

STATE OF MINNESOTA
SUPREME COURT

Rule 1. The State Board of Law Examiners shall consist of five members. The board shall elect a president and secretary from among its members.

Rule 2. The fee for the privilege of taking an examination shall be twenty-five dollars, payable in advance. The same fee shall be paid by one who under the rules is entitled to be admitted to practice without passing an examination.

Rule 3. No person shall be admitted to practice law who is not at least twenty-one years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of this state.

Rule 4. Proof of moral character shall be prerequisite to admission. If the applicant is an attorney from another state or territory, or from the District of Columbia, such proof shall consist of the certificate of a judge of a court of record, and of two practicing attorneys of such 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. There shall also be a like certificate from two practicing attorneys of this state.

If the applicant is not an attorney, such proof shall consist of the affidavits of at least two responsible persons of the town or city where he resides, setting forth how long a time, when, and under what circumstances the persons making the same have known the applicant, and such further details respecting his habits and general reputation as the board may require to determine the moral character of the applicant. In obtaining the required information, the board will obtain the aid of the officers or committees of bar associations whenever available. Each applicant shall file with the secretary of the board, at least thirty days before he takes his examination and in such form as the board shall prescribe, an application for leave to take the examination.

Rule 5. Attorneys of other states, territories, or the District of Columbia who have been actively engaged in practicing law for at least three years next preceding their application for admission to practice in this state, may be admitted without examination in the discretion of the board.

If of less than three years standing, an attorney from another state or territory or the District of Columbia who has studied law either in a law school or in the office of a practicing attorney, or both, for a period of not less than three years, and who shall have spent six months in study in the office of a practicing attorney in this state, may be examined for admission as hereinafter prescribed.

Any person not an attorney, who shall have studied law for the period of three years during the four years immediately preceding his application for examination either in a law school having a course of study and instruction which meets with the approval of the board, or in the office of a resident practicing attorney, or both, may be examined by the board as hereinafter prescribed.

A graduate of an approved law school applying for admission shall present his diploma or proof that he has one to the secretary of the board. Any applicant who is not a graduate but who has studied at an approved law school shall present a certificate from the dean or secretary of the law school, showing the period he has studied and that he has passed examinations in all the subjects covered by his studies. If the applicant has been a student in the office of a practicing attorney, he shall present proof satisfactory to the board that his study and preparations has been adequate and under proper supervision.

Rule 6. Applications for admission to practice shall be in writing, shall be signed by the applicant, and shall state his name, age, occupation, if any, present residence, place of residence during the preceding five years, the nature of his general education, in what educational institutions it was pursued and the time spent therein, together with such additional information as may be required by the board.

All applicants except attorneys of three years standing shall also state where and during what time they have studied law, the name of each law school they have attended, if any, and of every attorney in whose office they may have studied and the subjects studied and for what period of time.

If the applicant be an attorney from some other state, or a territory, or the District of Columbia, he shall present to the secretary, with his application, his certificate of admission to the bar therein, together with a certificate from the proper court thereof that he is in good standing and not under pending charges of misconduct.

Under such regulations as it shall describe and at least twenty days before the board shall issue its certificate to any applicant who shall have passed the examination, it shall cause the name of such applicant to be published in a newspaper of the county in which the applicant resides.

Rule 7. The general educational qualifications of applicants shall be established either by the presentation to the board of a diploma from a high school giving a four years course, or by producing evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has the mental training and education needed creditably to enter the practice of law. Until such qualifications have been established, no applicant shall be permitted to take an examination for admission to practice.

Rule 8. 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
Property-Real and Personal
Contracts
Torts
Negotiable Instruments
Sales
Corporations-Municipal and Private
Equity Jurisprudence
Domestic Relations
Wills and Administrations
Minnesota Pleading and Practice
Evidence
Criminal Law and Procedure
Legal Ethics

Electives

Partnership
Agency
Bailments and Carriers
Mortgages
Suretyship
Damages
Insurance
Taxation
Landlord and Tenant

Rule 9. Examinations shall be held three times a year, one to be held during the last week of June. They shall be conducted at the State Capitol. Three days shall be given to each examination, two to written and one to oral examinations. Each member of the Board shall be present at the oral examinations unless unavoidably absent for a cause not within his control. The written examinations shall be personally conducted by one or more of the members of the board.

Rule 10. An applicant who has failed to pass and who must be re-examined in all or a majority of the required subjects shall not be permitted to take another examination until one year after the examination at which he failed.

A true record,

Attest: H. Mueller,

Clerk.