

Rule 46-A. Admission to the Bar Based on COVID-19 Emergency Examination Waiver.

(a) **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.** A person may be admitted to the Bar of this jurisdiction if the person:

(1) received a J.D. degree in 2019 or 2020 from an ABA-approved law school;

(2) has or had timely completed an application, including payment of the required fee, to take a bar examination scheduled to be administered in this jurisdiction in 2020;

(3) has not been admitted to a bar in a different jurisdiction, sat for a bar examination in this or another jurisdiction, accessed bar examination materials remotely in this or another jurisdiction, failed a bar examination in this or another jurisdiction, or had a bar application denied;

(4) has passed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam, as provided in D.C. App. R. 46(c); and

(5) demonstrates good moral character and general fitness to practice law, as required by D.C. App. R. 46(g).

(b) **APPLICATION.** A person seeking to be admitted under this Rule shall submit an application to the Director of Admissions, using a separate application form to be developed and to be approved by the Committee on Admissions. Applications may be submitted beginning at 10 a.m. Eastern time on January 11, 2021, and must be submitted by 5 p.m. on April 30, 2021. The application shall be accompanied by (1) a payment to the Clerk, D.C. Court of Appeals, in an amount and form approved by the Committee and specified by the Director, and (2) payment to the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE), or proof of payment to NCBE, in an amount and form specified on the application form.

(c) **PROCEDURES.** Applications under this Rule will be handled under the procedures established in D.C. App. R. 46(g)-(l).

(d) **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.** A person admitted under this Rule:

(1) must complete the Mandatory Course on the District of Columbia Rules of Professional Conduct and District of Columbia Practice presented by the D.C. Bar (see D.C. Bar R. II, § 3) within sixty days of being admitted;

(2) for three years after admission, must practice under the direct supervision of an enrolled, active member of the D.C. Bar who (a) has practiced law in the District of Columbia for at least five years; (b) is in good standing, has never been disbarred or resigned from any bar with disciplinary charges pending, and has no pending disciplinary charges in any jurisdiction or court; (c) is the person's employer, works for the person's employer or law firm, or works for a non-profit organization in the District of Columbia that provides legal services to people of limited means at no charge or for a limited processing fee; and (d) takes responsibility for the quality of the person's work and complaints concerning that work; and

(3) for three years after admission, gives prominent notice in all business documents that the person's practice is supervised by one or more D.C. Bar members and that the person was "admitted to the Bar under D.C. App. R. 46-A (Emergency Examination Waiver)."

(e) WAIVER. Upon motion filed with the court showing extraordinary circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the court may waive one or more of the eligibility requirements provided in (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3).