



Bar Exam Planning

Ohio Bar Licensure

- JD Degree
- Pass the MPRE (Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam)
- Complete the Character and Fitness Process
- Pass the Bar Exam – UBE in Ohio
- Ohio Law Component
- **Other States**

MPRE

- From NCBE – usually given at testing centers March, August, and November- last 2021 test 11/4 and 11/ 5 registration deadline 9/17/21
- <https://www.ncbex.org/exams/mpre/>
- Accommodations
- Study for this Test! Free Barbri MPRE course
- <https://www.barbri.com/mpre-review/>

Two Application Process

- Application to Register as A Candidate for Admission (Character and Fitness Application)
- Application to Take the Bar Exam

Applications

- Character and Fitness Application Due November 15 of Second Calendar Year
- <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/AttySvcs/admissions/application/default.asp>
- 4 year time limit

Applications

- Application to take the Bar Exam (also includes a character and fitness update questionnaire)

February Exam due November 1

July Exam due April 1

https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/AttySvcs/admissions/Bar_Exam/default.asp

Resources

- Ohio Office of Bar Admissions Staff and CMBA Recordings
- <https://www.law.csuohio.edu/lawlibrary/bar>
- 2L Bar Mentors
- Summary of Character and Fitness Process in Ohio at
<https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/characterFit/CFProcess.pdf>

Character and Fitness Process

- Continuous timeline from age 18 to present (depending on current age) - addresses, school, work, certain juvenile events, traffic, financial, criminal history must be noted, too
- Interview with two members of the Bar Association in the county in which you live
- Can take several months to complete review
- Reviewed by the Board of Commissioners for Character and Fitness at the Ohio Supreme Court.

Review – Website and Forms

- Registration Application/Fees (11/15)
 - by 11/15 of 2L year NCBE \$250 OH \$75
 - after 11/15 of 2L year NCBE \$355 OH \$275
 - NCBE fees increase July 2022
- Current 2Ls - Certificate of Dean sent by school, letter to Court – non 2L send form to Records Office

Website and Forms

- Fingerprints at CM 10/14 2 – 6 and
10/20 9-1

CSU Police, Local Police Departs. – cards in
Law Library Computer Lab, SSC back of 138
or Bar Admissions Office.

- Undergrad official transcript - sent to you
- Items 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10 – cannot see until
finish Questionnaire /upload info
Questionnaire/due diligence

Website and Forms

- <https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/AttySvcs/admissions/application/default.asp>

Law School Application

○ 2.

Have you ever received a discharge other than honorable from military or other service?

○ Yes No

○ 3.

Probation/Suspension/Warning/Sanction/Dismissal:

Have you been placed on probation, warned, suspended, sanctioned, or dismissed by any college or university for any academic or non-academic reason?

○ Yes No

Law School Application

- 4. Character and Fitness: Are there any criminal charges pending against you or have you ever been convicted or granted deferred adjudication or diversion for any offense, felony or misdemeanor, including traffic offenses (like driving under the influence), but excluding minor moving violations and parking tickets? (All matters must be reported, even if they were expunged or the records sealed under the laws of any state).

- Yes No

Character and Fitness Issues

- Failure to make required disclosures on your Law School Application
- Substance abuse, dependency, untreated mental health issues – Red flags - Underage consumption citations, DUI, fighting, disorderly conduct
- Financial Issues
- Honor Code Violations
- Disregard for the Law - Traffic Offenses BMV Form 1173

Issues? - Address the problem - File timely!

Application to Take Bar Exam

- Examination Application (11/1 or 4/1)
- Fees
 - by due date \$422
 - after due date \$522
- Law School Character Certificate
- Accommodations
- Final Law School Certificate sent by law school

Application to Take Bar Exam

- Substance Abuse Instruction Requirement
– free online 1 hour course offered by OSBA
- Join OSBA (free)
- OSBA website and select Self-Study, enter Substance Abuse.
- Information will be sent out – watch for email
- Register Computer – fee 7/21 \$130

Ohio Law Component/New Lawyer Training

- 25 multiple choice question, online, open book, untimed exam – fee \$35
- Based on online outlines

<https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/AttySvcs/admissions/OLC/default.asp>

- Link sent after the bar exam
- CLE requirement after pass bar exam
- Free OSBA New Layer Training Course

Email

- m.mcgintry@csuohio.edu
- <https://calendly.com/mjmcgintry/meeting-with-mj-mcgintry>

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