

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
S U P R E M E C O U R T

Adopted July 15, 1925.

ORDERED that the following rules for the examination and admission of persons to practice as attorneys-at-law in all the courts of record in this State be, and the same are hereby prescribed and adopted pursuant to Section 5685 General Statutes of Minnesota 1923, the same to become effective on September 1, 1925.

1. STATE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS:

The State Board of Law Examiners shall consist of five members, The board shall elect a president and a secretary from among its members, and shall have authority to make rules for the administration of its duties from time to time as it may, in its discretion, deem necessary.

2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICANTS:

No person shall be admitted to practice law who is not at least twenty-one years of age, a person of good moral character, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of this State.

3. APPLICATIONS - TIME OF FILING - FEES:

Every person desiring to be admitted to practice in this State must make written application to the State Board of Law Examiners in such form as the board shall prescribe, and every such application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$25.00.

An applicant who has been granted permission to take the examination conducted by the board and fails to pass, and who thereby is not entitled under these rules to take the examination, within a year, shall, before he is granted permission to take another examination be required to again make written application to the board and accompany such application with a fee of \$25.00.

An applicant who has been granted permission to take the examination and fails in part, and under the rules of the board shall be entitled to take an examination within a year, shall be required to pay a fee of \$10.00 upon making application to take such examination.

Every applicant desiring leave to take the examinations shall file his application with the secretary of the board at least forty-five days before he takes his examination; provided that in the case of those applicants who are required to be re-examined in less than all of the subjects, such applicants shall not be required to make regular applications for permission to take such examination but, shall notify the board of their intention so to do at least fifteen days before the taking of such examination.

#### 4. ATTORNEYS FROM OTHER STATES - HOW ADMITTED:

An attorney duly admitted to practice in other states, or territories, or in the District of Columbia who is in good standing in said state, territory, or district, at the time of his application for admission, and who has been actively engaged in practicing law for at least three years next preceding his application for admission, may be admitted without examination in the discretion of the court and upon recommendation of the board.

Such attorney shall accompany his application with a certificate of a judge of a court of record, and the affidavits of two practicing attorneys of said state, territory, or district, that the judge and attorneys so certifying are well acquainted with such applicant, that he is a person of good moral character, and that he has been actively engaged in practicing law in such state, territory, or district, for at least three years next preceding the date of the application for admission to this State. Such attorney shall also file with his application like affidavits from two practicing attorneys of this State.

Such attorney shall also present with his application a certificate of his admission to the bar in said state, territory, or district, together with a certificate from the proper court therein that he is in good standing, and not under pending charges of misconduct.

5. ATTORNEYS FROM OTHER STATES OF LESS THAN THREE YEARS STANDING REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAMINATION;

An attorney-at-law admitted to practice in other states, or territories, or in the District of Columbia, who is in good standing in said state, territory, or district, at the time of his application for admission, but who has not been actively engaged in practicing law for at least three years next preceding his application for admission, must be examined for admission as hereinafter prescribed.

Such attorney shall accompany his application with a certificate of a judge of a court of record and the affidavits of two practicing attorneys of said state, territory, or district, that the judge and attorneys so certifying are well acquainted with such applicant, and that he is a person of good moral character, and such affidavits, shall further set forth how long a time, when, and under what circumstances such persons have known the applicant, and such further details respecting his habits and general reputation as may be proper to enable the board to determine the moral character of the applicant. Such attorney shall also file with his application like affidavits from two practicing attorneys of this state.

Such attorney shall also present with his application a certificate of his admission to the bar in said state, territory, or district, together with a certificate from the proper court therein that he is in good standing and not under pending charges of misconduct.

Such attorney must either be a graduate of an approved law school or must have studied law for four calendar years under the direction of a practicing attorney of this state as hereinafter prescribed, or he may combine time and credits obtained at such law school and time spent in the office of such practicing attorney provided, however, that the rules adopted by the court in October, 1921, shall govern any applicants who have commenced the study of law in a law office in this State prior to September, 1, 1925. If such an attorney is a graduate of an approved law school, he shall present his diploma, or proof that he has one, with his application. If he is not a graduate, but has studied at an approved law school, he will not be given credit for time spent thereat unless he shall present a certificate from the dean or secretary of such law school showing that the applicant was regularly admitted as a student therein with preliminary educational qualifications entitling to enter such school as a candidate for a degree therein. Such certificate shall also show that the applicant has pursued the regular course of study during the time that said applicant attended such school, and that he has satisfactorily passed examinations in all subjects covered by the said studies.

Upon satisfactorily complying with all of the requirements herein, such applicant will be granted permission to take the bar examinations.

6. GRADUATES OF APPROVED LAW SCHOOLS - REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAMINATIONS:

A graduate of an approved law school applying for admission shall present his diploma or certificate from the dean or secretary of such law school that he was duly and regularly

He shall also file with his application affidavits of at least two responsible persons of the town or city wherein he resides, setting forth how long a time, when and under what circumstances such persons have known the applicant, and such further details respecting his habits and general reputation as may be proper to enable the board to determine the moral character of the applicant.

Such applicant must have received his said diploma during the four years immediately preceding his application for examination.

Upon satisfactorily complying with all the requirements herein, such applicant will be granted permission to take the bar examination.

**7. LAW OFFICE STUDY - REQUIREMENTS - REGISTRATION - COURSE OF STUDY:**

Every person desiring to study law in a law office with a view to taking the examinations must do so under the directions and supervision of a resident, practicing attorney, and he shall, prior to the commencement of his studies, register with the clerk of the supreme court stating the name of the attorney under whom he intends to study, the place of study, and the date of commencement. If, during the period of study, the attorney or the place of study shall be changed, notice of such change must immediately be given to said clerk of the supreme court. Such person shall not be registered until he first make proof satisfactory to the board that he has the general qualifications described in rule 10.

Students of law who study under the direction of such resident, practicing attorney must pursue their course of study in the following manner:

The period of study must cover four calendar years of at least thirty-six weeks each year with a minimum each week of eighteen hours of study, and the attorney under whose direction the study is conducted must give personal direction regularly and

frequently to the student and must certify to the board as to compliance with these requirements; such course of study being as follows:

FIRST YEAR

Contracts  
Torts  
Criminal Law and Procedure  
Personal Property  
Legal Ethics

SECOND YEAR

Agency  
Domestic Relations  
Jurisprudence  
Sales  
Partnership

THIRD YEAR

Private Corporations  
Municipal Corporations  
Negotiable Instruments  
Minnesota Pleading & Practice  
Real Property  
Landlord and Tenant

FOURTH YEAR

Constitutional Law  
Wills and Administration  
Evidence  
Suretyship  
Damages  
Bailments and Carriers

Such applicant shall also file with his application affidavits of at least two responsible persons of the town or city wherein he resides, setting forth how long a time, when and under what circumstances such persons have known the applicant, and such further details respecting his duties and general reputation as may be proper to enable the board to determine the moral character of the applicant.

Such applicant must have studied law for the period of four calendar years during the eight years immediately preceding his application for examination.

Upon satisfactorily complying with all the requirements herein, such applicant shall be granted permission to take the bar examinations.

**8. LAW SCHOOL AND LAW OFFICE STUDY COMBINED - REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAMINATION:**

Applicants may combine studies pursued at an approved law school and studies pursued under the direction of a practicing attorney of this State, but such studies shall not run concurrently. Under this rule, an applicant who is not a graduate, but who has studied at an approved law school, will not be given credit for time spent thereat unless he shall present a certificate from the dean or secretary of such law school showing that the applicant was regularly admitted as a student therein with preliminary educational qualifications entitling him to enter such school as a candidate for a degree therein. Such certificate shall show that the applicant has pursued the regular course of study during the time that said applicant attended said school, and that he has satisfactorily passed examinations in all subjects covered by the said studies.

Such applicant, relying upon his office study, shall comply with requirements contained in rule seven herein, and in no event shall such applicant be entitled to permission to take the examinations until he shall have put in four calendar years of study at such law school and in such law office.

Such applicant shall also file with his application affidavits of at least two responsible persons of the town or city wherein he resides, setting forth how long a time, when and under what circumstances such persons have known the applicant, and such further details respecting his habits and general reputation as may be proper to enable the board to determine the moral character of the applicant.

Such applicant must have completed his said studies during the four years immediately preceding his application for examination.

Upon satisfactorily complying with all of the requirements herein, such applicant will be granted permission to take the bar examinations.

#### 9. LEGAL EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS:

Every applicant for permission to take the examination, in addition to having the general educational qualifications prescribed in rule ten, must either be a graduate of an approved law school or must have studied four calendar years in the office of a resident practicing attorney, as prescribed in rule seven, or must have satisfactorily completed four calendar years of study in both an approved law school and in the office of a resident, practicing attorney, as prescribed in rule eight.

#### 10. GENERAL EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS:

The general educational qualifications of applicants shall be established by the presentation to the board of a diploma showing graduation from a four year high school or from a preparatory school either of whose graduates are admitted on such diploma to the freshman class of any college or university where the requirements for admission are equal to those required by the University of Minnesota, or by proof that he has qualified by examination or diploma, to enter the same. The high school education or its equivalent shall be completed before the law studies are begun; provided, however, that as to all applicants who begin the study of law before September 1, 1925.



the rules now in force with respect to general educational qualifications shall be effective.

11. ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION OF APPLICANTS:

As to any and all persons who apply to take the examination, or for admission without examination, the board may make such further inquiry and investigation, and require such further evidence regarding moral character and education qualifications as it deems proper. In obtaining the required or desired information, the board will obtain the aid of the officers or committees of bar association whenever available.

12. SUBJECTS OF WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS:

All applicants for admission shall be required to pass a satisfactory examination in all of the subjects listed below as "Required Subjects" and in six of the subjects listed below as "Electives," each applicant being permitted to select for himself the six electives in which he wishes to be examined.

REQUIRED SUBJECTS:

Constitutional Law	Equity Jurisprudence
Property - Real and Personal	Agency
Contracts	Wills and Administration
Torts	Minnesota Pleading and Practice
Negotiable Instruments	Evidence
Sales	Criminal Law and Procedure
Private Corporations	Mortgages
	Legal Ethics

ELECTIVES:

Partnership	Municipal Corporations
Domestic Relations	Damages
Bailments and Carriers	Insurance
Trusts	Taxation
Suretyship	Landlord and Tenant
	Conflict of Laws

13. RE-EXAMINATIONS:

An applicant who has failed to pass and who must be re-examined in all the required subjects shall not be permitted to take another examination until one year after the examination at which he failed.

14. APPROVED LAW SCHOOLS - HOW SCHOOLS MAY BE APPROVED:

Approved law schools, within the meaning of these rules, shall be such law schools as are or may become members of the "Association of American Law Schools." The St. Paul College of Law, of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, The Minnesota College of Law, the Northwestern College of Law, and the Young Men's Christian Association Law School, all of the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, are approved, within the meaning of said rules, if and during the time only that said schools shall admit to their courses as candidates for degrees only prospective students having, at the time of admission the general educational qualifications prescribed in rule ten foregoing, and if and during the time only that said schools shall maintain either a day course of not less than three years or a night course of not less than four years; provided however, that as to any applicants who have matriculated in a law school prior to September 1, 1925, approved law schools shall be such as are defined in rule two of the State Board of Law Examiners adopted October 1, 1921.

Law schools other than these mentioned above may make application to the court for approval, setting forth in such application the facts as follows:

- a. Organization and government of school.
- b. Equipment and resources, including class room and library facilities.
- c. Names and qualifications of instructors.
- d. Extent of general preliminary education required to entitle matriculates to begin course for degree.
- e. Attendance required, length of course, number of hours per week required, subjects offered and subjects required.
- f. Length of school year and number of hours per week given to class work by regular members of faculty.
- g. Residentials and other requirements.

If such application be granted, such granting shall be evidenced by order of the court, recorded in the minutes of the court.

Credit and approval extended to any school, either by these rules or by order of the court, may be revoked at any time by the court. Such revocation shall be evidenced by order of the court, recorded in the minutes of the court.

A true record,  
Grace F. Haercher,

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Wednesday Morning, December 6th,  
A.D. 1927, 9:30 o'clock.

ORDERED this 7th day of December, 1927, that rule XII of the rules of the Court relative to admission to the bar be amended so as to read as follows:

XII. All applicants for admission by examination shall be required to pass a satisfactory examination in all of the subjects listed below as "Required Subjects," and in four of the subjects listed below as "Electives," each applicant being permitted to select for himself the four electives in which he wishes to be examined.

And it is ORDERED that rule XIII, as amended by the rule of September 22, 1927, be amended so as to read as follows:

XIII. An applicant who has failed to pass may take another examination at any regular examination within the next ensuing two years without presenting any additional affidavits or certificates. He shall give the secretary of the board notice of his desire to take such examination by making application on the forms provided by the board for that purpose twenty-five days before the time of the commencement of such examination, and shall accompany the application with a fee of twenty-five dollars. (§25).

Ordered that this Court stand adjourned until Thursday morning December 6th, 1927, at 9:30 o'clock.

A true record,

Attest: Grace F. Kaechner,

Clerk.