

Pathway 1

For JD students who began law school after August 1, 2016, the New York bar requires applicants to demonstrate that the applicant has acquired the skills and professional values necessary to competently practice law. The requirement may be found at this link:

<http://www.courts.state.ny.us/ctapps/news/nottobar/nottobar121615.pdf>. Applicants are required to submit an affidavit which is found at this link:

[https://www.nybarexam.org/Admission/19 Bar Admission-Skills Form.pdf](https://www.nybarexam.org/Admission/19%20Bar%20Admission-Skills%20Form.pdf)

Cleveland-Marshall requires that students follow the pathway listed below to demonstrate competence which requires applicants to have at least 15 credits in practice-based experiential learning. To certify that a graduate has attained the necessary skills and professional values, a student must earn a C+ or passing grade in each course listed below.

Required Courses (6 credits):

1. Professional Responsibility (L643) (3 credits)
2. At least one clinic or externship (3 credits)

An additional nine credits in any of the following courses:

1. Clinic or Externship courses (3 to 9 credits)
2. Advanced Brief Writing (L615) (2 credits)
3. Advanced Legal Writing & Research (L777) (2 credits)
4. Legal Drafting: Special Topics (L798) (2 credits)
5. Legal Drafting: General (L778) (2 credits)
6. Legal Writing & Litigation (L792) (2 credits)
7. Trial Advocacy (L663) (3 credits)
8. Trial Advocacy Competition (L863, 864) (up to 4 credits)
9. Mock Trial Team (L836) (2 credits)
10. Transition to Practice (L634) (3 credits)
11. Mediation (L673) (2 credits)
12. Negotiation Skills (L) (2 credits)
13. Moot Court L806, L809, L 820, L823, L836,(up to 3 credits)¹
14. Criminal Justice Decision Points (L575) (3 credits)
15. Legal Technology Certification (L510) (1 credit)
16. Patent Law & Practice (L642) (3 credits)
17. Pretrial Practice (L668) (3 credits)
18. 7 Habits of Effective Lawyer Leaders (2 credits)

¹ Moot Court experiences during the first year are not eligible, see NY 520.18(a)(2)(iii).

Up to 6 of the 9 credits may be gained through a summer employment experience that is certified non-credit bearing by the law school and is supervised by an attorney that is in good standing in any state or territory of the United States or District of Columbia. Additional requirements apply. For more information about this option, please visit <http://www.courts.state.ny.us/ctapps/news/nottobar/nottobar121615.pdf>