RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS
FOR THE FEBRUARY 2027 GEORGIA BAR EXAMINATION

Registration

You can find information about registration deadlines here. Applicants who have not completed the registration process (including payment) by the final registration deadline will not sit for the exam. Applicants who timely register will receive a notification at the top of their homepage that they "have successfully registered for the February 2027 Bar Examination." Registered applicants will receive an email about laptop registration in early January and a message on their homepage with logistical information the week of February 8. Answers to frequently asked questions about laptop registration are found here.

Location of the Exam, Parking, and Hotels

The Georgia Bar Exam will be administered at the Georgia International Convention Center ("GICC"), at 2000 Convention Center Concourse in College Park. You can view pictures of the exam site by clicking here. Please note that the GICC will now charge $15 to park; the parking fee must be paid by credit or debit card (no cash). Parking will be in Lots B–E (which are conjoined lots on the north side of the GICC). The GICC is also accessible via the ATL SkyTrain (which connects to MARTA at the airport). Plan your trip before exam day so that you arrive on time to the exam. For more information about getting to the GICC, click here. There are several hotels within walking distance of the GICC. You are responsible for making hotel reservations, and we recommend that you do this as soon as possible. For reservation links, click here.

Exam Dates

The two-day Georgia Bar Exam will be administered on Tuesday, February 23–Wednesday, February 24, 2027. The one-day Attorneys' Exam will be administered on Tuesday, February 23; applicants taking the Attorneys' Exam will not return on Wednesday to take the MBE.

Electronic Devices

You may not have a cell phone, watch, or any other electronic device inside the exam room (other than your laptop and power cord on Tuesday).

Keeping Time

Digital clocks at the front of the exam room will display the official time. No "countdown" clocks are provided, but oral warnings are provided at 45 minutes, 10 minutes, and 1 minute before the end of each testing session.

Required Items

- You must place an **official photo ID** (driver's license, passport, or other government-issued photo ID) on your table during each exam session. The name on the ID must match the name on your application.
- If you are taking the exam on a laptop, you must bring your registered **laptop and laptop power cord** on Tuesday. You should bring an extension cord if your power cord is shorter than the standard six feet. You will not have to rely on your battery; electrical connections will be supplied at each table. You must ensure your laptop is in working order prior to the exam. You may bring a wired mouse, but it is not recommended, and wireless mice and mouse pads are not allowed.
- A **black pen** on Tuesday is needed to sign your signature card. If you wish, you may write notes in your MPT booklet in the morning, and scratch paper is provided with the essay questions in the afternoon. If you are handwriting your answers, you will also use black pens to write your MPT and essay question answers.
- The Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) is administered with paper answer sheets, and laptops are not allowed on Wednesday. Bring non-mechanical **#2 pencils** on Wednesday for the MBE, and remove them from their box or container. Mechanical pencils are prohibited. You may bring a manual (not battery operated) pencil sharpener. We will provide an electric pencil sharpener in the lobby so you can sharpen your pencils during the lunch break.

Prohibited Items

Prohibited items should be placed in the black bins provided in the testing center, and the Board of Bar Examiners and Office of Bar Admissions assume no liability for any damaged or missing items. **Items placed in the prohibited items bins should be visible or in a transparent bag and are subject to search.** If you have in your possession in the exam room any electronic device (other than your registered laptop) or any other prohibited items, you will be reported to the Board of Bar Examiners and the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants. Your device may be confiscated for an indefinite period of time and sent to the NCBE to verify that there is no exam information on the device.

You may not bring the following items into the Exam Room:

- Backpacks, bags, wallets, pencil boxes, and containers of any kind, other than a transparent bag for your laptop and personal items (as described below under "Allowed Items");
- watches, clocks, and fitness trackers;
- any removable media, such as memory cards, USB devices, or other storage devices;
- electronic devices other than your laptop and a wired mouse (including cell phones, external keyboards, cameras, calculators, earbuds, and recording devices);
- mouse pads and wireless mice;
- ear plugs, headphones, or anything covering or inserted in the ear;
- hats or coverings worn on the head, except religious apparel;
- non-transparent laptop skins/covers;
- paper or written materials;
- highlighters (prohibited on Wednesday; allowed on Tuesday);

- mechanical pencils;
- white-out or any other correcting fluid or tape;
- flip-flops or backless shoes;
- perfumes, colognes, or other fragrant substances;
- food (including gum and candy) or beverages (other than clear water) unless an administrative accommodation has been pre-approved by the Board of Bar Examiners;
- umbrellas (the venue will provide a place to leave umbrellas in the lobby); and
- weapons (which are not allowed anywhere on the venue's property).

Allowed Items

- Water in a transparent or translucent (not opaque) and unlabeled bottle.
- Highlighters (Tuesday only).
- Manual handheld pencil sharpener (Wednesday only). The receptacle should be transparent or translucent, and it should be empty when you enter the exam room.
- Transparent bag for laptop computer and power cord. Most applicants carry their laptop in their hands and do not need a bag.
- Transparent bag containing personal items, such as credit/debit card, parking claim ticket, keys, and medications/personal hygiene items (including feminine care items) you reasonably may require during the exam. If your bag contains medications (including cough drops), they should be loose or in a clear container without writing. The transparent bag should not contain other items, such as wallets or clothing.
- Prescription eyeglasses. (Meta and other "smart" glasses are prohibited, and all glasses will be inspected by the proctors.) Eyeglass containers are not allowed.
- A KN-95 or N-95 face mask.

Provided Items

- Foam ear plugs will be provided; the NCBE prohibits you from bringing your own ear plugs.
- Water fountains are available near the bathrooms in the back of the exam room.

Lunch

Chick-fil-A, Dunkin', and Papa John's are currently available inside the GICC, and they accept credit and debit cards only. We do not recommend leaving the GICC for lunch; traffic can be heavy, and the GICC will charge you another $15 to park when you return. You may pack your own lunch, but you must leave it in the lobby, and refrigeration is not available; lunches are not allowed inside the exam room.

Clothing, Climate Control, and Restrooms

Casual, comfortable clothing is appropriate. You should consider layered clothing because some applicants find the exam room to be cold. Hooded sweatshirts are allowed, but you may not wear the hood over your head in the exam room (pursuant to NCBE requirements). Do not wear accessories or jewelry that you do not wear on a daily basis, and remember that watches of any kind are prohibited by the NCBE. Coats, jackets, jewelry, and accessories are all subject to inspection. Do not wear perfumes, colognes, or other fragrant substances, as some applicants

have allergies that are aggravated by these scents. Wear quiet shoes with soft soles—not flip-flops, backless shoes, or shoes with hard heels—as you may have to walk across the exam room to the restrooms during the exam. You will have access to a restroom during each exam session, and the entrances to the restrooms are at the back of the exam room. There are no private or "family" restrooms.

Admission to the Exam Room

- **Seating:** All seats are preassigned with a name card at each seat. You must sit in your assigned seat throughout the entire exam. Charts indicating the Row Number in which your seat is located will be posted in the lobby outside the exam room. Row numbers are posted on the front and back table of each row and on paddles held by the row monitors.
- **Schedule:** Standard-time applicants can find the exam schedule here. Applicants with non-standard testing accommodations will receive their schedule directly from the Office of Bar Admissions**.**
- **Laptop Applicants:** On Tuesday, standard-time laptop applicants will be admitted to the exam room at 8:00 a.m. All removable media must be removed from your laptop prior to entering the exam room. Upon admission, you should follow the Examplify instructions placed at your seat. Any laptop applicant arriving after 8:40 a.m. may not be admitted to the exam room until 8:55 a.m. and may be required to handwrite the MPT and Essay portions of the exam.
- **No Re-Entry:** Once you enter the exam room for each testing session, you are not permitted to leave unless you are willing to withdraw from the exam. We sometimes have time to escort applicants back to the lobby to retrieve forgotten items before testing begins, but you should not count on it, and you should make sure you have everything you need before you enter the exam room.

Anonymous Grading

Do not write your name on any MPT or Essay testing materials or answers. Until the completion of grading, exam answers will be identifiable only by Applicant Number.

Composition of Exam and Exam Tips

You can find information about the composition of the exam and tips for passing the exam here.

Technical Support

It is your responsibility to ensure that your laptop is dependable and that it is in working order prior to the exam. ExamSoft site engineers will provide limited technical support on site. If you have technical difficulties that cannot timely be resolved, you may handwrite your answers.

Uploading Answers

You must upload your answer files no later than 8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24. You are strongly encouraged to upload as soon as possible after leaving the exam room on Tuesday.

No Talking or Leaving the Exam Room

Applicants may not talk to each other during any exam session, including in the restrooms. If you complete a portion of the exam prior to the ending time for that session, you may not turn in your answers early or leave the exam room until you are dismissed. All applicants—including those with double time—will take the Georgia essay session on Tuesday, and you may discuss the essay questions after the exam if you wish. The MPT and MBE will remain strictly confidential.

Violation of Rules

Once time is called, any applicant who continues to type or write may be disqualified from the exam. Any applicant who violates any of the Rules and Instructions for the exam will be reported to the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants and the Board of Bar Examiners.

Inability to Complete the Exam

If you decide to withdraw from the exam after it has begun, you must report this decision to a member of the staff of the Office of Bar Admissions at the administration table in the exam room and complete a withdrawal form prior to leaving the exam room.

Oath of Applicant

By taking the Georgia Bar Exam, you will be deemed to have sworn to or affirmed the following:

> I solemnly swear or affirm that I have no previous information as to the contents of the questions upon which I have been examined and that I have not received directly or indirectly, from any source whatever, any assistance, but that I wrote the answer exclusively from my knowledge.

No Contacting Board Members

Applicants are prohibited from contacting any member of the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants or any member of the Board of Bar Examiners. Any applicant communications should be sent to the Office of Bar Admissions at gabaradmissions@gasupreme.gov, and our office will communicate this information to the appropriate Board.

Notification of Results

All applicants will receive written notification of their exam results. We will announce the score release date on the "Latest News" section of our website. The pass list will be posted on our website no later than 4:00 p.m. on the scheduled release date.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, the Georgia Bar Exam will proceed as scheduled as long as the venue remains open, and we will notify applicants on our website if the venue is closed. If severe weather is predicted for the days of the exam, please plan accordingly. Late applicants will not be allowed to make up any time lost. In the event of a power outage during the exam that requires the use of the venue's generator, all applicants may be required to handwrite the remainder of the MPT/Essay portion of the exam in answer books.