

CHART VIII: Admission On Motion

NB: As used in this chart, "motion" denotes admission without any additional testing except, where required, the MPRE.

State or Jurisdiction	Do your rules provide for admission on motion?		Number of years of practice required on admission on motion?	Your definition of practice for purposes of admission on motion includes:					Must an applicant for admission on motion be a graduate of an ABA-approved law school?	
	Yes	No		law teaching	gov't agency	military	in-house corporate	Judicial court of record	Yes	No
Alabama		X*	N/A	X						
Alaska	X		5 of past 7	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Arizona		X	N/A							
Arkansas	X		5 of past 7	X	X	X	X	X	X	
California		X	N/A							
Colorado	X		5 of past 7	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Connecticut	X		5 of past 7	X	X	X	X	X		X
Delaware		X	N/A							
Dist. of Columbia	X		None							X
Florida		X	N/A							
Georgia	X		5 of past 7	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Hawaii		X*	N/A	X					X	
Idaho	X		3 of past 5	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Illinois	X		5 of past 7	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Indiana	X		5 of past 7	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Iowa	X		5 of past 7	X						X
Kansas		X*	N/A				X		X	
Kentucky	X		5 of past 7	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Louisiana		X	N/A							
Maine	X		3	X	X	X	X	X		X
Maryland		X	N/A							
Massachusetts	X		5	X	X	X	X	X		X
Michigan	X		3 of past 5	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Minnesota	X		5 of past 7	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mississippi		X	N/A							
Missouri	X		5 of past 10	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Montana		X	N/A							
Nebraska	X		Varies	X	X	X	X		X	
Nevada		X*	N/A	X						X
New Hampshire	X		5 of past 7	X	X	X	X	X		X
New Jersey		X*	N/A	X					X	
New Mexico		X	N/A							
New York	X		5 of past 7	X	X	X	X	X	X	
North Carolina	X		4 of past 6	X	X	X	X	X	X	
North Dakota	X		4 of past 5	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Ohio	X		5 of past 10	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Oklahoma	X		5 of past 7	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Oregon		X	N/A							
Pennsylvania	X		5 of past 7	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Rhode Island		X	N/A							
South Carolina		X*	N/A	X					X	
South Dakota	X		Past 5		X	X	X	X	X	
Tennessee	X		5 of past 7	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Texas	X		5 of past 7	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Utah	X		Varies	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Vermont	X		5 of past 10		X	X	X			X
Virginia	X		5 of past 7		X	X	X	X	X	
Washington	X		Varies	X	X	X	X	X		X
West Virginia	X		5 of past 7	X	X	X		X		X
Wisconsin	X		Varies	X	X	X	X	X		X
Wyoming	X		5 of past 7	X	X		X	X	X	
Guam		X*	N/A		X				X	
N. Mariana Islands		X	N/A							
Palau		X	N/A							
Puerto Rico		X	N/A							
Virgin Islands		X*	N/A		X		X			X

*Although admission on motion is generally unavailable, it is permitted in the limited categories shown.

See supplemental remarks.



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Alabama Admission on motion is limited to law professors with three consecutive years of full-time employment at an ABA-approved law school in Alabama and prior admission in another jurisdiction.

District of Columbia Attorney who has been a member in good standing of the bar for five years; or attorney, with J.D. from ABA-approved law school, admitted by examination in jurisdiction, having attained 133 scaled MBE score and 75 scaled MPRE score, can be admitted without examination.

Guam Only government attorneys may be admitted temporarily without written examination and only for purpose of government employment. Once admitted, the temporarily admitted government attorney must take the Guam Bar Exam within 2 years and pass within 3 years, otherwise the temporary admission is automatically revoked.

Hawaii Full-time faculty members at the University of Hawaii Law School who graduated from an ABA-approved law school and who have been admitted to practice in another U.S. jurisdiction are eligible.

In addition, full-time active duty uniformed service judge advocates may apply for limited admission without examination to represent, without additional compensation, certain active duty enlisted military personnel and their dependents.

Idaho Motion admission is available only to Oregon, Washington, Utah, and Wyoming attorneys.

Kansas Temporary admission on motion without examination of attorneys performing restricted legal services for single employers. Applicant must still meet the qualifications set forth for admission in Kansas at the time they were first admitted in another jurisdiction.

Nevada Motion admission only for faculty of the National Judicial College and Boyd Law School.

New Jersey Law professors who have taught law full time for the previous five years at one of the three New Jersey law schools can be admitted on motion. In addition, the law professor must have a J.D. or LL.B. degree from an ABA-approved law school and be admitted by examination in at least one other U.S. jurisdiction.

North Dakota Based on eligibility by practice or by test score.

Northern Marianas Motion admission only extends to attorneys who will work for the government.

Maine Motion admission is available only to New Hampshire and Vermont attorneys.

South Carolina Admission on motion only for dean or a tenured professor of the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Washington Limited license for representation of military personnel only. All other motion applicants are admitted on the basis of reciprocity with state of origin.

Number of years of practice required for admission on motion?

Minnesota Applicant must have been actively and lawfully engaged in the practice of law in the state of licensure for at least five of the seven years immediately preceding the application. Law professors, JAG Corps attorneys and federal attorneys may count practice outside the state of licensure. All other applicants must have been licensed in the state where they practiced.

Nebraska Admission without examination if applicant has actively practiced law 5 of 7 years preceding application, and has received his/her first professional degree from an ABA-approved law school. Or, admission without examination if applicant has passed a bar examination equivalent to Nebraska, was admitted to practice, and has first degree from an ABA-approved law school.

New Hampshire Attorneys from Maine and Vermont may be admitted after 3 years of practice; all other attorneys must have practiced 5 of past 7 years.

North Dakota Four of the last five years immediately preceding application. If application is based on MBE scaled score of 150 or above and admission in the jurisdiction of examination, active practice not required. Evidence of MBE score and completed application must be received within two years of exam date.

Ohio An applicant may apply for admission without examination if the applicant has engaged in the practice of law in another jurisdiction for 5 of the last 10 years. The applicant must have been engaged in this practice on a full-time basis, outside of Ohio, and subsequent to the applicant's admission in the other jurisdiction. Full-time teaching at an ABA-approved law school, whether in or outside of Ohio, may satisfy the past practice requirement.

Utah Practice requirement is determined by the applicant's originating jurisdiction with a minimum of 3 years of practice in the originating jurisdiction during the 4 years preceding the filing of the application.

Vermont Attorneys from Maine and New Hampshire may be admitted after 3 years of practice; all other attorneys must have practiced 5 of the past 10 years.

Washington Both the length of active practice and the type of practice permitted are determined by the requirements of the applicant's originating jurisdiction. Motion applicants must show that they have the same length and type of practice that would be required of applicants from Washington who seek admission in the originating jurisdiction.

Wisconsin Although the basic requirement is 3 years of practice during the 5 years preceding application, Wisconsin has a reciprocity provision that ties eligibility to the requirement of the originating jurisdiction.

Must an applicant for admission on motion be a graduate of an ABA-approved law school?

Connecticut Must be a graduate of a law school approved by bar examining committee.

Massachusetts Must be ABA-approved or authorized by a state statute to grant the degree of bachelor of laws or J.D. at the time of graduation.

Maine Law school graduates from English-speaking common law countries may be eligible.

Michigan Applicant must have a J.D. from a reputable and qualified law school. Law schools fully or provisionally approved by the ABA on the date the applicant's degree is conferred are considered to be reputable and qualified. No law school in recent memory has requested the Board to independently approve it as reputable and qualified.

New Hampshire Foreign law school graduates who meet other requirements and who are licensed in another state are eligible for admission on motion.

Vermont Applicant must complete a three month clerkship in Vermont.

West Virginia Must be ABA-approved or its equivalent.