

UNIFORM BAR EXAMINATION IN MARYLAND
NOTICE TO SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

Congratulations on passing the Uniform Bar Exam in Maryland! Please **carefully** review the following information, for which you are responsible. **Although you have passed the bar exam, SBLE currently maintains an exception to your admission to the Bar. SBLE will remove the exception and clear you for admission when you have satisfied all admission requirements:**

- 1. AFFIRMATION:** You must complete and sign the **[AFFIRMATION FORM](#)** and return it by email to **SBLE@mdcourts.gov** **OR** by mail the State Board of Law Examiners ("SBLE"), Judiciary APOD, 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401, **within seven (7) days of the date the exam results are posted online. SBLE WILL NOT CLEAR YOU FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR UNTIL SBLE RECEIVES YOUR AFFIRMATION.** You must **include your current contact information and indicate whether the information listed differs from the information on the My Account tab in your eBar portal.** You must include your NCBE number. SBLE will inform the Clerk's Office upon receipt of any change in contact information.
- 2. MARYLAND LAW COMPONENT:** Maryland Rule 19-212 requires all applicants to complete the Maryland Law Component (MLC) prior to admission to the Bar. SBLE provided you with information on completing the MLC by email within a week after the date you filed your Notice of Intent to Take the UBE in Maryland. You may check your MLC status on the "My Status" page of your eBar account. **SBLE will not clear you for admission until you have completed the Maryland Law Component.**
- 3. MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM:** Maryland Rule 19-213 requires all applicants to achieve and report to SBLE a qualifying score on the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) prior to Admission to the Bar. You may check your MPRE score status on the "My Status" page of your eBar account. **SBLE will not clear you for admission until it receives a report of your qualifying MPRE score.**
- 4. CHARACTER & FITNESS:** Your Bar admission is contingent on a favorable recommendation as to your character & fitness qualifications by the Character Committee and SBLE. *See Maryland Rule 19-203 (Character Review).* If you have not been contacted **by the close of business on the Friday following the release of exam results** regarding your required personal interview, you should send email to **SBLE@mdcourts.gov** requesting further instructions.

BAR ADMISSION CEREMONY: The Supreme Court of Maryland will notify you of the date and time of your admissions ceremony. Bar admission ceremony details are handled by the Clerk of the Supreme Court, *not* by SBLE. Further admission ceremony details are available via the link on SBLE's web page.

NO EARLY ADMISSIONS: SBLE reports the results of the UBE to the Supreme Court of Maryland (the admitting authority). The Supreme Court issues an *Order Nisi* containing the names and addresses of all successful candidates, which expires thirty days after its issuance. No candidate may take the oath of admission until after the expiration of the Order Nisi. *See* Md. Rule 19-211. You are not authorized to hold yourself out as an attorney or to practice law in Maryland until you have taken the prescribed oath in the Supreme Court of Maryland or by proxy.

24-MONTH RULE: A candidate who passes the Maryland Bar examination may not take the oath of admission to the Bar later than 24 months after the date the Supreme Court ratifies the Board's report for that examination, absent a waiver by SBLE or excusal by the Supreme Court. Waivers are routinely granted for applicants who remain active in the character & fitness process. *See* Maryland Rule 19-214. Failure to complete the MLC or to report a qualifying MPRE score, ordinarily, are NOT grounds for waiver or extension of the 24-month deadline.

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NAME CHANGE: If you officially change your name for any reason prior to your admission, you **MUST** send SBLE a **copy of a certified copy** of the legal document which effected the change.

UPDATE OF APPLICATION: You are under a continuing obligation to update your bar application through the date of your admission. Any changes in the information on your application, including contact information, must be made in a signed writing and emailed as a scanned PDF to SBLE@mdcourts.gov OR mailed to the SBLE at Judiciary APOD, 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401.

TRANSFERRING UBE SCORES TO ANOTHER JURISDICTION: Maryland uses the UBE SCORE transfer services of the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE). Navigate to www.ncbex.org. Hover your cursor over “*NCBE Account*” at the top of the page, and select “Score Services.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION: The full text of Maryland’s Bar Admission Rules is available online at www.mdcourts.gov/ble. You may contact SBLE’s administrative office for any other information by email at sble@mdcourts.gov.