



Application for Admission to Practice as an Attorney and Counselor-At-Law in the State of New York

Form Affidavit as to Applicant's Compliance with the Skills Competency and Professional Values Requirement

Instructions: All applicants for admission to practice law in New York State must submit proof that they have satisfied the Skills Competency and Professional Values requirement set forth in section 520.18 of the Rules of the Court of Appeals (22 NYCRR 520.18). The applicant must complete the section of this form that corresponds to the pathway under which the applicant seeks to satisfy section 520.18, and then complete the oath on page 9. If the applicant satisfies more than one pathway, complete all applicable sections. This form is to be filed by the applicant with, and as a necessary part of, the application for admission. If any portion of this form is not in English, that portion must be accompanied by an English translation that either is duly authenticated or includes a statement by the translator setting forth the translator's qualifications and certifying that the translation is accurate. For more information on the Skills Competency and Professional Values admission requirement, including implementation dates, see section 520.18 and the Frequently Asked Questions applicable thereto, available at <http://www.nycourts.gov/ctapps/news/skills.pdf>.

Please Print or Type This Form

▲ Name of Applicant		▲ BOLE ID #	
▲ Street Address			
▲ City/Town/Village	▲ State	▲ ZIP	▲ Country (if not in US)
▲ Telephone	▲ E-mail		

I have satisfied the Skills Competency and Professional Values requirement by completing: (check all that apply)

- Pathway 1: Law school certification of competence in skills and professional values
- Pathway 2: Law school certification of credit acquisition
- Pathway 3: Pro Bono Scholars Program
- Pathway 4: Apprenticeship
- Pathway 5: Practice in another jurisdiction

To Be Completed if Applicant Satisfies Pathway 1: Law School Certification of Competence in Skills and Professional Values

An official from your law school must complete the following certification.

I (name of law school official), _____, am the
(title) _____ at (name of law school)
_____, an American Bar Association-
approved law school. I confirm: (a) that this law school has developed a plan identifying and
incorporating into its curriculum the skills and professional values that, in the school's
judgment, are required for its graduates' basic competence and ethical participation in the legal
profession, as required by ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for the Approval of Law
Schools Standard 302(b), (c) and (d), and has made this plan publicly available on the law
school's website; and (b) that (name of applicant) _____
has acquired sufficient competency in those skills and sufficient familiarity with those values.

Official Seal of Law School

Signature of Official _____

Title of Official _____

Dated (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

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To Be Completed if Applicant Satisfies Pathway 2: Acquisition of 15 Credits in Practice-Based Experiential Coursework

An official from your law school must complete the following certification.

I (name of law school official), _____, am the
(title) _____ at (name of law school)
_____, an American Bar Association-approved law
school. I confirm that (name of applicant) _____, successfully
completed at least 15 credit hours of practice-based experiential coursework, as defined by section
520.18(a)(2)(i) of the Rules of the Court of Appeals. The courses and non-credit bearing summer work
experiences completed by applicant are as follows (attach additional pages if necessary):

A. Practice-based experiential coursework

▼ Course title	▼ Credits Earned
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

B. Non-credit bearing summer employment (cannot exceed the equivalent of 6 credits)

▼ Summer Employment*	▼ Hours Completed	▼ Credit Hour Equivalent
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

* Rule 520.18(a)(2)(iv) provides that a student may earn **up to six of the fifteen required credits** through law school certified non-credit bearing summer employment supervised by an attorney in good standing in any state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia. The supervising attorney must certify to the law school the beginning and ending dates of the employment, that the student satisfactorily completed the employment, and that the work experience: provided the student with an initial orientation session; implemented a system for assignments that assured that the student was actually engaged in the performance of legal work, including a diversity of tasks, as part of the ongoing practical work of the law office during normal business hours and throughout the required period; provided the student with experience and guidance in the skills and values required for basic competence and ethical participation in the legal profession; gave the student timely oral and written feedback; and engaged the student in reflection on the student's experiences and learning during the employment. At least 50 hours of full-time employment is required for each substituted credit under this subdivision. **Only include summer work experiences that meet these requirements.**

C. Total Practice-based Experiential Credits Earned (combine totals from sections A and B above): _____

Official Seal of Law School

Signature of Official _____

Title of Official _____

Dated (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

To Be Completed if Applicant Satisfies Pathway 3: Pro Bono Scholars Program

I (name of applicant), _____, successfully completed the Pro Bono Scholars Program as prescribed in section 520.17 of the Rules of the Court of Appeals. Proof of same is provided in the Form Affidavit of Applicant's Completion of the Pro Bono Scholars Program, submitted herewith.

Signature of Applicant _____

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To Be Completed if Applicant Satisfies Pathway 4: Apprenticeship

Applicants who complete an apprenticeship pursuant to section 520.18(a)(4) of the Rules of the Court of Appeals must complete section A below. The applicant's supervising attorney then must complete section B below. Applicants who submit a certification under this section do not also have to submit a Form Affidavit as to Applicant's Law-Related Employment for the apprenticeship.

A. Applicant Certification

I (name of applicant), _____, certify that I completed a six-month full-time apprenticeship meeting the requirements of section 520.18 of the Rules of the Court of Appeals. The details of the apprenticeship are as follows:

Dates of Apprenticeship* From (dd/mm/yyyy): _____ To (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

▲ Name of Firm/Law Office Where Apprenticeship Was Completed

▲ Employer's Address

▲ City/Town/Village

▲ State

▲ ZIP

▲ Country (if not in US)

*The apprenticeship must commence after the conclusion of the applicant's law studies, except that an applicant who is required to complete an LL.M. program at an approved law school pursuant to section 520.6(b) of the Rules of the Court of Appeals may complete the apprenticeship before commencing the LL.M. program.

Pathway 4 (Continued)

B. Supervising Attorney Certification

I (name of attorney), _____, certify that I supervised a six-month, full-time apprenticeship by (name of applicant) _____ at the address listed above and for the dates listed above in Section A. I further certify that: (a) the applicant was provided with an initial orientation session; (b) I implemented a system for assignment to assure that the applicant was actually engaged in the performance of legal work, including a diversity of tasks, as part of the ongoing practical work of the law office during normal business hours and throughout the required period; (c) I provided the applicant with experience and guidance in the skills and values required for basic competence and ethical participation in the legal profession; (d) I provided timely oral and written feedback to the applicant; and (e) I engaged the applicant in reflection on the applicant's experiences and learning during the apprenticeship.

I confirm that I have been admitted to practice and in good standing for at least two years in the jurisdiction where the apprenticeship was conducted, or, if the apprenticeship was conducted in a country, territory or commonwealth that permits the practice of law without formal admission to the bar, that I am authorized to engage in the relevant practice under that jurisdiction's rules, am in full compliance with the jurisdiction's rules, and have at least two years of experience in the relevant practice.

Applicant's apprenticeship was satisfactorily completed:

Yes **No**

If '**No**', applicant's performance was not satisfactory in the following respects:

I hereby provide any other facts within my knowledge, or of which I have information, which in my opinion have any bearing on applicant's qualifications and moral character or fitness to practice law, or which would be helpful to the Appellate Division or its Committees on Character and Fitness in determining applicant's character and fitness.

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Pathway 4 (Continued)

▲ Attorney Signature	▲ Print Attorney Name	▲ Date
▲ Attorney Title		
▲ Attorney Employer		
▲ Jurisdiction Where Admitted or Authorized to Practice Law		
▲ E-mail	▲ Telephone	

If the supervising attorney's certification is not in English, it must be accompanied by an English translation that either is duly authenticated or includes a statement by the translator setting forth the translator's qualifications and certifying that the translation is accurate.

To Be Completed if Applicant Satisfies Pathway 5: Practice In Another Jurisdiction

I (name of applicant), _____, certify that I meet the requirements of section 520.18(a)(5) of the Rules of the Court of Appeals, in that: (a) I have been authorized to practice law in another United States jurisdiction or any other country, territory or commonwealth outside the continental United States; and (b) I have been in good standing and practiced law in that/those jurisdiction(s) full-time for at least one year or half-time for two years following my authorization to practice. Proof of such authorization to practice is provided by a certificate of good standing from the jurisdiction(s), submitted herewith (see Question 20, Admission Questionnaire). The details of such practice are provided in the relevant Form Affirmation as to Applicant's Law-Related Employment and/or Solo Practice, submitted herewith.

Signature of Applicant _____

Dated (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

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Applicant Oath (to be completed by all applicants)

If this affidavit is sworn to outside the United States, its commonwealths, territories or possessions, and the attesting officer is not a notary public, attach a certificate of the attesting officer's authority to attest to or witness the signature of the affiant in the jurisdiction.

STATE (COUNTRY) OF _____)

COUNTY OF _____)ss.:

CITY OF _____)

I (name of applicant), _____, **SWEAR (OR AFFIRM)** that the information contained in this Form Affidavit as to Compliance with the Skills Competency and Professional Values Requirement is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant _____

Dated (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this _____ day of _____ in the year 20_____.

Notary Public
(Sign & Affix seal or stamp)

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