

OCTOBER 2020 REMOTE BAR EXAM IN MARYLAND
NOTICE TO SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

Congratulations on passing the October 2020 Remote Bar Exam in Maryland! Please **carefully** review the following information, for which you are responsible. **Although you have passed the bar exam, SBLE currently maintains an exception to your admission to the Bar. SBLE clear you for admission when you have satisfied all admission requirements:**

- 1. AFFIRMATION:** You **MUST** complete and sign the [AFFIRMATION FORM](#) and return it to: SBLE@mdcourts.gov within seven (7) days of the date the exam results are posted online. **YOU WILL NOT BE CLEARED FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR UNTIL SBLE RECEIVES YOUR AFFIRMATION.** You must include your current contact information and indicate whether the information listed differs from the information on the My Account tab in your eBar portal.
- 2. MARYLAND LAW COMPONENT:** Maryland Rule 19-212 requires all applicants to complete the Maryland Law Component (MLC) prior to admission to the Bar. SBLE provided you with information on completing the MLC by email shortly after the date you filed your Notice of Intent to Take the UBE in Maryland. You may check your MLC status on the "My Status" page of your eBar account. **If you have not yet completed the MLC, the Board will maintain an exception to your admission until you do so.**
- 3. MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM:** Maryland Rule 19-213 requires all applicants to achieve and report to SBLE a qualifying score on the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) prior to Admission to the Bar. You may check your MPRE score status on the "My Status" page of your eBar account. **If you have not yet reported a qualifying MPRE score, SBLE will maintain an exception to your admission until you do so.**
- 4. CHARACTER & FITNESS:** Your Bar admission is contingent on a favorable recommendation as to your character & fitness qualifications by the Character Committee and SBLE. *See Maryland Rule 19-203 (Character Review)*. If you have not yet been contacted by the Character Committee regarding your required personal interview by the close of business on the Monday following the release of exam results, you should send email to SBLE@mdcourts.gov requesting further instructions.

BAR ADMISSION CEREMONY: The Court of Appeals of Maryland (not SBLE) will notify you of the date and time of your admissions ceremony. All ceremonies will occur ONLINE due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Further admission ceremony details are available via the link on SBLE's web page (www.mdcourts.gov/ble) reporting the passers for this examination. The Clerk's office will not schedule your appearance at the Bar admission ceremony **until after SBLE lifts the exception to your admission.**

NO EARLY ADMISSIONS: SBLE reports the results of the General Bar Examination to the Court of Appeals of Maryland (the admitting authority). The Court of Appeals issues an *Order Nisi* containing the names and addresses of all successful candidates, which will be ratified on a set date after its issuance. No candidate shall be admitted until after the ratification of the Order Nisi. *See Md. Rule 19-211*. You are not authorized to hold yourself out as an attorney or to practice law in Maryland until you have taken the prescribed oath in the Court of Appeals of Maryland or by proxy.

24-MONTH RULE: A candidate who passes the Maryland Bar examination may not take the oath of admission to the Bar later than 24 months after the date the Court of Appeals ratifies the Board's report for that examination, absent an extension by SBLE or waiver by the Court of Appeals. Extensions are routinely granted for applicants who remain active in the character & fitness process. *See Maryland Rule 19-211*. Failure to complete the MLC or MPRE requirements are not grounds for extension.

NAME CHANGE: If you officially change your name for any reason prior to your admission, you **MUST** send SBLE a **certified copy** of the legal document which effected the change with an **original seal or stamp of the issuing authority**. (Examples: If you change your name by marriage, you must supply a **certified** copy of your Marriage Certificate. If you have divorced and have had your maiden name restored by the Court, you must supply a **certified** copy of the divorce order restoring your maiden name.)

UPDATE OF APPLICATION: All information on your application is of a continuing nature through the date of your admission. Any changes in the information on your application, including contact information, must be made in a signed writing and emailed as a scanned PDF to SBLE@mdcourts.gov.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Maryland's Bar Admission Rules are available online at www.mdcourts.gov/ble. You may contact SBLE's administrative office for any other information by email at sble@mdcourts.gov.