

CONTINUING APPLICATION

I understand this application for admission to the practice of law in Georgia is a continuing application and must show correctly and fully the information herein sought as of the date of my taking the oath of an attorney at law. I will, therefore, before such time and not later than thirty (30) days after the happening of any event (whichever is earlier) notify the Board by filing an amendment to this application, (form provided upon request), as to any change in respect to any matter regarding which information is herein sought, and as to any incident which may have any bearing upon any information sought.

(Signature of Applicant)

VERIFICATION

STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____

_____, being first duly sworn says:
(Applicant)

I have read the foregoing questions, and have answered the same fully and frankly. The answers are complete and true of my own knowledge. I have typewritten the answers or they have been typewritten under my supervision.

(Signature of Applicant)

Sworn and subscribed before me this _____

day of _____, 20 _____

(Notary Public)

My commission expires: _____

AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

Re: Application of _____

(Typed or Printed Name of Applicant or Registrant)

I, _____, having filed an application with the Georgia Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants and fully recognizing the responsibility to the Public, the Bench, and the Bar of this State lodged with the Georgia Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants by the Supreme Court of Georgia under the Constitution of the State of Georgia to determine that only those of high character and ability are admitted to the Bar of Georgia, hereby authorize and request every medical doctor, school official, and every other person, firm, officer, corporation, association, organization or institution having control of any documents, records or other information pertaining to me relevant to my good moral character and fitness to perform and the responsibilities of an attorney, to furnish the originals or copies of any such documents, records and other information to said Board, or any of its representatives, and to permit said Board, or any of its representatives, to inspect and make copies of any such documents, records and other information including but not limited to any and all medical reports, laboratory reports, X-rays or clinical abstracts which may have been made or prepared pursuant to, or in connection with any examination or examinations, consultation or consultations, test or tests, evaluation or evaluations, of the undersigned.

I hereby authorize all such persons as set out above to answer any inquiries, questions, or interrogatories concerning the undersigned which may be submitted to them by the Georgia Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants or its authorized representative, and to appear before said Board, or its authorized representative, and to give full and complete testimony concerning the undersigned, including any information furnished by the undersigned. I hereby relinquish any and all rights to said reports, including but not limited to clinical abstracts, consultations, evaluations, or any other information incident in any way to cooperation with the Georgia Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants, or its authorized representative, and fully understand that I shall not be entitled to have disclosed to me the contents of any of the foregoing.

I hereby release and exonerate every medical doctor, school official, and every other person, firm, officer, corporation, association, organization or institution which shall comply in good faith with the authorization and request made herein from any and all liability of every nature and kind growing out of or in anywise pertaining to the furnishing or inspection of such documents, records and other information or the investigation made by said Georgia Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants. The undersigned further waives absolutely any privilege he/she may have relevant to his/her good moral character and fitness to perform the responsibilities of an attorney under Georgia Laws.

For the purpose of this release, the undersigned gives permission to use a photocopy of his/her signature on this form as an original signature.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

(Signature of Applicant) STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____

On _____, 20_____ before me, _____
(Notary Public)

personally appeared the above-named applicant _____ personally known to me –OR– _____ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument to be the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

(Signature of Notary) My Commission Expires _____

CERTIFICATE

All forms of Authorization and Release executed by applicants for admission into the practice of law in Georgia terminate immediately upon admission to the State Bar of Georgia; upon receipt of notice of withdrawal of the application; or upon the termination of the application by final rejection of the applicant, except that such information may be forwarded to any other admitting authority where the applicant may later apply for admission to the practice of law.

I, SALLY EVANS LOCKWOOD, as Director of Bar Admissions for the Supreme Court of Georgia, hereby certify that the above-referenced registrant or applicant has not notified this Board of the withdrawal of his or her application; his or her application has not been terminated; nor is the registrant or applicant currently a member of the State Bar of Georgia.

DATE Sally Evans Lockwood, Director of Bar Admissions

**Checklist for Filing
Application for Certification of Fitness
to Practice Law in Georgia**

YOU MUST SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR APPLICATION PACKET.

Your application, filing fee(s) and any other required documentation must be **RECEIVED** in the Office of Bar Admissions **BEFORE 4:30 p.m. on or before the filing deadline**. Further, the Supreme Court has determined that the Office of Bar Admissions shall require a fingerprint background check on any applicant applying for Certification of Fitness in Georgia. (See the note below regarding fingerprints.)

PLACE A CHECK (√) BESIDE EACH ITEM CONFIRMING THE ITEM IS ENCLOSED:

- ORIGINAL APPLICATION FORM with ANSWERS (Sections 1-7)**
- CONTINUING APPLICATION & VERIFICATION**
must be signed and notarized.
- AUTHORIZATION & RELEASE FORM**
must be signed and notarized.
- FILING FEE(S)**
regular fees and late fees (if applicable).
See Part A, Sections 4 and 5 of the **Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law**.

FILING FEE(S) MUST BE PAID IN THE FORM OF A BANK CASHIER'S CHECK OR
MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO:

OFFICE OF BAR ADMISSIONS

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION – Additional documentation may be required based on your answers to individual questions on the fitness application. You should be sure you have included all required documentation for a **complete** application.

I understand if my application is not complete when received in the Office of Bar Admissions, it will be returned to me and will not be considered as timely filed. I understand that the return of my incomplete application may result in the assessment of late fees or in rejection of my application for a specific exam.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

MAIL APPLICATION TO:

**OFFICE OF BAR ADMISSIONS
244 WASHINGTON STREET, SW
SUITE 440
ATLANTA, GA 30334
Phone: 404-656-3490**

FINGERPRINTS – You must submit your fingerprints to the Office of Bar Admissions, either through the GAPS Program (for Georgia residents) or by paper copy of fingerprint cards (for out-of-state residents), not later than 30 days from the date you submit your Application for Certification of Fitness to Practice Law. (Information on submitting your fingerprints is available on the Bar Admissions web site at www.gabaradmissions.org.)

Application for Certification of Fitness Nonimmigrant Affidavit

This Affidavit Must Be Completed and Submitted With Your Fitness Application.

I, _____, certify that I meet all of the requirements mandated by the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants in order to submit a Fitness Application for consideration by the Board.

I currently reside legally in the United States according to the United States Immigration Laws and Regulations by holding a valid visa. **List type of visa** _____.

I intend to lawfully maintain my present nonimmigrant status in the United States according to the United States Immigration Laws and Regulations for which I was approved and will thereby maintain such status as I complete the character and fitness process.

I will maintain my legal immigration status according to the United States Immigration Laws and Regulations for which I was approved as long as I reside in the United States.

I understand that the Fitness Application is a continuing application, and that until I have fulfilled all of the obligations mandated by the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants, passed the Georgia Bar Examination, and been admitted to the State Bar of Georgia, I must keep the Fitness Board informed of any changes that will affect my visa status as it relates to my Fitness Application.

I am aware that the documentation I provide may be submitted to USCIS for verification of authenticity.

Check (✓) all that apply to you, and provide a **COPY** of all documentation to support your claims made in this Affidavit including:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Valid Immigration Visa | <input type="checkbox"/> Front and back of Employment Authorization Card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current valid Passport | <input type="checkbox"/> Front and back of my Social Security Card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current I-94 Arrival and Departure Record | |

F-1 Visa holders must also provide a copy of the following documentation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Current I-20 ID signed by Designated School Official (DSO) | <input type="checkbox"/> I-20 ID with Optional Practical Training (OPT) authorized or letter of eligibility signed by DSO stating you will timely seek OPT authorization |
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H-1B Visa holders must also provide a copy of the following documentation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Current I-129 Petition filed on your behalf | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Approval by USCIS for I-129 Petition |
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Signature of Applicant

Date

State of _____ County of _____

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Witness my hand and official seal. _____
Signature of Notary

My Commission Expires: _____