

## **TITLE 27 – THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR**

### **CHAPTER 03 – RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

#### **SECTION .0100 – ORGANIZATION**

##### **27 NCAC 03 .0101      DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this Chapter, the following shall apply:

- (1) "Chapter" or "Rules" refers to the "Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in the State of North Carolina."
- (2) "Board" refers to the "Board of Law Examiners of the State of North Carolina." A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, and the action of a majority of a quorum, present and voting, shall constitute the action of the Board.
- (3) "Executive Director" refers to the "Executive Director of the Board of Law Examiners of the State of North Carolina."
- (4) "File" or "filing" or "filed" shall mean received in the office of the Board of Law Examiners. Except that applications placed in the United States mail properly addressed to the Board of Law Examiners and bearing sufficient first-class postage and postmarked by the United States Postal Service or date-stamped by any recognized delivery service on or before a deadline date will be considered as having been timely filed if all required fees are included in the mailing. Mailings which are postmarked after a deadline or which, if postmarked on or before a deadline, do not include required fees or which include a check in payment of required fees which is dishonored because of insufficient funds will not be considered as filed. Applications which are not properly signed and notarized; or which do not include the properly executed Authorization and Release forms; or which are illegible; or with incomplete answers to questions will not be considered filed and will be returned.
- (5) Any reference to a "state" shall mean one of the United States, and any reference to a "territory" shall mean a United States territory.
- (6) "Panel" means one or more members of the Board specially designated to conduct hearings provided for in these Rules.
- (7) "Uniform Bar Examination" (or "UBE") means the bar examination prepared and coordinated by the National Conference of Bar Examiners that is uniformly administered by user jurisdictions and results in a portable score. This includes the NextGen UBE. To the extent that these rules refer to "bar examination," "bar exam," "examination," and "exam," those terms also refer to the UBE.

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