

M.R. 3140

**IN THE
SUPREME COURT
OF
THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

Order entered January 10, 2012.

(Deleted material is struck through and new material is underscored.)

Effective immediately, Supreme Court Rule 706 is amended, as follows.

Amended Rule 706

Rule 706. Filing Deadlines and Fees of Registrants and Applicants

(a) Character and Fitness Registration. Students attending law school who intend to take the Illinois bar examination shall file a character and fitness registration application with the Board of Admissions to the Bar in the form prescribed by the Board by no later than the first day of March following the student's commencement of law school; provided, however, that a student who commences law school after the first day of January and before the first day of March in any calendar year shall file such application no later than the first day of July following the student's commencement of law school. Timely applications shall be accompanied by a registration fee of \$100. All character and fitness registration applications filed after the foregoing deadlines shall be accompanied by a registration fee of \$450.

(b) Applications to Take the Bar Examination. The fees and deadlines for filing applications to take the February bar examination are as follows:

- (1) ~~\$250~~ \$400 for applications postmarked on or before the regular filing deadline of September 1 preceding the examination;
- (2) ~~\$500~~ \$600 for applications postmarked after September 1 but on or before the late filing deadline of November 1; and
- (3) \$1,000 for applications postmarked after November 1 but on or before the final late filing deadline of December 31.

The fees and deadlines for filing applications to take the July bar examination are as follows:

- (1) ~~\$250~~ \$400 for applications postmarked on or before the regular filing deadline of February 15 preceding the examination;
- (2) ~~\$500~~ \$600 for applications postmarked after February 15 but on or before

the late filing deadline of April 1; and

(3) \$1,000 for applications postmarked after April 1 but on or before the final late filing deadline of May 31.

(c) Applications for Reexamination. The fees and deadlines for filing applications for reexamination at a February bar examination are as follows:

(1) ~~\$150~~ \$300 for applications postmarked on or before the regular reexamination filing deadline of November 1;

(2) ~~\$500~~ \$650 for applications postmarked after November 1 but on or before the final late filing deadline of December 31.

The fees and deadlines for filing applications for reexamination at a July bar examination are as follows:

(1) ~~\$150~~ \$300 for applications postmarked on or before the regular reexamination filing deadline of May 1;

(2) ~~\$500~~ \$650 for applications postmarked after April 1 but on or before the final late filing deadline of May 31.

(d) Late Applications. The Board of Admissions shall not consider requests for late filing of applications after the final bar examination filing deadlines set forth in the preceding subparagraphs (b) and (c).

(e) Applications for Admission on Motion under Rule 705. Each applicant for admission to the bar on motion under Rule 705 shall pay a fee of \$1,250.

(f) Application for Limited Admission as House Counsel. Each applicant for limited admission to the bar as house counsel under Rule 716 shall pay a fee of \$1,250.

(g) Application for Limited Admission as a Lawyer for Legal Service Programs. Each applicant for limited admission to the bar as a lawyer for legal service programs under Rule 717 shall pay a fee of \$100.

(h) Payment of Fees. All fees are nonrefundable and shall be paid in advance by certified check, cashier's check or money order payable to the Board of Admissions to the Bar. Fees of an applicant who does not appear for an examination shall not be transferred to a succeeding examination.

(i) Fees to be Held by Treasurer. All fees paid to the treasurer of the Board of Admissions to the Bar shall be held by him or her subject to the order of the court.

Amended January 30, 1975, effective March 1, 1975; amended October 1, 1982, effective October 1, 1982; amended June 12, 1992, effective July 1, 1992; amended July 1, 1998, effective immediately; amended July 6, 2000, effective August 1, 2000; amended December 6, 2001, effective immediately; amended February 11, 2004, effective July 1, 2004; amended October 1, 2010, effective January 1, 2011; amended January 10, 2012, effective immediately.