

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) - OUT OF STATE ATTORNEYS

A. Does Maryland offer reciprocity to attorneys licensed to practice law in other states?

No. In order to be licensed to practice law in Maryland, an applicant must pass an examination.

The two-day general Bar Examination is required of a recent law school graduate and an attorney who does not meet the standards for admission pursuant to Bar Admission Rule 13, *Out-of-State Attorneys*.

The one-day (3 hour) Out-of-State Attorney Examination is available for any attorney who is a member of the Bar of a state, has passed a written bar examination in a state, has specified professional experience may qualify for a special, limited bar examination in Maryland. See bar Admission Rule 13 for details of eligibility.

B. Must I be admitted to the Maryland bar in order to practice law as in-house counsel to a Maryland Corporation?

An individual who is employed by the corporation and is admitted to the Bar of any other state may give legal advice to that corporation in this State without being admitted to the Maryland Bar. Such a person is subject to disciplinary proceedings as the Maryland Rules provide and may not represent the corporation before a unit of the State government or of a political subdivision unless a court grants the individual a special admission. See the Annotated Code of Maryland, Business Occupations and Profession Article, § 10-206 (d).

C. What type of examination is used for Out-of-State Attorneys?

1. The Attorney Examination is an **OPEN-BOOK-TEST** which allows each applicant to use the books listed in #2 below. These volumes **MUST BE FURNISHED BY EACH APPLICANT**. Since this is an open-book examination, **YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAKE REFERENCE IN YOUR ANSWER TO THE RULE OR OTHER STATUTORY SOURCE UPON WHICH YOUR ANSWER IS BASED.**

Your **code volumes may be highlighted and tabbed, and the tabs may include cross references.** However, **no substantive annotations are permitted.**

NO OTHER TEXTS, COMMENTARIES, NOTES, OR WRITINGS OF ANY KIND SHALL BE USED OR REFERRED TO AT THE EXAMINATION EXCEPT THE APPLICABLE CODE VOLUMES DESCRIBED BELOW IN #2.

2. The questions on the OUT-OF-STATE Attorneys' Examination relate to the subject matter in three volumes of the Annotated Code of Maryland: the two volumes of the ***Maryland Rules*** (see title headings in subsection (a) below); and **statutory provisions from the *Maryland Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article***. and the ***Criminal Procedure Article*** (Federal Rules and Practice are not covered on this Bar Examination.) The applicant may bring the following references for use during the Bar examination:

a. The Annotated Code of Maryland, Maryland Rules, Volumes 1 and 2. These are two maroon colored volumes published by Michie. These volumes include General Provisions, Civil Procedures in Circuit Court and District Court, Criminal Causes, Evidence, Settlement of Decedents' Estates, Appellate and Other Judicial Review in Circuit Court, Appellate Review in the Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals, Family Law Actions, Guardians and other Fiduciaries, Juvenile Causes, Property Actions, Receivers and Assignees, Sales of Property, Other Special Proceedings, and Courts, Judges and Attorneys. There is an Appendix of forms and appendix containing The Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct.

b. The **Annotated Code of Maryland, *Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article***. The Bar examination may draw from any of the statutory material in this volume including, but not limited to, the provisions dealing with jurisdiction of forum, personal jurisdiction, venue, process, practice, limitations, prohibited actions and immunities, special causes of action, juries, witnesses, evidence, judgments and appeals.

c. The **Annotated Code of Maryland, *Criminal Procedure Article***.

3. **Michie/Lexis Nexis Publishing** offers official editions of ***Maryland Rules***, Volumes 1 and 2, the ***Courts and Judicial Proceedings Articles*** and the ***Criminal Procedures Articles***. For all transactions with Michie/Lexis Nexis, contact the **Inbound Sales Group @ 1-800-223-1940**. There is a team of five representatives waiting to assist you. Lexis Nexis website is **www.lexisnexis.com/bookstore**.

West/ Thomson Publishing offers official editions of the **Court Rules** [Maryland Court Rules Annotated, most recent edition], **Civil Procedure** [West's Annotated Code of Maryland, Courts & Judicial Proceedings Article, current volumes], and **Criminal Procedure** [West's Annotated Code of Maryland, Criminal Procedure Article, current volumes]. Information is available from www.legalsolutions.thomsonreuters.com.

D. How can I get information about admission requirements of other jurisdictions?

The American Bar Association has a website at www.abanet.org/legaled which includes all of the information from its publication entitled Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admission Requirements. The site contains a wealth of detail about Bar admission requirements as well as Bar statistics.