

Application for July 2023 New York State Bar Exam – Due April 30, 2023

IMPORTANT: IF YOU PLAN ON TAKING THE JULY 2023 NYS BAR EXAM, YOUR [APPLICATION](#) MUST BE FILED BETWEEN APRIL 1 and APRIL 30, 2023. IF YOU MISS THE DEADLINE THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO SIT FOR THE BAR IS FEBRUARY 2024.

Once you fill out the application to sit for the July 2023 Bar Exam you will be prompted to **electronically** complete the LL.M. Certificate of Attendance (COA).

The Law School's Office of Registration Services will certify your eligibility to take the July 2023 bar exam after your degree is conferred on May 17, 2023, and before the June 15 deadline.

Please review the next few tips carefully:

1. You should have a copy of your Columbia transcript in front of you when you log into your account in the Applicant Service Portal to apply for the July 2023 bar examination. You can find a copy of your transcript on [LawNet](#).
2. Once you have answered all questions and submitted the form to the Board, you will **NOT** be able to make any changes or corrections to it. **It is therefore very important that you carefully and correctly answer each question with your transcript in front of you.**
3. **The COA must be submitted electronically, paper forms will not be accepted.**
4. If you have questions about how you should complete it, please contact your academic adviser in OGP or the [NYS Board of Law Examiners](#) directly (the phone number is on the upper right hand side).
5. You should give yourself sufficient time to complete these questions before the expiration of the application deadline.

Visit [NYS Board of Law Examiners](#) (NYS BOLE) for detailed information on the New York State bar examination application and requirements, including applying for disability-related accommodations. **We encourage you to carefully review the application materials as early as possible and make careful note of the NYS BOLE filing deadlines as there are no provisions for late filing.**

Additional Steps for Admission to the NY State Bar:

As you are aware, in addition to applying to sit for the actual exam, there are several other steps you must complete before you are able to be sworn in as an attorney in New York State. We have summarized the admission requirements below, but encourage you to continually check the New York State Admission [page](#) for additional information.

We suggest bookmarking this email and referring to the portion below after you have taken the New York bar exam.

1. Complete the 17-hour online course on New York law (NYLC)
 - You will need to complete this [BEFORE](#) you can register to take the NYLE
2. Pass the 2-hour online examination on New York law (NYLE)
 - Review the [upcoming registration and exam dates](#).
3. Pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE)
 - Review the [upcoming registration and exam dates](#).
4. Review and submit Character & Fitness application (you fill this out **after** you pass the bar).
 - Familiarize yourself with the [application](#) requirements
 - You have to provide affidavits of all law-related employment and have the employer (i.e. Instructor, Supervisor, Human Resources) sign it. This list includes the following:
 - Research Assistant (RA) & Teaching Fellow support for faculty here at CLS (Supervising Instructor signs)
 - Externships and Clinics (Supervisor signs)
 - Paid and Unpaid Internships (Paid: Law School Human Resources signs; Unpaid: Supervisor signs)
 - The information you include in your character and fitness declaration must be identical to the information included in your application for admission to the LLM Program at CLS.
 - If you need to make any amendments to your CLS application please do so using this [form](#).
 - All details surrounding these circumstances must be disclosed as an attachment to the form.
 - If you are unsure whether this applies to you, please contact your academic adviser in OGP.
5. Form Law School Certificate
 - You will need to send this form to the Office of Registration Services once you receive instructions from the Appellate Division.
6. Pro Bono Requirement (50 hours)
 - Detailed information can be found [here](#)
 - [Pro Bono Affidavit](#) must be completed prior to admission
7. Skills Competency Requirement
 - Detailed information can be found [here](#)
 - LLMs may meet this requirement through Pathway 4 or Pathway 5
 - [Skills Form Affidavit](#) must be completed prior to admission
 - Please note that Registration Services does not certify skills forms for LLMs

As a reminder, the Law School does not have advanced or privileged access to information regarding the NYS bar exam. Once you have registered to take the exam, you will receive information and updates directly from the [NYS Board of Law Examiners](#). You should also regularly check the website for the latest updates.

Mark your Calendars: Question and Answer Session with the New York Board of Law Examiners

On Wednesday, April 19 at 12:10- 1:00 p.m. EDT a representative from the NYS Bar will be available to Columbia Law School students (via Zoom) to answer questions related to the application process, certificate of attendance, and exam.

[Please Register Here](#)

Please be prepared to join the session with your camera turned on. The session will not be recorded.

We will send another reminder as we get closer to the date.

Best Regards,
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