

Rule 2.1. Legal Interns

Section 1. Requirements

(a) A law student may serve as a legal intern when the following requirements are met:

- (i) The law student is enrolled in ~~a school accredited as set forth in Rule 13(1)(a)~~ either an ABA-approved law school or a law school located in the United States whose graduates are eligible upon graduation to seek a waiver under Rule 13.1.
- (ii) The law student has satisfactorily completed one-half of the educational requirements for a first professional degree in law.
- (iii) The law student has received permission from the dean of the law school to participate in a legal intern program determined to be beneficial to the law student's training ~~pursuant to~~ under the guidelines jointly developed by the law schools of this state.
- (iv) The law student has completed or is enrolled in a legal ethics or professional responsibility course as set forth in Rule 13(1)(c).

(b) A law school graduate may serve as a legal intern when the following requirements are met:

- (i) The law school graduate is eligible to take the bar examination under Rule 13 or is eligible to seek a waiver under Rule 13.1.
- (ii) The law school graduate has received permission from an attorney who is a member of the Indiana bar to serve as a legal intern under that ~~attorney's~~ attorney's direct supervision.

Section 2. Length of Intern Status

(a) A law student may serve as a legal intern until graduation from law school or for a lesser period if designated by the dean of the law school.

(b) A law school graduate may serve as a legal intern from the date of graduation until the graduate has taken and been notified of the results of the first bar examination for which the graduate is eligible either under Rule 13, or, if the graduate has petitioned for and been granted a waiver under Rule 13.1, the first bar examination for which the graduate can apply. If the graduate is successful on that

~~examination, exam, the graduate may continue to serve as a legal intern~~ until the first opportunity thereafter for formal admission to the Indiana bar. If the graduate petitions for a waiver under Rule 13.1 and the Board denies the petition, the graduate's authority to serve as a legal intern terminates on the date of the Board's denial.

Section 3. Certification

- (a) The dean of a law school sponsoring a legal intern program shall advise the ~~State~~ Board of Law Examiners of those students who qualify to be legal interns and the length of that internship.
- (b) An attorney who is a member of the Indiana bar and who wishes to sponsor and supervise a graduate as a legal intern shall advise the Board. ~~And the~~The dean of the law school from which the graduate received ~~their~~a first professional degree in law shall advise the Board of both the date of graduation and (i) the date ~~at~~on which the graduate will be first eligible for examination under Rule 13, or (ii) that the graduate has petitioned, or intends to petition, for a waiver under Rule 13.1.

Rule 6. Admission Without Examination

Section 1. Attorneys Licensed in Other States

A person ~~who has been~~ admitted to practice law in the highest court of law in any other state (herein defined as a state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia), ~~),~~ may be granted a license to practice law in Indiana without examination upon a finding by the ~~State~~ Board of Law Examiners that ~~said person~~the applicant has met each of the following conditions:

- (a) The applicant has actively engaged in the practice of law for a period of at least three of the five years immediately preceding the date of application. "Actively engaged in the practice of law" ~~shall mean~~means:
 - (i) performing legal services for the general public as a lawyer for at least 1,000 hours per year;

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- (ii) being employed by a state or local governmental or business entity as a lawyer performing duties for which admission to the practice of law is a prerequisite for at least 1,000 hours per year;
 - (iii) performing the duties of a teacher of law on a full-time basis ~~in~~at an ABA ~~accredited~~approved law school;
 - (iv) serving as a judge of a court of record on a full-time basis;
 - (v) serving on a full-time salaried basis as an attorney with the federal government or a federal governmental agency, including service as a member of the Judge Advocate ~~General's~~General's Department of one of the military branches of the United States; or
 - (vi) a combination of the above.
- (b) The practice of law must have been authorized based on the applicant's admission in the state where the applicant is licensed and during the period of licensure unless the practice falls under subdivisions (iii) or (v) above. Practice under either a business counsel license or a pro bono publico license may apply toward years of practice so long as the applicant meets all other requirements of this rule.
- (c) The applicant is a member in good standing in all ~~states~~jurisdictions of admission.
- (d) The admission of the applicant is in the public interest.
- (e) The applicant meets Indiana's character and fitness requirements.
- (f) The applicant has paid or tendered the required fee.
- (g) The applicant has not failed the Indiana bar examination or scored below 264 on the Uniform Bar Examination (whether administered in Indiana or another jurisdiction) within five years of the date of the application.
- ~~(h) The applicant has obtained a JD degree (or its equivalent) from a law school located in the United States that at the time of the applicant's graduation was on the approved list of the Council of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar of the American Bar Association.~~

Section 1.1. Military Spouses

The Board ~~has the discretion to may~~ waive the minimum practice and reciprocity requirements in Section 1 for an applicant ~~who has been~~ admitted to practice law in the highest court of law in any other state and whose spouse is a member of the armed forces

of the United States subject to military transfer to Indiana for active duty military service upon a finding that ~~said person~~the applicant has met the requirements specified in Sections 1(c)-(h),g) and the following conditions:

Section 5. Educational Requirements

- (a) In addition to the requirements in Rule 29, ~~within twelve months of an applicant's admission~~applicant admitted under Sections 1 or 2 of this rule,~~the applicant~~ shall ~~attend an annual~~be required to complete the Indiana Law Course, a jurisdiction-specific component on Indiana law ~~update seminar that provides a minimum of twelve hours of continuing legal education that has been approved by, not later than 6 months after~~ the ~~Indiana Commission for Continuing Legal Education.~~The date of admission. If an applicant fails to complete the Indiana Law Course within the required time period, the Board ~~shall publish a list of approved seminars~~may certify such fact to the Indiana Supreme Court with the recommendation that the applicant's license be suspended pending completion of the course.
- (b) Applicants admitted under this rule are subject to, and shall comply with, Indiana's Rules for Admission to the Bar and the Discipline of Attorneys, Indiana's Rules of Professional Conduct, all other Court rules, and all statutory requirements.

Rule 6.1. Temporary License

Section 1. Temporary License

A person ~~who has been~~ admitted to practice law in the highest court of law in any other state (as defined in Rule 6, ~~section (1),~~) and who is in good standing and has no pending disciplinary proceedings in each ~~state~~jurisdiction of admission, may be granted a temporary license to practice law in Indiana if the person has applied for admission to the Indiana bar ~~on~~(by examination, by transferred Uniform Bar Examination score, or by admission without examination ~~under Rule 6,~~) and meets one of the following qualifications:

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- (a) The person is employed as a full-time faculty member at an ABA-~~accredited~~approved law school in Indiana and is supervising law students in a clinical program of that law school; ~~or~~
- (b) The person is employed by a legal services organization or public defender office that provides legal assistance free of charge to persons of limited means, ~~free of charge; or~~;
- (c) The person offers pro bono services free of charge to persons of limited means, ~~free of charge~~, through a legal services organization or public defender office; ~~or~~
- (d) The person is employed full-time as an attorney for the Indiana Department of Child Services providing litigation services in child welfare cases; or
- (e) The person is employed full-time as a deputy prosecutor.

Rule 13. Educational Requirements for Admission by Examination

Section 1. Educational Qualifications.

Each applicant for admission to the Indiana bar by written examination must establish to the satisfaction of the ~~State~~ Board of Law Examiners that the applicant:

- (a) Has obtained a JD degree (or its equivalent) from a law school located in the United States that at the time of the applicant's graduation was on the approved list of the Council of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar of the American Bar Association, unless the requirement is waived under Rule 13.1. (The Indiana Supreme Court reserves the right to disapprove any school regardless of ABA approval.);
- (b) Has satisfactorily completed the law course required for graduation and furnishes to the Board a certificate from the dean of the law school (or the dean's designee) that the applicant will receive a JD degree (or its equivalent) as a matter of course at a future date, pursuant to ~~under~~ Rule 15; and
- (c) Has completed two cumulative semester hours of legal ethics or professional responsibility in law school.

Section 2. Early Examination Rule.

An applicant, who has fewer than five hours to complete and is within ~~one-hundred~~100 days of graduating from an ABA-approved law school, ~~may take the examination if the applicant~~ has satisfactorily passed work in the subject matter as set forth in Section 1, and has otherwise completed all requirements for admission to the Indiana bar, ~~may take the examination~~ but may not be admitted to the Indiana bar until the applicant has met all other requirements for admission and has graduated from an ABA-approved law school.

Section 3. Certification of Educational Qualifications.

The law school dean (or the dean's designee) shall certify an applicant's completion of the subject-matter requirements under this rule and must file such certification with the Board at least twenty days before the examination.

~~Section 4. Waiver of Educational Qualification.~~

~~The Board may in its discretion waive the requirement in Section 1(a) for an applicant who on the date of the bar examination for which they are seeking a waiver (1) has or will have graduated from a law school located in the United States that is not approved by the ABA, was or will be eligible upon graduation from that law school to take the bar examination of another state, and the Board finds is qualified by reason of education or experience to take the Indiana bar examination; or (2) has or will have completed legal education in a jurisdiction outside the United States, has or will have obtained a graduate degree from an ABA-approved law school in a program based on American law, and the Board finds is qualified by reason of education or experience to take the Indiana bar examination.~~

~~Applicants seeking a waiver under this section must petition the Board by letter and provide the Board with the following materials:~~

- ~~(a) Official transcripts from each undergraduate college or university the applicant attended, reflecting all courses taken, the grade for each course, the number of semester hours of credit earned, and the degree(s) awarded, if any.~~
- ~~(b) Official transcripts from each law school the applicant attended, reflecting all courses taken, the grade for each course, the number of semester hours of credit earned, and the degree(s) awarded, if any.~~
- ~~(c) A narrative statement that includes a description of the applicant's legal education and training, a description of the applicant's work history, and reasons why the applicant believes a waiver is warranted.~~

- ~~(d) Bar examination results—number of graduates from the applicant's law school(s) who passed/failed, classified by state administering the exam, for the previous three years.~~
- ~~(e) A statement of whether the applicant has applied to take the bar exam in any other jurisdiction and the result of that request, and the result of any bar examination taken by the applicant.~~
- ~~(f) For applicants who have completed legal education outside the United States, a description of that country's legal system, including, but not limited to, whether the~~
- ~~(g) English common law substantially forms the basis of that country's jurisprudence and whether English is the language of instruction and practice in the courts of that jurisdiction.~~

~~Any other documentation, material, or information the applicant believes is relevant to establish the applicant is qualified by reason of education or experience to take the Indiana bar examination. Any document submitted to the Board that is not in the English language must be translated into English. The Board may request additional information or material as it deems appropriate, and no material submitted to the Board will be returned to the applicant. The Board should grant a waiver when doing so would be in the public interest after balancing all relevant factors including the applicant's educational history and achievement, work history and achievement, bar exam results from other jurisdictions, desire to practice law in Indiana, and familiarity with the American legal system. The Board's decision is subject to final approval by the Court.~~

Rule 13.1. Waiver of Educational Qualifications

The Board of Law Examiners may, in its discretion, waive the educational requirements set forth in Rule 13(1)(a) and Rule 17.1(1)(e). A waiver may be sought by an applicant who satisfies either of the following:

- (a) The applicant has or will have graduated from a law school located in the United States that is not approved by the ABA; the applicant was or will be eligible upon graduation to take the bar examination of another jurisdiction within the United States; and the Board finds that the applicant is qualified through education or experience to satisfy the applicable educational requirement.

or

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- (b) The applicant has or will have completed legal education in a jurisdiction outside the United States; the applicant has or will have obtained a graduate degree (e.g., LL.M. or equivalent) from an ABA-approved law school in a program based on American law; and the Board finds that the applicant is qualified through education or experience to satisfy the applicable educational requirement.

Applicants seeking a waiver must petition the Board in writing (including through any electronic procedures prescribed by the Board) and provide the following materials:

- (a) Official transcripts from each undergraduate college or university the applicant attended, reflecting all courses taken, the grade for each course, the number of semester hours of credit earned, and the degree(s) awarded, if any.
- (b) Official transcripts from each law school the applicant attended, reflecting all courses taken, the grade for each course, the number of semester hours of credit earned, and the degree(s) awarded, if any.
- (c) A narrative statement that includes a description of the applicant's legal education and training, a description of the applicant's work history, and reasons why the applicant believes a waiver is warranted with respect to the applicable educational requirement.
- (d) The number of graduates from the applicant's law school(s) who passed the bar exam and the number who failed, classified by the jurisdiction administering the exam, for each of the last three years.
- (e) A statement indicating whether the applicant has applied to take the bar exam in any other jurisdiction, the result of that application, and the results of any bar exam taken by the applicant.
- (f) For applicants who have completed legal education outside the United States, a description of that country's legal system, including, but not limited to, whether the English common law substantially forms the basis of that country's jurisprudence and whether English is the language of instruction and practice in the courts of that jurisdiction.
- (g) Any other documentation, material, or information the applicant believes is relevant to establish that the applicant is qualified through education or experience to satisfy the applicable educational requirement.

Any document submitted to the Board that is not in the English language must be translated into English. The Board may request additional information or material as it

deems necessary, and no material submitted to the Board will be returned to the applicant. The Board should grant a waiver when doing so would be in the public interest after balancing all relevant factors, including the applicant's educational history and achievement, the applicant's work history and achievement, bar exam results from other jurisdictions (if applicable), the applicant's desire to practice law in Indiana, and the applicant's familiarity with the American legal system. The Board's decision is subject to final approval by the Indiana Supreme Court.

Rule 15. Applications, Filing Dates and Fees for Examination and ~~Re-Examination~~Reexamination

Applications for admission on first examination shall be filed through the electronic application procedures prescribed by the ~~State~~Board of Law Examiners. The application shall be in such form and shall request such information as may be required by the Board ~~of Law Examiners.~~ The Board ~~of Law Examiners~~ may require additional information as ~~is deemed by it to be~~deems necessary.

An affidavit of the dean of the ~~applicant's~~applicant's law school, or the ~~dean's~~dean's designee, to the effect that there is nothing in the school records or personal knowledge of the dean or faculty of such school to indicate that the applicant is not of good moral character or that the applicant is not fit for admission to the practice of law must be filed with the ~~State~~Board ~~of Law Examiners.~~ The Board shall provide forms for such certification.

A certified transcript of the law school record of the applicant showing the date of graduation and the degree conferred must be filed with the Board ~~of Law Examiners~~ before the applicant can be admitted to the bar.

For an application to be properly filed, an applicant must submit the electronic application and prescribed filing fee by the stated filing deadline. No requests for filing past the stated deadlines or for waiver of filing deadlines will be accepted by the Board ~~of Law Examiners~~ or by the Indiana Supreme Court.

Applications for admission on first examination for the July examination must be filed by April ~~1~~1 and ~~be~~ accompanied by a \$250 filing fee ~~of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).~~ A late filing ~~period~~ is permitted until April 15. The ~~filing fee for~~ late filing fee is five hundred dollars (\$500).

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The ~~filing~~ deadline ~~filing date~~ for the February examination is November 15 of the previous year. The filing fee is ~~two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). The~~ A late filing ~~period is from that date to~~ permitted until November 30 of the previous year. The late filing fee is ~~five hundred dollars (\$500).~~

If an applicant fails to pass the first examination and is permitted to take further examinations, the application for ~~re-examination~~ reexamination must be made on forms prescribed by the Board and filed with the Executive Director of the Indiana Office of Admissions and Continuing Education by the following dates. Applications for ~~re-examination~~ reexamination for the July examination must be filed by May 30 and be accompanied by a \$250 filing fee ~~of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).~~ The late filing deadline is June 15, and the late filing fee is ~~five hundred dollars (\$500).~~ Applications for ~~re-examination~~ reexamination for the February examination must be filed by December 15 of the previous year. ~~The regular and be accompanied by a \$250 filing fee is two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).~~ The late filing deadline is December 30 of the previous year. The late filing fee is ~~five hundred dollars (\$500).~~

~~There are no other provisions for or consideration of requests for late filing by the Board or by the Indiana Supreme Court.~~

Applicants who have a petition before the Board or an appeal before the ~~Supreme Court~~ of regarding the grading of ~~their~~ the applicant's examination will be required to meet all filing deadlines for ~~re-examination~~ reexamination. If an applicant is successful on petition or on appeal, the applicant will receive a full refund of any ~~re-examination~~ reexamination fee.

If an applicant whose application has been approved and processed fails to take the first examination ~~first~~ following ~~its~~ approval, such applicant shall have the privilege of having that application held in abeyance and of taking the next regularly scheduled examination given by the Board without payment of any additional fee. Any applicant whose application has been approved and processed but who fails to take that examination, or the next following examination, shall have that application dismissed. The applicant will be entitled to a refund of one-half ~~(1/2)~~ of the fee paid.

If an applicant applies to sit for a first examination after ~~his or her~~ the applicant's application has been dismissed, a new application must be filed ~~and~~ a ~~two hundred fifty dollar (\$250)~~ filing fee must be paid, and the first examination deadlines must be met. If an applicant applies to sit for a ~~re-examination~~ reexamination after ~~his or her~~ the applicant's application has been dismissed, a new application must be filed and a ~~two hundred fifty dollar (\$250)~~ filing fee must be paid, but ~~these applicants~~ the applicant will be permitted to file by the ~~re-examination time~~ reexamination deadline and will have the opportunity to file

within that late filing period. All applicants applying after dismissal must meet the regular deadlines or late filing deadlines and pay the regular fee or the late fee as ~~they apply to those deadlines~~applicable.

Rule 17.1. Admission by Transferred Uniform Bar Examination Score

Section 1.

An applicant who has taken the UBE in a jurisdiction other than Indiana and achieved a scaled score of at least 264 may be admitted to the Indiana bar if ~~he or she~~the applicant satisfies the following conditions:

- (a) The scaled score was attained on a UBE administered within five ~~(5)~~ years preceding the date of application;
- (b) The applicant received a scaled score of ~~eighty (80)~~ on the MPRE no earlier than two ~~(2)~~ years before the applicant sat for the UBE on which ~~he or she~~the applicant achieved a scaled score of 264;
- (c) The applicant is a member in good standing ~~of the bar(s) in all jurisdictions~~ of admission;
- (d) The applicant meets ~~the Indiana's~~ character and fitness requirements ~~of Indiana~~; and
- (e) The applicant graduated from an ABA ~~accredited-approved~~ law school, unless the requirement is waived under Rule 13.1.

Section 2.

Any applicant for admission by a transferred UBE score shall be required to complete the Indiana Law Course, a jurisdiction-specific component on Indiana law, not later than ~~six (6)~~ months after the date of the applicant's admission to the Indiana bar. If an applicant fails to complete the Indiana Law Course within the required time period, the Board of Law Examiners may certify such fact to the Indiana Supreme Court with the recommendation that the applicant's license be suspended pending completion of the ~~-~~course.

Section 3.

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Applications for admission by a transferred UBE score shall be filed through the electronic application procedures prescribed by the Board ~~of Law Examiners.~~ The application shall be in such form and shall request such information as may be required by the Board ~~of Law Examiners.~~ The Board ~~of Law Examiners~~ may require additional information ~~deemed by~~ as it ~~to be~~ deemed necessary.

Section 4.

An affidavit of the dean of the ~~applicant's~~ applicant's law school, or the ~~dean's~~ dean's designee, to the effect that there is nothing in the school records or personal knowledge of the dean or faculty of such school to indicate that the applicant is not of good moral character or that the applicant is not fit for admission to the practice of law must be filed with the Board ~~of Law Examiners.~~ The Board shall provide forms for such certification.

Section 5.

A certified transcript of the law school record of the applicant showing the date of graduation and the degree conferred must be filed with the Board ~~of Law Examiners~~ before the applicant can be admitted to the bar.

Section 6.

Applications for admission by a transferred UBE score shall be accompanied by a filing fee of ~~five hundred dollars (\$500).~~ \$500.