



Atlanta October 7, 2009

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.  
The following order was passed:

It is hereby ordered that effective October 7, 2009, Part F, Section 4, Records, of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in Georgia, be amended by adding in subsections (a) and (b) the word “for” and by adding in subsection (b) language specifying what information can be provided to the National Conference of Bar Examiners for dissemination for accreditation purposes to the American Bar Association, as follows:

## **PART F. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **SECTION 4. RECORDS**

(a) The Office of Bar Admissions shall maintain such records as are generated in the course of accepting and processing Applications for Certification of Fitness to Practice Law and as are generated in accepting and processing applications to stand for bar examinations and of results of taking the bar examination. The following records, and no others, shall be maintained as public records:

(1) With respect to Applications for Certification of Fitness to Practice Law:  
Name and address of each applicant;

(2) With respect to applications to stand for the bar examination: Name and address of each applicant;

(3) With respect to each bar examination:

(I) The names and addresses of the persons who took the bar examination;

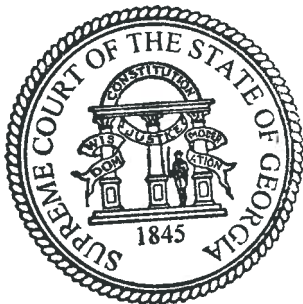
(ii) The names and addresses of persons who passed the examination; and

(iii) Such statistical summaries as may be specifically authorized by the Supreme Court.

(b) All other information provided by or obtained with respect to an applicant for certification of fitness to practice law or to stand for a bar examination, including examination results except as specifically provided for herein, shall be considered confidential and privileged communications and shall not be released to any person or agency except in those instances where a hearing with respect to an Application for Certification of Fitness to Practice Law is to be held pursuant to Part A, Section 8 of

these **Rules**, information and documents obtained by the Board pursuant to its investigation and relevant to the specifications issued by the Board may be disclosed to the applicant and his or her counsel and to a hearing officer appointed to conduct the hearing. Further, information provided by or obtained with respect to an applicant for certification of fitness to practice law may be disclosed to the bar admissions authority of any United States jurisdiction where the applicant may apply for admission to the practice of law but then only on the written request of the applicant that such information be supplied to such other authority and only on the understanding that such information will not be released to the applicant; and the name, address, date of birth and social security number of each applicant for certification of fitness to practice law may be furnished to the National Conference of Bar Examiners for dissemination to the bar admissions authority of any United States jurisdiction upon request; and the name, applicant identification number, birth date, Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) number, law school, date J.D. degree conferred, bar passage information (passed, failed, did not sit, results restricted) and total examination attempts may be furnished to the National Conference of Bar Examiners for dissemination for accreditation purposes to the American Bar Association and to the law schools; and applications for certification of fitness to practice law and applications to take the bar examination may be released to the General Counsel of the State Bar of Georgia in disciplinary matters; and information and records may be disclosed as provided by order of the Court.

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA**  
Clerk's Office, Atlanta



I hereby certify that the above is a true extract from  
the minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia  
Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto  
affixed the day and year last above written.

*Thiase J. Lane*, Clerk