

STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
AMENDMENT TO
MAINE BAR ADMISSION RULES

2025 Me. Rules 01

Effective: March 15, 2025

All of the Justices concurring therein, the following amendment to the Maine Bar Rules is adopted to be effective on the date indicated above. The specific amendment is stated below. To aid in the understanding of the amendment, an Advisory Note appears after the text of the amendment. The Advisory Note states the reason for recommending the amendment, but the Advisory Note is not part of the amendment adopted by the Court.

1. Rule 6(a) of the Maine Bar Admission Rules is amended to read as follows:

RULE 6. FEES

(a) Application Fees. Each application for admission to the bar shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee. Payment shall be made by debit card, credit card, personal check, cashier's check, certified check, or money order payable to the Board of Bar Examiners. The payee will be charged a convenience fee for any payment made by debit card or credit card.

(1) *Applicants admitted in another jurisdiction for one year or more.* Each application for admission to the bar by an applicant who has been admitted to practice in any other jurisdiction for one year or more shall be filed with the Board on forms prepared by the Board and shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$650~~ \$900 plus any applicable late fees. Applicants admitted to practice in any other jurisdiction for one year or more shall also authorize the National Conference of Bar Examiners to prepare a full investigative report and supply it to the Board in a timely manner and shall pay the fee the National Conference of Bar Examiners sets for that service directly to the NCBE.

(2) *Applicants never admitted in any jurisdiction or admitted in another jurisdiction for less than one year.* Each application for admission to the bar by

an applicant who has never been admitted to any bar, or who has been admitted to another bar for less than one year, shall be filed with the Board on forms prepared by ~~it~~ the Board and shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$600~~ \$800 plus any applicable late fees.

(3) *Applicants seeking admission pursuant to Rule 11A ~~and 11B~~*. Each application for admission to the bar upon motion pursuant to Rule 11A ~~or by transferred Uniform Bar Examination score pursuant to Rule 11B~~ shall be filed with the Board on forms prepared by the Board and shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$900~~ \$1000. Applicants seeking admission under Rule 11A shall also authorize the NCBE to prepare a full investigative report and supply it to the Board in a timely manner and shall pay the fee the NCBE sets for that service directly to the NCBE.

(4) Applicants seeking admission pursuant to Rule 11B admitted in another jurisdiction for a year or more. Each application for admission to the bar upon motion pursuant to Rule 11B for applicants who have been admitted to another jurisdiction for a year or more shall be filed with the Board on forms prepared by the Board and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$1000. Applicants seeking admission under Rule 11B who have been admitted in another jurisdiction for one year or more shall also authorize the NCBE to prepare a full investigative report and supply it to the Board in a timely manner and shall pay the fee the NCBE sets for that service directly to the NCBE.

(5) Applicants seeking admission pursuant to Rule 11B not admitted in another jurisdiction for a year or more. Each application for admission to the bar upon motion pursuant to Rule 11B for applicants who have not been admitted to another jurisdiction for a year or more shall be filed with the Board on forms prepared by the Board and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$900.

Advisory Note – March 2025

Subdivision (a) is amended to reflect the Court's recent approval of a request from the Maine Board of Bar Examiners to increase application fees. The last amendment to the Rule for a fee increase arose out of an amendment that took effect in October 2014. *See* 2014 Me. Rules 14 (amending M. Bar Admission R. 6(a) effective Oct. 14, 2014). Also, subdivision (a)(1) is amended to provide the full name of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, and subdivision (a)(2) is amended to use consistent language in referring to forms

prepared by the Board. Subdivision (a)(4) is adopted to apply to applicants seeking admission pursuant to Rule 11B admitted in another jurisdiction for a year or more. Subdivision (a)(5) is adopted to apply to applicants seeking admission pursuant to Rule 11B not admitted in another jurisdiction for a year or more.

Dated: March 7, 2025

FOR THE COURT,*

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VALERIE STANFILL
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* This Rule Amendment Order was approved after conference of the Court, all Justices concurring therein.