

that the Declarant has faithfully complied with these Rules. If at any time before the Declarant is certified to the Supreme Court for licensure it appears that the Declarant obtained such preliminary determination via fraud, concealment, deception, material omission, or by failure to comply with these Rules, the Board may suspend such preliminary determination and continue its investigation for an additional 90 days from the date the Board discovers the apparent fraud, concealment, deception, material omission, or failure to comply with these Rules.

## **Rule 9**

### **Application to Take the Texas Bar Examination**

(a) Except as provided in (f), every Applicant to take the Texas Bar Examination must file with the Board an Application with all required fees by the deadlines stated below.

(1) February Texas Bar Examination.

(A) *Timely Filing Deadline for Application to Take the Texas Bar Examination.* The timely filing deadline is September 1.

(B) *Late Filing Deadline for Application to Take the Texas Bar Examination.* If accompanied by a \$150 late filing fee, the Board will accept an Application filed after September 1 and by November 1.

(C) *Application for Testing Accommodations.* An application for testing accommodations must be filed with the Application to take the Texas Bar Examination, but no later than November 1.

(D) *Final Filing Deadline for Application to Take the Texas Bar Examination.* If accompanied by a \$300 late fee, the Board will accept an Application submitted by December 1. The Board will not accept an Application for the February Texas Bar Examination after December 1 for any reason.

(2) July Texas Bar Examination.

(A) *Timely Filing Deadline for Application to Take the Texas Bar Examination.* The timely filing deadline is February 1.

(B) *Late Filing Deadline for Application to Take the Texas Bar Examination.* If accompanied by a \$150 late filing fee, the Board will accept an Application filed after February 1 and by April 1.

(C) *Application for Testing Accommodations.* An application for testing accommodations must be filed with the Application to take the Texas Bar Examination, but no later than April 1.

(D) *Final Filing Deadline for Application to Take the Texas Bar Examination.* If accompanied by a \$300 late fee, the Board will accept an Application

submitted by May 1. The Board will not accept an Application for the July Texas Bar Examination after May 1 for any reason.

- (b) The Application shall be made on a form furnished by the Board and calling for information reasonably related to a thorough inquiry into the Applicant's good moral character, fitness, legal education and other qualifications required in these Rules. Applicants who have filed a Declaration required under these Rules shall be required to complete the Application with information relating only to the period since the filing of the Declaration.
- (c) The Board may require the filing of a Supplemental Investigation Form in situations deemed appropriate by the Board.
- (d) The Applicant shall furnish proof satisfactory to the Board of compliance with the law study requirements of Rule 3, and no Applicant shall be admitted to the Texas Bar Examination until the Board has determined that these requirements have been met.
- (e) Upon the filing of an Application, the Board shall note the filing date and shall initiate an investigation of the Applicant. For Applicants who filed a Declaration required under these Rules, the investigation shall cover only the period of time subsequent to the filing of the Declaration, unless other matters relevant to moral character or fitness not previously revealed in such Declaration shall have come to the attention of the Board.
- (f) The filing deadlines and late fees set out in subsection (a) shall not apply to re-applicants who failed the immediately preceding Texas Bar Examination and who therefore could not have met the subsection (a) deadlines. Any such re-applicant may take the next Texas Bar Examination given upon filing a re-application and paying the required fees by:
  - (1) December 1, for the February Texas Bar Examination; or
  - (2) June 1, for the July Texas Bar Examination.

## **Rule 10**

### **Determination of Applicant Character and Fitness**

- (a) After completing its investigation on the Application, the Board shall determine whether, on all the documentation before it, the Board is satisfied that the Applicant possesses the requisite present good moral character and fitness. The Board must advise an Applicant who timely filed a Declaration of the Board's determination no later than the 150th day after the date the Application and fees were filed. The Board must advise all other Applicants of its determination no later than 270 days after the date that the Application and fees were filed. If the