

law, evidence, real property, torts, and constitutional law. The MBE test usually is given on the second day of the examination. The first day usually is devoted to the traditional essay examination, prepared and graded by the Board.

Pursuant to the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar, adopted by the Court of Appeals, June 28, 1990 (effective August 1, 1990) and Rules of the Board adopted October 8, 1990, the subjects covered by the Board's essay examination encompass but need not include all of the following subject areas: agency, business associations, commercial transactions, constitutional law, contracts, criminal law and procedure, evidence, Maryland civil procedure, property, professional conduct, and torts. Single questions may encompass more than one subject area and subjects are not specifically labeled on the examination paper.

The Board also processes applications for admission filed under Rule 13, which permits out-of-State attorneys who have practiced law for a total of ten years or at least five years of the ten years preceding application to apply for admission to the Maryland bar. The lawyers' examination is an essay test limited in scope and subject matter to Maryland's Rules of Practice and Procedure and Rules of Professional Conduct. The test is three hours long and is administered on the first day of the regularly scheduled bar examination.

The requirement that all applicants to practice law in Maryland be domiciled in the State when admitted to the bar was abolished in 1982.

The Board is composed of seven lawyers appointed to five-year terms by the Court of Appeals. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 1999 (Code Business Occupations and Professions Article, secs. 10-201 through 10-218).

ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE COMMISSION

James J. Cromwell, Esq., *Chairperson*, 1995

Appointed by Court of Appeals (which names chair): Barry P. Gossett, 1994; Alfred Nance, Esq., 1994; Nancy L. Slepicka, Esq., 1994; Darryl G. Fletcher, Esq., 1995; Donna H. Staton, Esq., 1995; C. Daniel Saunders, Esq., 1996; Martin P. Lessans, Esq., 1997; Seymour B. Stern, Esq., 1997; Leonard P. Steuart, 1997.

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By Rule of the Court of Appeals, the Attorney Grievance Commission was created in 1975 to administer discipline and supervise the inactive status of lawyers. The Commission appoints, subject to

approval of the Court of Appeals, a lawyer to serve as bar counsel and principal executive officer of the disciplinary system. The bar counsel and staff investigate all matters involving possible misconduct, prosecute disciplinary proceedings, and investigate petitions for reinstatement (Md. Rules, Chapter 1100, subtitle BV). By the same Rule of Court, the Court of Appeals also established a disciplinary fund to cover expenses of the Commission and provided for an Inquiry Committee and a Review Board to act upon disciplinary cases.

The Commission consists of eight lawyers and two lay persons appointed by the Court of Appeals for four-year terms. The chairperson is designated by the Court.

INQUIRY COMMITTEE

Harry Wolpoff, *Chairperson*

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Appointed by the Attorney Grievance Commission, the Inquiry Committee consists of attorneys selected by the Bar Associations of the appropriate county or Baltimore City, and lay members.

REVIEW BOARD

James V. Anthenelli, Esq., *Chairperson*, 1994

Lucien T. Winegar, Esq., *Vice-Chairperson*, 1994

Selected by Board of Governors, Maryland State Bar Association, & appointed by Attorney Grievance Commission:

1st Appellate Circuit: James V. Anthenelli, Esq., 1994

2nd Appellate Circuit: Anne T. Brennan, Esq., 1994; William M. Hesson, Jr., Esq., 1996.

3rd Appellate Circuit: Gary Everngam, Esq., 1994; Joseph Truhe, Esq., 1995; Lucian T. Winegar, Esq., 1996.

4th Appellate Circuit: Midgett S. Parker, Jr., Esq., 1995; Stephen A. Markey, Jr., Esq., 1996.

5th Appellate Circuit: Elliott I. Siskind, Esq., 1994; Charles M. Preston, Jr., Esq., 1995.

6th Appellate Circuit: Kerry D. Staton, Esq., 1994; Mary N. Humphries, Esq., 1995; Paula M. Junghans, Esq., 1995; Harry S. Johnson, Esq., 1996; Susan M. Souder, Esq., 1996.

Appointed by Attorney Grievance Commission: Thomas V. Clagett, 1995; William J. Schwindt, 1995; Rosalynde K. Soble, Ph.D., 1995.

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The Review Board consists of eighteen persons appointed to three-year terms by the Commission. Fifteen are attorneys selected by the Board of Governors of the Maryland State Bar Association. Three are lay members from the State at large. Judges are not permitted as members of the Board.