

executed by Applicants for admission to the Texas Bar, whether for a first license to practice law or as a practicing attorney of another jurisdiction, or certificates or other forms to be executed by or on behalf of the Board itself.

(e) The Board is given discretion in the interpretation and application of these Rules. For good cause shown to the satisfaction of the Board, upon written request, waivers of specific requirements described in these Rules may be granted, unless it appears there from that no exceptions are contemplated by the Supreme Court.

(f) The Board may, in conjunction with its investigation of moral character and fitness or the administration of the bar examination, require Declarants and Applicants to furnish a complete set of fingerprints.

(g) The Board may delegate its duties to a panel of the Board or to the staff, as necessary and where not prohibited by law; provided, however, that the Board shall not delegate to staff its authority to make final determinations that an Applicant or Declarant lacks the requisite good moral character and fitness.

(h) The Supreme Court hereby creates the Board of Law Examiners Fund which shall be comprised of all fees and monies received and interest earned by the Board and shall be used by the Board to administer the functions of the Supreme Court and the Board relating to the licensing of lawyers as directed by the Court. The Fund shall be maintained in one or more financial institutions in Texas, as designated by the Board.

(i) The Board shall have full power to contract for the performance of all of its functions, and any person dealing or contracting with the Board shall be conclusively entitled to rely upon the Board's written determination that the expense thus incurred or contracted is for a proper function of the Board.

(j) The disbursement of funds shall be according to such rules, regulations and budgets as the Board may adopt. The Board shall keep a full record of such receipts and disbursements.

Rule XXI

Civil Immunity

Without limiting, restricting, or waiving any privilege or immunity otherwise available under state or federal law:

(a) The Board and its members, employees, and agents are immune from all civil liability for damages for conduct and communications occurring in the performance of and within the scope of their official duties relating to the character and fitness qualification, eligibility,

examination, monitoring, and licensing of Declarants, Applicants and Probationary Licensees.

(b) Records, statements of opinion, and other information regarding a Declarant, Applicant, or Probationary Licensee communicated without malice to the Board or to its members, employees, or agents by any person, entity, firm, or institution are privileged, and civil suits for damages predicated thereon are barred.

Rule XXII

Registration Program for Military Attorneys on Military Assignment in Texas but not Licensed in Texas

§ 1 General Requirements for Registration and Limited Permission to Practice Law

Upon the Board's approval, a military attorney who is admitted to practice law in a state other than Texas or in a territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, and who is a full-time, active-duty military officer serving in the office of a Staff Judge Advocate of the United States Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, or Coast Guard, a Naval Legal Service Office, or a Trial Service Office, located in Texas, may appear as an attorney and practice law before the courts and other tribunals of Texas in any civil proceeding, subject to the conditions and limitations in this rule and applicable law. This rule does not preclude a non-resident military attorney's request under Rule XIX to participate in the proceedings of a particular cause in a Texas court.

§ 2 Specific Requirements

The military attorney must be of good moral character and apply for registration annually by:

(a) filing an application and paying fees in the form and manner that the Board prescribes;

(b) presenting satisfactory proof of admission to practice law and current good standing as a member of the bar in any state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia;

(c) complying with the training requirements in this rule; and

(d) furnishing any additional information or proof that the Board requires in the course of processing the application.

§ 3 Training

Permission to practice law under this rule requires that the military attorney complete at least 15 credit hours of Accredited Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Activity, including a minimum of three hours of legal ethics or professional responsibility, within the first year of registration. The