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ANNOUNCEMENT

STATEMENT OF STATE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

Under the Rules of the Supreme Court of Indiana with reference to admissions to the bar and the regulations of the State Board of Law Examiners admissions are divided into three classes.

(1) Admission on certificate of the Judge of the Circuit Court or President of the Local Bar Association certifying that the applicant was duly admitted to practice prior to July 1, 1931, has been in the practice at least six months immediately prior to the date of the certificate, and that the applicant has the required residential and moral qualifications (Rule 41-3) supported by motion of a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court.

(2) Admission on Judge's certificate of foreign license (Rule 41-4) certifying that the applicant has actually practiced at least three years in the highest court of the state or highest court of original jurisdiction and supported by motion of a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court, certifying that the applicant has the required residential and moral qualifications.

It will be noted that the application in either of the above classes may be made at any time and it is only necessary for the applicant to file his application in duplicate, with the Clerk of the Supreme Court, on the forms provided substantiated by the certificate, and cause the motion to be made by a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court. There is no expense attached to these methods of admission except the fee to the Clerk of the Supreme Court for a certificate of admission.

The third class, however, has to do with admission upon examination. (Rule 41-5) et sec. In this class applicants are required to file application in duplicate with the Clerk of the Supreme Court on forms provided and accompanied by a fee of \$15.00, at least three weeks before the date of the examination.

The examinations are to be held on the first Monday of March and October and the second Monday of July each year. The first examination was held on October 5, 1931 and the next examination will be held at the State House at Indianapolis on March 7, 1932. The applications must be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court on or before February 15, 1932 in order for the applicant to participate in the March Examination. As the applicant is required to be a resident voter before admission, it is believed that the examination may be taken before this requirement is completed and that the motion for admission may be made upon completion of this requirement. This will enable an applicant to take the examination during the period

of acquiring the residential requirement and of being admitted immediately after acquiring such residence.

After the filing of the application, it is referred to the committee on character and fitness of the county of applicant's residence or intended residence and the applicant is required to appear before the committee member to make proof of moral character by three practicing attorneys of the judicial district and certain other investigations will be privately made by the board and the committee. If the attendance of the attorneys cannot be secured, personal appearance may be dispensed with by affidavits of such attorneys, and forms for some may be obtained from the member of the Committee on Character and Fitness in each county. If the applicant attended an organized law school, he may in lieu of proof of character by attorneys, furnish affidavits of his character by three of his law partners or an affidavit of the Dean of his Law School.

Upon a favorable report of the Committee on Character and Fitness, the applicant may take the examination. It is anticipated that the examination will cover the following subjects: Quasi-Contracts, Contracts, Indiana Practice, Persons, Negotiable Instruments, Insurance, Bailments, Agency, Constitutional Law, Evidence, Torts, Mortgages, Equity, Sales, Taxation, Municipal Corporations, Bankruptcy, Conflict of Laws, Damages, Trusts, Private Corporations, Partnership, Criminal Law and Procedure, Suretyship, Property, Wills, Common Law Pleading, Code Pleading, Personal Property.

The examination will require two days, be a written examination, and may be supplemented by oral examination. If the board finds the applicant qualified to practice, such fact is reported to the Court and the applicant may be admitted in open court upon motion of a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court and entitled to have his name entered on the roll of attorneys. If the applicant fails in the examination, provision is made for re-examination.

After admission in any of the classes, the Clerk of the Supreme Court certifies such admission to the county of the applicant's residence. All forms including the rules with reference to admission to the bar have been printed in pamphlet form and may be secured from the Clerk of the Supreme Court, State House, Indianapolis, Indiana, upon application.



FRANK N. RICHMAN, PRESIDENT, 1931-1932.

