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Notice to the Bar

SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT NOTICE - STATE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

The Court of Appeals has released a special employment notice for an appointment to the State Board of Law Examiners. The notice is attached.

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The New York State Court of Appeals (Court) is currently entertaining applications for an appointment to the State Board of Law Examiners (Board), commencing September 15, 2026 or as soon thereafter as the position is filled. The five practicing attorneys who serve as members of the Board oversee the administration and grading of the New York bar examination, currently the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) (developed by the National Conference of Bar Examiners), and the development of the local component consisting of the New York Law Course (NYLC) and the New York Law Examination (NYLE). The Court is interested in attracting the broadest pool of candidates possible.

Pursuant to Judiciary Law § 56, the Court appoints the members of the Board to three-year terms and the members are paid \$80,496 per year, plus benefits and expenses. The position is considered part-time, but members are expected to make a significant time commitment to the position. Among their responsibilities, Board Members research, draft and edit questions for the NYLE, update and maintain the course materials for the NYLC, train contract graders and manage a grading team for the UBE. Board Members also decide matters related to disability accommodations, conduct administrative disciplinary hearings, keep abreast of developments in legal education and bar admissions, respond to inquiries from and perform outreach to the legal education community and the legal community in general, including bar associations and law schools, and perform other related duties. The position requires participation in the Board's regular monthly meetings, which may be conducted virtually or in person as well as attendance and participation in question drafting and editing conferences that may be conducted virtually or in person in Albany, New York City or other locations. Board Members also attend the bar examination administered twice per year at various locations throughout the state. Individuals currently engaged in legal education for prospective bar candidates are not eligible for the position.

Beginning with the July 2028 New York bar examination, New York will administer the NextGen Bar Exam in place of the UBE. Information about the NextGen Bar Exam is available at <https://nextgenbarexam.ncbex.org/>. Additional information about the current bar examination (UBE), the NYLC and the NYLE and the work of the Board is available on the Board's website at <https://www.nybarexam.org>.

Candidates must be admitted to the New York State bar for at least five years, be in good standing, and duly registered to practice law. Individuals interested in applying for the position should send a resume, together with a letter explaining the candidate's interest in serving on the Board, their current connection to New York, and any relevant experience by June 15, 2026 to application@nybarexam.org or mail to:

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