

Supreme Court

In re: Revised Application for Admission to :
the Rhode Island Bar :

ORDER

The attached revised Petition/Questionnaire for Admission to the Rhode Island Bar is hereby approved by the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

Entered as an Order of this Court this 18th day of April 2007.

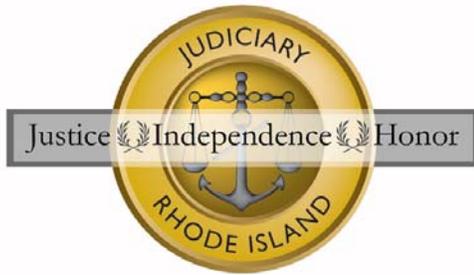
s/s
Williams, C. J.

Goldberg, J.

s/s
Flaherty, J.

Suttell, J.

s/s
Robinson, J.



RHODE ISLAND SUPREME COURT
COMMITTEE ON CHARACTER AND FITNESS
 LICHT JUDICIAL COMPLEX
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The filing deadlines for the Rhode Island bar exam are **DECEMBER 1 FOR THE FEBRUARY EXAM** and **MAY 1 FOR THE JULY EXAM.**

All applicants are requested to file their petitions well before the deadline so the Committee on Character and Fitness has sufficient time to complete its investigation prior to the applicants taking the bar exam. A prerequisite for each candidate taking the bar examination is a personal interview with the Committee on Character and Fitness. However, since the Committee may not complete its investigation prior to the examination, each person takes the Rhode Island bar examination with the understanding that if the Committee should recommend that a person not be admitted to the bar, that person might not be admitted even if he/she has passed the bar examination. The burden is upon the applicant to comply with all the rules.

All questions on these forms must be answered. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure all forms are distributed to the appropriate parties. **The applicant must provide the Committee with a criminal background check from all states in which they have resided since the age of eighteen (18).** The application is a multi-part form consisting of:

- One (1) Petition/Questionnaire for Admission (including Authorization and Release)
- One (1) Certificate from Dean/Administrator of Law School
- Two (2) Certificates of Good Moral Character
- Employment Verification
- Sample of Applicant's Handwriting
- Credit Report (Responsibility of applicant to submit credit report with the application)
- Amendment Form (To be used by applicant in the event of a change in Petition/Questionnaire after it has been filed)

BAR EXAM/CHARACTER AND FITNESS	FEES
New Applicants	\$ 450.00
Retakes	\$ 450.00
Attorney Admission*	\$ 800.00 *
Retakes	\$ 400.00
<i>To defer application</i>	\$ 225.00
<i>To transfer MBE scores</i>	\$ 25.00

ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.
All checks shall be payable to *Committee on Character and Fitness*.

*On attorney admission there should be two (2) checks: One in the sum of \$550.00 payable to the Committee on Character and Fitness, and the second check in the sum of \$250.00 made payable to the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

SECTION A

This Petition/Questionnaire for Admission to the Rhode Island Bar is continuing in nature and the applicant must give correctly and fully the information requested on this form and must keep this information current and up to date until the date of the submission to the Oath of Attorney in Rhode Island by submitting any changes to the Supreme Court Clerk's Office in writing or by responding to subsequent requests for information by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

1. a. Date of Application: _____ for exam in February July of _____.
Year

b. Full name: _____

Last
First
Middle

c. Current home address: _____
Street

City/Town
State
Zip Code

d. Telephone: (____) _____

e. Driver's License: _____

State
Number

f. Email address: _____

2. a. Place of birth: _____

Date of birth: _____

b. Are you a citizen of the United States or legal resident, of good character? YES NO
 Please provide proof of legal residency or naturalization.

c. Have you ever used or been known by any other name (including any nickname or maiden names)? YES NO

If yes, please state in full each name used or by which you have at any time been known and the reasons for each such name. (If the provisions of R.I.G.L. § 12-30-13 relating to the protection and supervision of witnesses apply to you, please indicate.)

Full Name	Date(s) of Use	Reason for Use

d. Has your name changed? YES NO

If yes, please state former name and when, how and why the change was made. If the change was made in a judicial or naturalization proceeding, please enclose an exact and complete copy of the order or other appropriate evidence of the change.

Full Name	When Change Made	How and Why Change Made

3. a. Father's name: _____
- b. Is he living? YES NO

If yes, list present address: _____

4. a. Mother's name: _____
- b. Is she living? YES NO

If yes, list present address: _____

5. List your brother(s) and sister(s) and their present address(es):

Name of Sibling	Address

6. a. Your marital status: Single Married Divorced/Separated

- b. If you are married, please provide:
 Date of Marriage Place of Marriage Full Name of Spouse

- c. If you are living apart from your spouse, has your separation been the subject of legal proceedings? YES NO

If yes, please enclose exact and complete copies of the separation documents.

- d. Except as stated above, have you ever been married? YES NO

If yes, please state when, where and with whom such marriage was contracted, and when and, if terminated, how the marital status was terminated. Please enclose an exact and complete copy of complaint or other initial pleading; answer; counterclaim; agreement, if any, final judgment or

other disposition entered in all such proceedings; list the names and addresses of all attorneys who participated; the names of the parties to such proceedings and the names and addresses of the courts in which the proceedings were instituted or maintained.

e. Were you required to pay support or alimony payments? YES NO

If yes, please advise the Committee of the status of your compliance with the support or alimony order and list the name and last known address of your former spouse(s).

Name	Address	Status

f. Do you have any children? YES NO

Have you ever been ordered by any court to pay child support? YES NO

If yes, please advise the Committee of the status of your compliance with any child support orders since the dates of entry.

7. List every permanent and/or other place you have resided over thirty (30) days since your twenty first (21st) birthday. All periods of time since your twenty first (21st) birthday must be covered. If more than one residence is applicable for any time period, please explain. Use addendum if necessary. (If the provisions of R.I.G.L. § 17-28-3 relating to address confidentiality apply to you, or if the provisions of § 12-30-13 relating to the protection and supervision of witnesses apply to you, please indicate.)

Address	City/State/Zip	Month/Year From	Month/Year To

8. List all education other than the study of law.

a. High School

Name	City/State	Month/Year From	Month/Year To

b. College(s) or universities **including those where credit was not received.**

Name and Address	Month/Year From	Month/Year To	Degree/Credit

9. a. List all law schools which you attended or are currently attending, **including those, if any, where credit was not received.**

Name and Address	Month/Year From	Month/Year To	Degree/Credit

b. If a law degree is not shown above but a degree is anticipated, please list anticipated date of graduation and degree to be received.

Law School

Mo./Yr.

Degree

Please request the law school(s) listed here to furnish a copy of your application for admission to the law school from which you graduated or anticipate graduating, as well as a certified copy of your transcript

directly to the Committee disclosing your complete record. Please authorize the law school(s) to furnish the Committee any other information about your past record or any record hereafter made as it may from time to time request. Please enclose copies of your request(s) to such law school(s). It is not necessary to request a partial transcript from the law school in which you are currently enrolled; however, you must request a complete transcript immediately following completion of your studies. Transcripts must come directly from each educational institution. Those delivered to the Board by the applicant are unacceptable.

10. This item requires that you list all employment, OTHER THAN THE ACTUAL PRACTICE OF LAW, where you have been employed six (6) months or longer.

a. Have you ever been employed or self-employed? YES NO
 (Please include employment as law clerk, intern, etc.)

If yes, beginning with any employment immediately after your twenty first (21st) birthday, please give name and complete mailing address of each employer or associate; the business or enterprise; the position or association you occupied; the month and year of the beginning and ending of each employment, self-employment or association; and the reason you left each employment or terminated the self-employment or association. Please list the location of your employment if it is other than the mailing address. Please list the last known mailing address if the business is dissolved or inactive. [Attorney admissions must also complete Question 38 as to the practice of law.]

Dates of Employment	Name, Address and Zip Code	Nature of Employment	Position	Reason for Leaving

11. a. Are you now or have you ever been a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard or any of the reserve components? YES NO

Dates of Periods of Active Duty	Branch of Service	Date of discharge

12. a. Did you register under any Selective Service Act? YES NO
 If no, state reason (e.g, female and not required):

b. If yes, please list:
 Selective Service Number: _____

Residence address at time of registration: _____

City, County, and State where registered: _____

13. If you have completed two (2) or more years of law school, list five (5) persons, none of whom is listed elsewhere in this application or is a fellow student, relative, employer, law partner or associate, who have known you within the past five years and can be found at the indicated addresses. Please make certain that no two (2) persons listed are members of the same household.

Name	Street Address	City, State, Zip Code

14. Have you ever made application in Rhode Island or to any other state or jurisdiction for registration as a student, or for admission to the bar examination or for admission to the Bar? YES NO

If yes, please provide the Committee with a certificate of good standing from any jurisdiction where you are admitted.

Date	State or Jurisdiction	Examination	Date of Admission	Passed/Failed/Withdrawn

15. MPRE. Have you taken the Multi-state Professional Responsibility Examination? YES NO

If yes, date of exam _____.

The MPRE must have been taken within two (2) years prior to sitting for the Rhode Island bar examination and an applicant must have attained a Scaled Score of 80. (The applicant is responsible for seeing that the MPRE score is forwarded to the Board of Bar Examiners by the NCBE.)

16. Have you read the Rhode Island Rules of Professional Conduct? YES NO

SECTION B

In accordance with Article II, Rule 3(h) of the Rhode Island Supreme Court Rules, this Section B and all documentary material filed in support of or in response to any question in this Section B shall be maintained by the Committee on Character and Fitness and shall not be available to the public except by Order of the Rhode Island Supreme Court. Accordingly, this Section B, which includes Questions 17 through 35, inclusive, is confidential in nature unless otherwise expressly ordered by the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

- 17. Have you ever been dropped, suspended, warned, placed on scholastic or disciplinary probation, expelled or requested to resign from any school, college, or university or otherwise subjected to discipline by any such school or other institution or requested by any such school or institution to discontinue your studies therein? YES NO

In answering this question, you are advised that no statute, administrative rule, court order or legal or administrative proceeding expunging or sealing the information required herein from any record or purporting to authorize any person to deny the existence of such matters shall excuse less than full disclosure.

If yes, please state the cause, circumstances and date of each occurrence.

- 18. a. Have you ever been discharged from any employment? YES NO

If yes, please state the date, circumstances, and name, address, and zip code of employer.

- b. Have you ever been requested, formally or informally, to resign from or terminate employment? YES NO

If yes, please state the date, circumstances, and name, address, and zip code of employer.

19. a. Have you ever made application for, or been prohibited from applying for, a position, the procurement of which required proof of good character, which application was denied? YES NO

If yes, as to each such application, state the name, address and zip code of the authority to whom it was addressed, date application was made, and the reason for denial.

- b. Have you ever held a license or certificate, the procurement of which required proof of good character, which license or certificate was revoked or suspended? YES NO

If yes, as to each such license or certificate, please state the date it was revoked or suspended, and the name and address and zip code of the issuing and revoking authority, and the reason for the revocation or suspension.

Also, have you ever applied for one and been refused? YES NO
If yes, explain.

You must enclose an exact and complete copy of the Order of Revocation or Suspension for each action listed above.

20. a. Have you ever been involved in, reprimanded for, or disciplined by an employer or educational institution for misconduct including:
- acts of dishonesty, fraud or deceit;
 - lying on a resume, or misrepresentation;
 - academic misconduct, including such acts as cheating;
 - misconduct involving student activities;
 - theft;
 - excessive absences;
 - failure to complete assignments in a timely manner;
 - actions in disregard of the health, safety and welfare of others;
 - sexual harassment;
 - neglect of financial responsibilities; or

- conduct related to the use of alcohol or any other drug in the last ten (10) years.

YES NO

If the answer to any of the above is yes, please set forth the specifics, including date of action; by whom taken; the name and address of the employment supervisor or academic advisor involved, if applicable; and any person involved in the investigation of your conduct.

- b. Have you ever been terminated or granted a leave of absence by an employer or withdrawn from an educational institution? (Do not include leaves of absence specifically authorized by state or federal law, e.g., family and bereavement leave, etc.) YES NO

If the answer to the above is yes, please set forth specifics, including date of action; by whom taken; and the name and address of the employment supervisor or academic advisor involved.

- c. As a member of the armed forces have any charges ever been made or proceedings instituted against you? YES NO

- d. Have you ever been a defendant in any court martial? YES NO

If the answer to either (c) or (d) is yes, please state the date, the nature of the charge, the facts, disposition of the matter and the location and designation of the military establishment where such proceedings took place.

e. Have you ever received a medical discharge or administrative discharge? YES NO
 If yes, please state the reason.

21. List all sources from which you borrowed or with which you have established credit, including any credit cards, during the last five (5) years, and the status, i.e. current or delinquent. *[Information regarding student loans should be listed in subsection 22(b).]* **A reference to your credit report will not answer this question sufficiently.**

Name, Address, Zip Code of Creditor	Account #	Date Repayment Begins	Balance	Status

22. a. List all current debts over five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and indicate status, i.e. current or delinquent. **A reference to your credit report will not answer this question sufficiently.**

Name, Address, Zip Code of Creditor	Account #	Date Repayment Begins	Balance	Status

- b. List all student loans and indicate status, i.e., current, deferred, or delinquent. **A reference to your credit report will not answer this question sufficiently.**

Name, Address, Zip Code of Creditor	Account #	Date Repayment Begins	Balance	Status

- c. Have any judgments ever been entered against you in favor of a creditor? YES NO

If yes, please list the names, present address and zip code of the holder of each judgment, enclose exact and complete copies of such judgments and, if satisfied, satisfaction of judgments. If not satisfied, please so state and indicate amount unsatisfied and payment plan.

23. List all business ventures including, but not limited to, corporations; land, business or trusts; limited or general partnerships or joint ventures; nonprofit corporations or general partnership or joint venture; nonprofit corporations or general associations; and all business associations trading or holding property in a name which appear to be the name of a corporation or limited partnership in which you own or owned 10% or more of the capital stock or other property interest, either legally or equitably.

Name of Entity	State of Incorporation	Address	City, State, Zip Code (if foreign, please state)

24. List all business ventures, including, but not limited to, corporations; land, business or trusts; limited or general partnerships or joint ventures; nonprofit corporations or associations; and all business associations trading under a name which might appear to be a corporation, in which you are or have been an officer, director, or trustee.

Name of Entity	Principal Office and Mailing Address	Position Held	Dates Held

25. List all litigation or other proceedings (including every cease and desist order, or other order) in any court of law or equity or any criminal court or before any government board or agency, or any arbitration board, in which any of the corporations or business associations named in Question 23 or Question 24 above has been a party (a) during the period of time in which you owned 10% or more of the capital stock or other property interest in any said entity listed in Question 23 above or (b) during the period of time in which you were an officer, director or trustee, managing or general partner of any said entity listed in Question 24 above.

Case # and Dated Filed	Court/Agency	Type of Proceedings	Plaintiff/Prosecutor	Defendant	Disposition

26. List all judgments, liens, orders and decrees ever entered against any entity listed in Questions 23 or 24 above, remaining unsatisfied as of the present date.

Case # and Dated Filed	Court/Agency	Type of Proceeding	Plaintiff/Prosecutor	Defendant	Disposition

27. List all suits in equity, actions at law, suits in bankruptcy or other statutory proceedings, matters in probate, support, administrative proceedings, quasi-judicial proceedings and every other judicial proceeding of every nature and kind, except criminal proceedings, to which you are or have ever been a party. Please use addendum, if necessary.

Case # and Dated Filed	Court/Agency	Type of Proceeding	Plaintiff/Prosecutor	Defendant	Disposition

Enclose an exact and complete copy of the complaint or other initial pleading; answer; counterclaim, if any; and the disposition of each action listed above.

28. *In answering the following three (3) parts of this question, you are advised that no statute, court order or legal proceeding withholding adjudication, expunging the information required herein, or dismissing, vacating or setting aside any arrest, accusation or conviction, or purporting to authorize any person to deny the existence of such matters shall excuse less than full disclosure. You must answer the question; an attachment of letters from law enforcement agencies in lieu of an answer is not acceptable. Once an offense is disclosed under any part of this question, it is not necessary to report the same offense under another part of this question.*

a. List all instances in your life (including while you were a juvenile) in which you have been arrested, detained or restrained, given a warning or taken into custody or accused, formally or informally, of violating a law or ordinance, or accused, formally or informally, of committing a delinquent or wayward act. Also include any instance in which you have been questioned regarding any criminal matter. Traffic violations should be listed in subsection (b) and (c), as applicable.

Date	Name of Arresting/Detaining Agency, and City and State	Case Number and Original Charge/Accusation	Disposition/Fine

In each case you must attach a complete and detailed explanation of the facts and the subsequent actions.

b. List all instances in your entire life in which you have been charged with a traffic violation which resulted in a fine due at any one time in excess of \$200.00 or more, charged with a traffic

violation which resulted in time spent in jail, or probation, charged with offense of reckless driving, driving while intoxicated, driving under influence of alcohol or drugs, driving with an unlawful blood alcohol level, refusal to submit to a chemical test, vehicular manslaughter, or vehicular homicide, or have had your driver's license revoked or suspended.

Date	Name of Arresting/Detaining Agency, and City and State	Case Number and Original Charge/Accusation	Disposition/Fine

In each case you must attach a complete and detailed explanation of the facts and the subsequent actions.

- c. List all instances, since the age of eighteen (18), in which you have been arrested, given a written warning, taken into custody or accused, formally or informally, of violating a traffic law or ordinance other than parking offenses.

Date	Name of Arresting/Detaining Agency, and City and State	Case Number and Original Charge/Accusation	Disposition/Fine

In each case you must attach a complete and detailed explanation of the facts and the subsequent actions.

- 29. List all criminal proceedings to which you were or have been a party and all proceedings in which you were or have ever been a party and all proceedings in which you committed or were accused of committing a delinquent or wayward act or violation of the law while you were a juvenile.

Date	Name of Arresting/Detaining Agency, and City and State	Original Charge/Accusation	Disposition/Fine

In each case you must attach a complete and detailed explanation of the facts and the subsequent actions.

- 30. Have you ever been offered or granted immunity, testified or been called as a witness in any grand jury proceeding, criminal action or criminal proceeding in which you were not a party? YES NO

If yes, please state the place, the date, the name of the defendant, the nature of the action or the proceeding, the court and the circumstances. (If the provisions of R.I.G.L. § 12-30-13 relating to the protection and supervision of criminal witnesses apply to you, please indicate.)

- 31. a. Have you ever been bonded under a surety bond? YES NO

If yes, please state the date, facts, and the circumstances surrounding the bonding, including the nature of the office or position for which you were bonded, dates, amount of bond, and name of surety company.

- b. Have you ever been refused a bond? YES NO

If yes, please state the date, facts, and the circumstances surrounding the refusal.

- c. If you have ever been bonded, has anyone ever sought to recover upon such bond or to cancel the same? YES NO

State the circumstances and the attempt at the actual recovery of the bonding or the conditions of the cancellation.

Preamble to Questions 32-35

The Committee on Character and Fitness must assess effectively the health of each applicant. A lawyer's untreated or uncontrolled mental disorder or substance abuse may result in injury to the public. Additionally, physical conditions, under certain circumstances, may adversely affect one's ability to practice law. Questions 32-35 request information essential to the Committee's assessment. The Committee assures each applicant that the Supreme Court, upon the Committee's recommendation, has admitted applicants with a history of mental illness, substance abuse, and utilization of the services of mental health professionals.

The Committee considers unsatisfactory mental health to include (1) evidence of an untreated, uncontrolled mental illness or substance abuse that interferes with one's ability to practice law, or (2) evidence of the likelihood of a relapse of: (a) a prior mental illness, or (b) substance abuse that would interfere with one's ability to practice law. The Committee encourages applicants to seek assistance of mental health professionals, if needed. The Committee considers physical conditions that affect one's ability to practice law to include those mental conditions that are irreversible or, if untreated or uncontrolled, significantly interfere with one's cognitive capacity and legal judgment.

The Committee further assures each applicant that the information disclosed in the responses to these questions will be discussed, if at all, only at the initial interview with a single Committee member, unless the interviewer concludes that a referral to the full Committee is warranted.

"Illegal use of drugs" means the use of controlled substances obtained illegally as well as the use of controlled substances which are not obtained pursuant to a valid prescription or taken in accordance with the directions of a licensed health care practitioner.

"Currently" does not mean on the day of or even weeks or months preceding the completion of this application. Rather, it means recently enough so that the condition or impairment may have an ongoing impact.

You have a right to elect not to answer those portions of the questions that inquire as to the illegal use of controlled substances or activity if you have reasonable cause to believe that answering may expose you to the possibility of criminal prosecution. In that event, you may assert the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination. Any claim of Fifth Amendment privilege must be in good faith. If you choose to assert the Fifth Amendment privilege, you must do so in writing. You must fully respond to all other questions on the application. Your application will be processed if you claim the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination. However, the Committee may take your refusal to answer questions into account in assessing your candidacy.

32. During the past three years, have you been addicted to or treated for the use of any drug, including alcohol? YES NO

If yes, please state the details, including dates and name(s) and address(es) of the individual(s) who provided treatment, if treatment was received.

In responding to Question 33, "ability to practice law" shall be construed to include the following:

- (a) *the cognitive capacity to undertake fundamental lawyering skills such as problem solving, legal analysis and reasoning, legal research, factual investigation, organization and management of legal work, making appropriate reasoned legal judgments, and recognizing and solving ethical dilemmas, for example;*
- (b) *the ability to communicate legal judgments and legal information to clients, other attorneys, judicial and regulatory authorities, with or without the use of aids or devices; and*
- (c) *the capability to perform legal tasks in a timely manner.*

33. Within the past three (3) years have you suffered from any condition or impairment (including but not limited to substance abuse, alcohol abuse, physical condition, mental, emotional or nervous disorder) that in any way impairs your judgment or, if untreated, could affect your ability to practice law in a competent and professional manner? YES NO

If yes, state the name and complete address of each hospital, institution, treatment facility or provider; the dates of treatment or evaluation; the name of each individual in charge of your treatment or evaluation; and describe what, if any, efforts have been made to remediate it.

34. During your adulthood, have you ever been placed under guardianship or conservatorship in any legal proceeding? YES NO

If yes, please explain in detail, including an exact and complete copy of the complaint or other initial pleading; answer; and the disposition of each action listed above.

35. Within the past ten (10) years, have you ever raised the issue of consumption of drugs or alcohol or the issue of a mental, emotional or behavioral disorder or condition as a defense, mitigation or explanation

SECTION C

This section must be completed by all applicants who have been admitted to practice law in any jurisdiction or court.

In accordance with Article II, Rule 3(h) of the Rhode Island Supreme Court Rules, this Section C and all documentary material filed in support of or in response to any question in this Section C shall be maintained by the Committee on Character and Fitness and shall not be available to the public except by Order of the Rhode Island Supreme Court. Accordingly, this Section C, which includes Questions 36 through 41, inclusive, is confidential in nature unless otherwise expressly ordered by the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

36. a. List all jurisdictions and courts, State and Federal, in which you have been admitted to practice law and give dates of admissions.

Jurisdiction	Court	Date of Admission

You must enclose a certificate(s) as to your current standing in each of the above state jurisdictions.

- b. In connection with your application for admission to practice law, were you required to appear before any board, committee, or other examining authority for examination or inquiry about any matter, other than on examination upon legal subjects? YES NO

If yes, list the name and address of any such authority and the reason for the appearance.

- c. Have you been entitled to practice in each of the jurisdictions and courts specified in your answer to Question 36(a) continuously from the date you first became so entitled until the date hereof? YES NO

If no, please state the dates during which you have been so entitled, the nature and date of the disqualification, the facts and the name, address and zip code of the authority in possession of the records thereof.

37. a. Have you ever been disbarred? YES NO
- b. Have you ever been suspended from practice? YES NO
- c. Have you ever been reprimanded, censured, or otherwise disciplined? YES NO
- d. Have any charges or complaints, formal or informal, ever been made or filed or proceedings instituted against you? YES NO
- e. Have you ever appeared, formally or informally, before a grievance or other similar committee of any bar association, any court, or other law group? YES NO

If yes, to any of the foregoing questions, please state the date, the nature of the charge, the facts, disposition of the matter, and the name, address and zip code of the authority in possession of the records therefore.

38. List each period of private practice or employment in the practice of law since you were first admitted to practice in any jurisdiction or court including temporary or part-time work.

Dates of Practice	Firm Name, Address, City, State and Zip Code	Partners/Associates/ Shared Office Space/Address	Nature of Practice/Extent of Duties	Reason for Leaving

39. List the names and address of three (3) attorneys and two (2) clients who know you, who are not relatives and are not listed elsewhere in this application.

Name	Firm/Business Name	Address, City, State & Zip Code	Occupation/Profession

40. List the names, address, and occupations of five (5) reputable and responsible persons in each locality listed in Question 38 with whom you are personally acquainted, who are not relatives, and who are not previously listed in this questionnaire, stating fully your relationship with each of these persons.

Name	Address	Occupation/Profession	Nature and Length of Relationship

41. a. Have you ever held judicial office? YES NO

If yes, state where, when and office held, and if terminated, the reasons therefor.

b. Have any charges or complaints, formal or informal, ever been made or filed or proceedings instituted against you while you were holding judicial office? YES NO

If yes, please state the date, the nature of the charge, the facts, disposition of the matter, and the name and address of the authority in possession of the records thereof.

SECTION D

This section must be completed by all applicants.

I hereby acknowledge that this application is a continuing application for the Rhode Island Bar and that I have an obligation to keep the responses to the questions therein current, complete and correct by the filing of timely Amendment to Application (form provided upon request) until the date of my taking the Oath of Attorney in Rhode Island.

Signature of Applicant

State of _____

County of _____

_____, being first duly sworn says: I have read the foregoing questions and have answered the same fully and frankly. The answers are complete and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date: _____

NOTARIZATION

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Notary Public

My commission expires _____

(Seal)

AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

I, _____ born at _____
 (Name) (City) (State)
 on _____, having filed an application for admission to the Bar of Rhode Island, do hereby consent to have an investigation made by the Character and Fitness Committee of Rhode Island Supreme Court as to my moral character, reputation and fitness for the practice of law. I agree to give any further information which may be required in reference to my past record. I understand that if there is an adverse determination by the Character and Fitness Committee, the contents of the report will be disclosed to me; otherwise, I will not be entitled to disclosure of such contents and the same will be privileged.

I also authorize and request every person, firm, company, corporation, governmental agency, court association or institution having control of any documents, records and other information pertaining to me, to furnish to the Character and Fitness Committee any such information, including documents, records, bar association files regarding charges or complaints filed against me, formal or informal, pending or closed, or any other pertinent data, and to permit the Character and Fitness Committee, or any other of their agents or representatives, to inspect and make copies of such documents, records and other information.

I authorize the Character and Fitness Committee to obtain any information from my official record on file with the Selective Service System, located in the City of _____, State of _____, and further authorize the Department of the _____ to furnish to the Character and Fitness Committee, the record of each period of my service therein, and to furnish my service record for each period; and do hereby consent to and authorize the release of such information by the Selective Service System and the department of the _____. My Serial Number was _____.

As an inducement to the Character and Fitness Committee to investigate and reach a determination respecting my moral character, reputation and fitness for the practice of law, I hereby release, discharge and exonerate the Character and Fitness Committee, their agents and representatives, from any and all liability of every nature and kind arising out of any such investigation or out of the furnishing, inspection or use of such documents, records, and other information. **I have read the foregoing document and have given all information fully and frankly. The information is complete and is true of my knowledge.**

 (Applicant Signature)

NOTARIZATION	
State of _____	County of _____
Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____	
_____ Notary Public	
(Seal)	My commission expires: _____



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CERTIFICATE OF DEAN/ADMINISTRATOR OF LAW SCHOOL

Instructions: This form should be forwarded to the Dean of your law school or other appropriate administrative official for completion upon receipt of your LL.B., J.D., or LL.M. degree. The completed form should be forwarded directly to the Committee on Character and Fitness at the address above by the Dean of your law school.

I, _____, hereby certify that I am the _____ of
Name of Official Title
 _____ that _____ entered the law school of said
Law School Applicant's Name
 college/university on _____; and that the degree of _____ was conferred on _____;
Date Degree Date

and that there **are** **are not** any matters known to me or contained in the graduate's record which depreciate the graduate's good moral character. (If there are matters known or contained in the file, I have appended documents fully explanatory of those matters.)

From the records of your office please check the appropriate answer below:

- Is the applicant honest? Yes No Unknown
- Is the applicant thorough in fulfilling obligations? Yes No Unknown

If your answer to either of the above questions is no, please provide a short summary of details at the end of this form.

Do the records of your office reflect that the applicant has ever been:

- Suspended, expelled, asked to resign or otherwise disciplined by any educational institution?
- A party to any legal or administrative proceeding?
- Arrested for any traffic or criminal charge?
- Accused of a violation of trust?
- Denied admission to the Bar of any other state or jurisdiction?
- Delinquent in any financial obligations?
- Ever reprimanded, disciplined or cautioned for tardiness, absenteeism, or unsatisfactory academic performance while a student?

	YES		NO

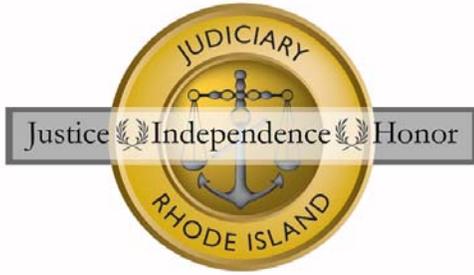
If you have any personal remarks, or if the answer to any of the above questions is yes, please provide a short summary of details at the end of this form. The Committee sincerely appreciates your cooperation in completing this form and assures you that the information furnished by you will not be revealed to anyone who is not authorized by the Rules of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island relating to admission to the Bar.

The information furnished by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date

Signature of law school official

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AMENDMENT FORM FOR BAR APPLICATION

Use this form to list the question numbers contained in your application about which additional and supplemental facts and information are to be disclosed and follow each such number with the facts and information as was done in your original application. A single copy of this Amendment Form shall be filed. All answers must be typed by the applicant and the form must be notarized.

Name: _____ Full date of birth: _____.

Amendment to original application or amendment form dated _____ and submitted for the bar exam in February or July of _____.

I understand that my application for admission to the Rhode Island Bar is a continuing application and for this reason amend my application with the following additional facts and information which correctly and fully brings my previous filed Petition/Questionnaire and/or Amendment Form to a current status.

This amendment applies to the following petition/questionnaire questions:

Being first duly sworn, the foregoing information is complete and true of my own knowledge.

Signature

NOTARIZATION

State of _____ County of _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Notary Public

(Seal)

My commission expires: _____



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EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION FORM
(To be completed and sent to Employer by Applicant)

****Please return promptly****

The authorization and release executed by the below applicant is on file in this Office.

Applicant's Name: _____ Full date of birth: _____

The above applicant has applied for admission to the Bar of the State of Rhode Island. The applicant states that he/she was in your employ _____.

Your answers to the following questions will be appreciated by the Committee on Character and Fitness before which his/her application is pending.

1. Has the applicant correctly stated the term of his/her employment by you? YES NO
2. What do your records show as to the applicant's:
Honesty? _____
Integrity? _____
General Conduct? _____
3. Was the applicant ever reprimanded, demoted, disciplined, terminated, or cautioned for tardiness, absenteeism, or unsatisfactory job performance while in your employ? YES NO
If yes, please explain. _____
4. Why did the applicant leave your employ? _____

5. While in your employ was the applicant worthy of trust and confidence? YES NO
If no, please explain _____

6. Please state any facts favorable or unfavorable to the applicant not covered by the foregoing questions that you think should be made known to the Committee in connection with its duty to determine whether the applicant is worthy of the highest trust and confidence.



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CERTIFICATE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER

Applicant must give this information to two (2) individuals not used as references in any other part of the Petition/Questionnaire.

Applicant's Name: _____ Date of birth: _____
Candidate for Admission to the Practice of Law

1. Reference Name: _____

Residence Address: _____

Occupation: _____

2. How long and how well have you known the above applicant? _____

3. What opportunity have you had for forming an opinion of his/her character? _____

4. Are you personally acquainted with the applicant's family? YES NO

Are you personally acquainted with the applicant's associates? YES NO

If so, what are the associates' reputations in the community? _____

5. What is the applicant's reputation for reliability? _____ Integrity? _____

Initiative? _____ Sense of Honor? _____ Morality? _____

6. Would a desire for financial gain or any other motive induce him/her to ignore what he/she believed to be right? YES NO

If yes, please explain _____

7. In your opinion, does this applicant possess the high standards of character required for admission to the practice of law? YES NO

If no, please explain _____

8. If any of the foregoing information is from sources other than personal knowledge, please list the sources. _____

9. Do you have knowledge that the applicant has been guilty of criminal or unethical conduct? YES NO

If yes, please explain _____

I attest that I am not related by blood or marriage to the above applicant who is seeking admission to the Bar of Rhode Island. I certify that the answers given from personal knowledge are correct. If other sources of information have been used they are only those which I believe are accurate and reliable.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

NOTARIZATION

State of _____

County of _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Notary Public

(Seal)

My commission expires: _____