



## Texas Board of Law Examiners

### **FORMER TEXAS ATTORNEYS WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO BE REINSTATED OR RELICENSED**

There are three general categories of persons who were formerly licensed to practice law in Texas. They are: disbarred attorneys; attorneys who resigned in lieu of discipline; and attorneys who voluntarily resigned NOT in lieu of any disciplinary matters.

#### ***Disbarred Attorneys and Attorneys Who Resigned in Lieu of Discipline***

Such persons must first obtain a Judgment of Reinstatement from a State District Court before filing an application to take the bar exam. The procedures for obtaining reinstatement are covered in Part XI of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

Formerly licensed Texas attorneys who were disbarred or resigned in lieu of discipline and who have questions regarding eligibility for bringing a petition for reinstatement should call the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, at (512) 453-5535.

Once a person has received a Judgment of Reinstatement, the person may begin the procedures to file an Application for Admission to the Bar of Texas with the Board of Law Examiners.

The person must file a [General Application](#) form and take the full bar exam. The preferred method for completing that form is to go to the [Applications Index](#) on this website and complete the General Application form. The filing fees are currently \$225.00 for a timely filed application. The filing deadlines are detailed in the General Instructions, as are the late filing fees if the person files after the timely deadlines. All of the instructions that a person will need to complete the form are found on the Applications Index on this website. If the person wishes to file a printed version of that form, the person may follow those directions on the [General Application](#) in the [Applications Index](#).

The only documents that a Reinstatement Applicant will be required to file with the General Application form are:

A certified copy of the Judgment of Reinstatement.

Authorization and Release Forms that are included with the application materials.

Fully completed Criminal History Forms, Civil Litigation Forms, and Continuation Forms, as applicable.

Credit report, as applicable.

Certified copy of birth certificate or other proof of INS status.

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Also required is verification of Juris Doctorate, to be provided by the applicant's law school. The [Certification of Juris Doctorate](#) form will be found with the General Application.

The Reinstatement Applicant will **not** be required to file any additional supporting documents, such as court records, initially. If the staff of the Board determines after reviewing the Application that additional documentation is necessary, the staff will inform the applicant at that time.

If the Reinstatement Applicant passes the Texas Bar Examination and meets all other licensing requirements, the person will be recommended to the Supreme Court for licensure with the same State Bar membership number previously held, but with a new licensure date.

### ***Attorneys Who Voluntarily Resigned NOT in Lieu of Any Disciplinary Matters***

Persons in this category do not have to obtain a Judgment of Reinstatement, but must file a General Application and take the full bar exam.

The filing fees are currently \$415.00 for a timely filed application for persons in this category. The filing deadlines are detailed in the General Instructions, as are the late filing fees if the person files after the timely deadlines. All of the instructions that a person will need to complete the form are found on the Applications Index on this website. If the person wishes to file a printed version of that form, the person may follow those directions on the [General Application](#) in the [Applications Index](#).