 **27 NCAC 03 .0503 REQUIREMENTS FOR RELOCATED SERVICEMEMBER AND SPOUSE OF**
4 **RELOCATED SERVICEMEMBER APPLICANTS**

5 A servicemember or spouse of a servicemember who has a license to practice law in a State, or territory of the United
6 States or the District of Columbia, and relocates residence because such servicemember receives military orders for
7 military service in the State of North Carolina, shall be granted a license to practice law in the State of North Carolina
8 without written examination if the applicant satisfies the requirements listed below.

9 (1) Requirements. The applicant must file an application, upon such forms as may be supplied by the
10 Board. Such application shall require:

11 (a) That an applicant supplies full and complete information in regard to the applicant's
12 background, including family, past residences, education, military service, employment,
13 credit status, whether the applicant has been a party to any discipline or legal proceedings,
14 whether currently mentally or emotionally impaired, references, and the nature of the
15 applicant's practice of law.

16 (b) That the applicant provides the following documentation:

17 (i) Proof of military orders as defined in section (2)(b);

18 (ii) If the applicant is the spouse of a relocated servicemember, a copy of the marriage
19 certificate;

20 (iii) A notarized affidavit affirming under penalty of law that: the applicant is the
21 person described and identified in the application; all statements made in the
22 application are true, correct, and complete; the applicant has read and understands
23 the requirements to receive a license to practice law and the scope of practice, of
24 the State of North Carolina; the applicant certifies that the applicant meets and
25 shall comply with the requirements to receive a license to practice law in the State
26 of North Carolina; and the applicant is in good standing in all States in which the
27 applicant holds or has held a license to practice law.

28 (iv) Certificates of Moral Character from four individuals who know the applicant;

29 (v) A recent photograph;

30 (vi) Two sets of clear fingerprints;

31 (vii) A certification of the Court of Last Resort from the jurisdiction from which the
32 applicant is applying that: the applicant is currently licensed in the jurisdiction;
33 the date of the applicant's licensure in the jurisdiction; and the applicant was of
34 good moral character when licensed by the jurisdiction;

35 (viii) Transcripts from the applicant's undergraduate and graduate schools;

36 (ix) A copy of applications for admission to the practice of law that the applicant has
37 filed with any state, territory, or the District of Columbia;

- 1 (x) A certificate from the proper court or body of every jurisdiction in which the
2 applicant is licensed that the applicant is in good standing, and not under pending
3 charges of misconduct. For purposes of this rule, an applicant is "in good
4 standing" in a jurisdiction if: the applicant is an active member of the bar of the
5 jurisdiction and the jurisdiction issues a certificate attesting to the applicant's good
6 standing therein; or the applicant was formerly a member of the bar of the
7 jurisdiction and the jurisdiction certifies the applicant was in good standing at the
8 time that the applicant ceased to be a member; and if the jurisdiction in which the
9 applicant is inactive or was formerly a member will not certify the applicant's
10 good standing solely because of the non-payment of dues, the Board, in its
11 discretion, may waive such certification from that jurisdiction; however, the
12 applicant must not only be in good standing, but also must be an active member
13 of each jurisdiction upon which the applicant relies for admission by comity.
- 14 (c) The applicant shall possess the qualifications of character and general fitness requisite for
15 an attorney and counselor-at-law and satisfy the requirements of Section .0600 of this
16 Chapter;
- 17 (d) The applicant must satisfy the educational requirements of Section .0700 of this Chapter.
- 18 (e) The applicant may not have failed the written North Carolina Bar Examination within five
19 years prior to the date of filing the application;
- 20 (f) The applicant must have passed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination;
21 and
- 22 (g) The applicant must pay to the Board the application fee provided in section (3)(a) or (3)(b).
- 23 (2) Definitions.
- 24 (a) Servicemember. A servicemember, as defined in 50 U.S.C. § 3911(1), or a member of the
25 North Carolina National Guard.
- 26 (b) Military order. Official military orders, or any notification, certification, or verification
27 from the servicemember's commanding officer, with respect to a servicemember's current
28 or future military service. In the case of a member of the North Carolina National Guard,
29 this term includes an order from the Governor of North Carolina pursuant to Chapter 127A
30 of the General Statutes.
- 31 (3) Application Fee.
- 32 (a) For servicemembers, the application fee is one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).
33 (b) For spouses of servicemembers, there is no application fee.
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27 NCAC 03 .0503 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

27 NCAC 03 .0503 REQUIREMENTS FOR RELOCATED SERVICEMEMBER AND MILITARY SPOUSE OF RELOCATED SERVICEMEMBER COMITY APPLICANTS

A servicemember or spouse of a servicemember who has a license to practice law in a State, or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, and relocates residence because such servicemember receives military orders for military service in the State of North Carolina. A Military Spouse Comity Applicant, upon written application may, in the discretion of the Board, shall be granted a license to practice law in the State of North Carolina without written examination if the applicant satisfies the requirements listed below provided that:

(1) Requirements. The applicant must file an application, upon such forms as may be supplied by the Board. Such application shall require: The Applicant fulfills all of the requirements of Rule .0502, except that:

(a) That an applicant supplies full and complete information in regard to the applicant's background, including family, past residences, education, military service, employment, credit status, whether the applicant has been a party to any discipline or legal proceedings, whether currently mentally or emotionally impaired, references, and the nature of the applicant's practice of law, in lieu of the requirements of paragraph (3) of Rule .0502, a Military Spouse Comity Applicant shall certify that said applicant has read the Rules of Professional Conduct promulgated by the North Carolina State Bar and shall prove to the satisfaction of the Board that the Military Spouse Comity Applicant is duly licensed to practice law in a state, or territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, and that the Military Spouse Comity Applicant has been for at least four out of the last eight years immediately preceding the filing of this application with the Executive Director, actively and substantially engaged in the practice of law. Practice of law for the purposes of this rule shall be defined as it would be defined for any other comity applicant; and

(b) That the applicant provides the following documentation: Paragraph (4) of Rule .0502 shall not apply to a Military Spouse Comity Applicant.

(i) Proof of military orders as defined in section (2)(b);

(ii) If the applicant is the spouse of a relocated servicemember, a copy of the marriage certificate;

(iii) A notarized affidavit affirming under penalty of law that: the applicant is the person described and identified in the application; all statements made in the application are true, correct, and complete; the applicant has read and understands the requirements to receive a license to practice law and the scope of practice, of the State of North Carolina; the applicant certifies that the applicant meets and shall comply with the requirements to receive a license to practice law in the State of North Carolina; and the applicant is in good standing in all States in which the applicant holds or has held a license to practice law.

- (iv) Certificates of Moral Character from four individuals who know the applicant;
- (v) A recent photograph;
- (vi) Two sets of clear fingerprints;
- (vii) A certification of the Court of Last Resort from the jurisdiction from which the applicant is applying that: the applicant is currently licensed in the jurisdiction; the date of the applicant's licensure in the jurisdiction; and the applicant was of good moral character when licensed by the jurisdiction;
- (viii) Transcripts from the applicant's undergraduate and graduate schools;
- (ix) A copy of applications for admission to the practice of law that the applicant has filed with any state, territory, or the District of Columbia;
- (x) A certificate from the proper court or body of every jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed that the applicant is in good standing, and not under pending charges of misconduct. For purposes of this rule, an applicant is "in good standing" in a jurisdiction if: the applicant is an active member of the bar of the jurisdiction and the jurisdiction issues a certificate attesting to the applicant's good standing therein; or the applicant was formerly a member of the bar of the jurisdiction and the jurisdiction certifies the applicant was in good standing at the time that the applicant ceased to be a member; and if the jurisdiction in which the applicant is inactive or was formerly a member will not certify the applicant's good standing solely because of the non-payment of dues, the Board, in its discretion, may waive such certification from that jurisdiction; however, the applicant must not only be in good standing, but also must be an active member of each jurisdiction upon which the applicant relies for admission by comity.
- (c) The applicant shall possess the qualifications of character and general fitness requisite for an attorney and counselor-at-law and satisfy the requirements of Section .0600 of this Chapter;
- (d) The applicant must satisfy the educational requirements of Section .0700 of this Chapter.
- (e) The applicant may not have failed the written North Carolina Bar Examination within five years prior to the date of filing the application;
- (f) The applicant must have passed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination;
- and
- (g) The applicant must pay to the Board the application fee provided in section (3)(a) or (3)(b).
- (2) Definitions. Military Spouse Comity Applicant Defined. A Military Spouse Comity Applicant is any person who is
- (a) Servicemember. A servicemember, as defined in 50 U.S.C. § 3911(1), or a member of the North Carolina National Guard. An attorney-at-law duly admitted to practice in another state or territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia; and

1 (b) Military order. Official military orders, or any notification, certification, or verification
2 from the servicemember's commanding officer, with respect to a servicemember's current
3 or future military service. In the case of a member of the North Carolina National Guard,
4 this term includes an order from the Governor of North Carolina pursuant to Chapter 127A
5 of the General Statutes. Identified by the Department of Defense (or, for the Coast Guard
6 when it is not operating as a service in the Navy, by the Department of Homeland Security)
7 as the spouse of a service member of the United States Uniformed Services; and

8 (c) ~~Is residing or intends within the next six months to be residing, in North Carolina due to~~
9 ~~the service member's military orders for a permanent change of station to the State of North~~
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11 (3) Application Fee. Procedure. In addition to the documentation required by paragraph (1) of Rule
12 .0502, a Military Spouse Comity Applicant must file with the Board the following:

13 (a) For servicemembers, the application fee is one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500). A
14 copy of the service member's military orders reflecting a permanent change of station to a
15 military installation in North Carolina; and

16 (b) For spouses of servicemembers, there is no application fee. A military identification card
17 which lists the Military Spouse Applicant as the spouse of the service member.

18 (4) ~~Fee. No application fee will be required for Military Spouse Comity Applicants.~~
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TAB #1F

1 27 NCAC 03 .0504 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

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3 **27 NCAC 03 .0504 REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER APPLICANTS**

4 As a prerequisite to being licensed by the Board to practice law in the State of North Carolina, a transfer applicant
5 shall:

- 6 (1) possess the qualifications of character and general fitness requisite for an attorney and counselor-
7 at-law, and be of good moral character and entitled to the high regard and confidence of the public
8 and have satisfied the requirements of Section .0600 of this Chapter;
- 9 (2) possess the legal educational qualifications as prescribed in Section .0700 of this Chapter;
- 10 (3) be at least 18 years of age;
- 11 (4) have filed with the Executive Director, upon such forms as may be supplied by the Board, a typed
12 application in duplicate, containing the same information and documentation required of general
13 applicants under Rule .0402(a);
- 14 (5) have paid with the application an application fee of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), if
15 the applicant is licensed in any other jurisdiction, or one thousand two hundred seventy-five dollars
16 (\$1,275) if the applicant is not licensed in any other jurisdiction, no part of which may be refunded
17 to an applicant whose application is denied or to an applicant who withdraws, unless the
18 withdrawing applicant filed with the Board a written request to withdraw, in which event, the Board
19 in its discretion may refund no more than one-half of the fee to the withdrawing applicant. However,
20 when an application for admission by transfer is received from an applicant who, in the opinion of
21 the Executive Director, after consultation with the Board Chair, is not eligible for consideration
22 under the Rules, the applicant shall be so advised by written notice. Upon receipt of such notice, the
23 applicant may elect in writing to withdraw the application, and provided the written election is
24 received by the Board within 20 days from the date of the Board's written notice to the applicant,
25 receive a refund of all fees paid.
- 26 (6) have, within the three-year period preceding the filing date of the application, taken the Uniform
27 Bar Examination and achieved a scaled score on such exam that is equal to or greater than the
28 passing score established by the Board for the UBE as of the administration of the exam immediately
29 preceding the filing date. For purposes of this rule: "passing score" means the minimum passing
30 score established by the Board for the UBE as of the administration date of the exam immediately
31 preceding the application filing date; and, the three-year period preceding the filing date begins to
32 run on the date the applicant sat for the Uniform Bar Examination.
- 33 (7) have passed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination.
- 34 (8) if the applicant is or has been a licensed attorney, be in good standing in each state, territory of the
35 United States, or the District of Columbia, in which the applicant is or has been licensed to practice
36 law and not under any charges of misconduct while the application is pending before the Board.
37 (a) For purposes of this rule, an applicant is "in good standing" in a jurisdiction if:

- 1 (i) the applicant is an active member of the bar of the jurisdiction and the jurisdiction
2 issues a certificate attesting to the applicant's good standing therein; or
3 (ii) the applicant was formerly a member of the jurisdiction, and the jurisdiction
4 certifies the applicant was in good standing at the time that the applicant ceased
5 to be a member; and
6 (b) if the jurisdiction in which the applicant is inactive or was formerly a member will not
7 certify the applicant's good standing solely because of the non-payment of dues, the Board,
8 in its discretion, may waive such certification from that jurisdiction.
9 (9) have successfully completed the North Carolina State-Specific Component covering Decedents'
10 Estates and Trusts, outlined below, within 12 months after the filing of the application for admission
11 to practice law in North Carolina by UBE Transfer. The time limits are tolled for a period not
12 exceeding 24 months for any applicant who is a servicemember as defined in the Servicemembers
13 Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. Appx § 511, while engaged in active service as defined in 10 U.S.C. §
14 101, and who provides a letter or other communication from the servicemember's commanding
15 officer stating that the servicemember's current military duty prevents the servicemember from
16 completing the State-Specific Component within the 12 month period after the filing of the
17 application for admission to practice law in North Carolina by UBE Transfer.
18 (a) Composition of the North Carolina State-Specific Component. The North Carolina State-
19 Specific Component shall consist of a multiple-choice examination covering the subject
20 area of Decedents' Estates and Trusts,
21 (b) Administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component. The North Carolina State-
22 Specific Component shall be offered 4 times per year: February, May, July, and November.
23 (c) Deadlines and Fees. The deadlines and fees shall be prescribed below.
24 (i) Deadlines for February and July administrations. The North Carolina State-
25 Specific Component shall be administered with the February and July bar
26 examinations. Applicants must apply by the deadlines provided in Rule .0403.
27 There shall be no additional fee for the North Carolina State-Specific Component
28 when taken at the February or July administration of the bar examination.
29 (ii) Deadline for May administration. Applications for the May administration of the
30 North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be filed with the Executive
31 Director at the offices of the Board on or before the third Tuesday in April. The
32 fee for the May administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component
33 shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
34 (iii) Deadline for November administration. Applications for the November
35 administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be filed with
36 the Executive Director at the offices of the Board on or before the third Tuesday

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1 27 NCAC 03 .0504 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

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3 **27 NCAC 03 .0504 REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER APPLICANTS**

4 As a prerequisite to being licensed by the Board to practice law in the State of North Carolina, a transfer applicant
5 shall:

- 6 (1) possess the qualifications of character and general fitness requisite for an attorney and counselor-
7 at-law, and be of good moral character and entitled to the high regard and confidence of the public
8 and have satisfied the requirements of Section .0600 of this Chapter;
- 9 (2) possess the legal educational qualifications as prescribed in Section .0700 of this Chapter;
- 10 (3) be at least 18 years of age;
- 11 (4) have filed with the Executive Director, upon such forms as may be supplied by the Board, a typed
12 application in duplicate, containing the same information and documentation required of general
13 applicants under Rule .0402(a);
- 14 (5) have paid with the application an application fee of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), if
15 the applicant is licensed in any other jurisdiction, or one thousand two hundred seventy-five dollars
16 (\$1,275) if the applicant is not licensed in any other jurisdiction, no part of which may be refunded
17 to an applicant whose application is denied or to an applicant who withdraws, unless the
18 withdrawing applicant filed with the Board a written request to withdraw, in which event, the Board
19 in its discretion may refund no more than one-half of the fee to the withdrawing applicant. However,
20 when an application for admission by transfer is received from an applicant who, in the opinion of
21 the Executive Director, after consultation with the Board Chair, is not eligible for consideration
22 under the Rules, the applicant shall be so advised by written notice. Upon receipt of such notice, the
23 applicant may elect in writing to withdraw the application, and provided the written election is
24 received by the Board within 20 days from the date of the Board's written notice to the applicant,
25 receive a refund of all fees paid.
- 26 (6) have, within the three-year period preceding the filing date of the application, taken the Uniform
27 Bar Examination and achieved a scaled score on such exam that is equal to or greater than the
28 passing score established by the Board for the UBE as of the administration of the exam immediately
29 preceding the filing date; For purposes of this rule: "passing score" means the minimum passing
30 score established by the Board for the UBE as of the administration date of the exam immediately
31 preceding the application filing date; and, the three-year period preceding the filing date begins to
32 run on the date the applicant sat for the Uniform Bar Examination.
- 33 (7) have passed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination.
- 34 (8) if the applicant is or has been a licensed attorney, be in good standing in each state, territory of the
35 United States, or the District of Columbia, in which the applicant is or has been licensed to practice
36 law and not under any charges of misconduct while the application is pending before the Board.
37 (a) For purposes of this rule, an applicant is "in good standing" in a jurisdiction if:

1 (i) the applicant is an active member of the bar of the jurisdiction and the jurisdiction
2 issues a certificate attesting to the applicant's good standing therein; or
3 (ii) the applicant was formerly a member of the jurisdiction, and the jurisdiction
4 certifies the applicant was in good standing at the time that the applicant ceased
5 to be a member; and
6 (b) if the jurisdiction in which the applicant is inactive or was formerly a member will not
7 certify the applicant's good standing solely because of the non-payment of dues, the Board,
8 in its discretion, may waive such certification from that jurisdiction.
9 (9) have successfully completed the North Carolina State-Specific Component covering Decedents'
10 Estates and Trusts, outlined below, within 12 months after the filing of the application for admission
11 to practice law in North Carolina by UBE Transfer. The time limits are tolled for a period not
12 exceeding 24 months for any applicant who is a servicemember as defined in the Servicemembers
13 Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. Appx § 511, while engaged in active service as defined in 10 U.S.C. §
14 101, and who provides a letter or other communication from the servicemember's commanding
15 officer stating that the servicemember's current military duty prevents the servicemember from
16 completing the State-Specific Component within the 12 month period after the filing of the
17 application for admission to practice law in North Carolina by UBE Transfer.
18 (a) Composition of the North Carolina State-Specific Component. The North Carolina State-
19 Specific Component shall consist of a multiple-choice examination covering the subject
20 area of Decedents' Estates and Trusts.
21 (b) Administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component. The North Carolina State-
22 Specific Component shall be offered 4 times per year: February, May, July, and November.
23 (c) Deadlines and Fees. The deadlines and fees shall be prescribed below.
24 (i) Deadlines for February and July administrations. The North Carolina State-
25 Specific Component shall be administered with the February and July bar
26 examinations. Applicants must apply by the deadlines provided in Rule .0403.
27 There shall be no additional fee for the North Carolina State-Specific Component
28 when taken at the February or July administration of the bar examination.
29 (ii) Deadline for May administration. Applications for the May administration of the
30 North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be filed with the Executive
31 Director at the offices of the Board on or before the third Tuesday in April. The
32 fee for the May administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component
33 shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
34 (iii) Deadline for November administration. Applications for the November
35 administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be filed with
36 the Executive Director at the offices of the Board on or before the third Tuesday

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in October. The fee for the November administration of the North Carolina State-Specific Component shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

TAB #1G

1 27 NCAC 03 .0901 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

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SECTION .0900 - EXAMINATIONS

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5 **27 NCAC 03 .0901 BAR EXAMINATION**

6 Two bar examinations shall be held each year for general applicants.

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1 27 NCAC 03 .0901 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

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SECTION .0900 - EXAMINATIONS

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5 **27 NCAC 03 .0901 ~~WRITTEN BAR~~ EXAMINATION**

6 Two ~~written~~ bar examinations shall be held each year for general applicants.

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TAB #1H

1 27 NCAC 03 .0902 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

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3 **27 NCAC 03 .0902 DATES**

4 The bar examinations shall be held in North Carolina in the months of February and July on the dates prescribed by
5 the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

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1 27 NCAC 03 .0902 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

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3 **27 NCAC 03 .0902 DATES**

4 The ~~written~~ bar examinations shall be held in North Carolina in the months of February and July on the dates prescribed
5 by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

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TAB #1I

1 27 NCAC 03 .0903 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:
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3 **27 NCAC 03 .0903 SUBJECT MATTER**
4 The examination shall be the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.
5 Applicants may be tested on any subject matter listed by the National Conference of Bar Examiners as areas of law to
6 be tested on the UBE.
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1 27 NCAC 03 .0903 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

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3 **27 NCAC 03 .0903 SUBJECT MATTER**

4 The examination shall be the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners
5 ~~and comprising six Multistate Essay Examination (MBE) questions, two Multistate Performance Test (MPT) items,~~
6 ~~and the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE).~~ Applicants may be tested on any subject matter listed by the National
7 Conference of Bar Examiners as areas of law to be tested on the UBE. ~~Questions will be unlabeled and not necessarily~~
8 ~~limited to one subject matter.~~

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TAB #1J

1 27 NCAC 03 .0904 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

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3 **27 NCAC 03 .0904 GRADING AND SCORING.**

4 Grading of the bar examination shall be anonymous. The Board shall grade the UBE in accordance with grading
5 procedures and standards set by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

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1 27 NCAC 03 .0904 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

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3 **27 NCAC 03 .0904 GRADING AND SCORING.**

4 Grading of the bar examination ~~of the MEE and MPT answers~~ shall be strictly anonymous. ~~The MEE and MPT raw~~
5 ~~scores shall be combined and converted to the MBE scale to calculate written scaled scores according to the method~~
6 ~~used by the National Conference of Bar Examiners for jurisdictions that administer the UBE. The Board shall grade~~
7 ~~the UBE in accordance with grading procedures and standards set by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.~~

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TAB #1K

1 27 NCAC 03 .1001 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:
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SECTION .1000 – REVIEW OF BAR EXAMINATION

27 NCAC 03 .1001 REVIEW

After release of the results of the bar examination, a general applicant who has failed the examination may, in the Board's offices, review the applicant's examination in accordance with the policies and procedures set by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

1 27 NCAC 03 .1001 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

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3 **SECTION .1000 -- REVIEW OF ~~WRITTEN~~ BAR EXAMINATION**
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5 **27 NCAC 03 .1001 REVIEW**

6 After release of the results of the written bar examination, a general applicant who has failed the written examination
7 may, in the Board's offices, review the MEE questions and MPT items on the written examination and the applicant's
8 answers thereto, along with selected answers by other applicants which the Board determines may be useful to
9 unsuccessful applicants the applicant's examination in accordance with the policies and procedures set by the National
10 Conference of Bar Examiners. The Board will also furnish an unsuccessful applicant hard copies of any or all of these
11 materials, upon payment of the reasonable cost of such copies, as determined by the Board. No copies of the MEE or
12 MPT grading materials prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners will be shown or provided to the
13 applicant unless authorized by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.
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TAB #1L

1 27 NCAC 03 .1002 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

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3 **27 NCAC 03 .1002 RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE**

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1 27 NCAC 03 .1002 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:
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3 27 NCAC 03 .1002 **MULTISTATE BAR EXAMINATION RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE**
4 ~~There is no provision for review of the Multistate Bar Examination. Applicants may, however, request the National~~
5 ~~Conference of Bar Examiners to hand score their MBE answers.~~
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TAB #1M

1 27 NCAC 03 .1003 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

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3 **27 NCAC 03 .1003 RELEASE OF SCORES**

4 (a) The Board will not release bar examination scores to the public.

5 (b) The Board will inform each applicant in writing of the applicant's score on the bar examination. Scores will be
6 shared with the applicant's law school only with the applicant's consent.

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1 27 NCAC 03 .1003 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

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3 **27 NCAC 03 .1003 RELEASE OF SCORES**

4 (a) The Board will not release UBE bar examination scores to the public.

5 (b) The Board will inform each applicant in writing of the applicant's scaled score on the UBE bar examination.
6 Scores will be shared with the applicant's law school only with the applicant's consent.

7 ~~(c) Upon written request of an unsuccessful applicant, the Board will furnish the following information about the~~
8 ~~applicant's score to the applicant: the applicant's raw scores on the MBE questions and MPT items; the applicant's~~
9 ~~scaled combined MBE and MPT score; the applicant's scaled MBE score; and the applicant's scaled UBE score.~~

10 ~~(d) Upon written request of an applicant, the Board will furnish the Multistate Bar Examination score of said applicant~~
11 ~~to another jurisdiction's board of bar examiners or like organization that administers the admission of attorneys for~~
12 ~~that jurisdiction.~~

TAB #1N

1 27 NCAC 03 .1005 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

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3 **27 NCAC 03 .1005 REGRADING**

4 Examination answers will not be regraded.

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1 27 NCAC 03 .1005 is adopted without notice pursuant to G.S. 84-21 and G.S. 84-24 as follows:

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3 27 NCAC 03 .1005 **~~RE-GRADING~~ REGRADING**

4 Examination answers cannot will not be regraded. ~~once UBE scores have been released.~~