

1 **Rule 14-715. Bar Examination appeals.**

2 (a) Request for review. A request for review, along with the prescribed filing fee,
3 must be filed with the Bar in writing within 30 calendar days of the date that the Bar
4 Examination results are mailed to the [Applicant](#).

5 (b) Standard of review. The Board or its designees shall only review the request of
6 failing [Applicants](#) who claim that failure was because of a substantial irregularity in the
7 administration of the examination that resulted in manifest unfairness or because of
8 mathematical errors in the scoring of the [Applicant's](#) examination. A substantial
9 irregularity in the administration of the examination will not be a matter that will result in
10 questions or answers being reread, reevaluated or regraded. The Board and its
11 designees shall not reread, reevaluate or regrade Bar Examination answers.

12 (c) Bar Examination review and appeal procedure. The request for review shall
13 contain a short and plain statement of the reasons that the [Applicant](#) is entitled to relief
14 based on Rule 14-715(b).

15 (c)(1) Review panel and Board decision. The review panel consisting of no fewer
16 than three members of the Admissions Committee shall review all relevant evidence.
17 Requests for review setting forth common issues may be consolidated in whole or in
18 part as determined by the chair of the review panel. The Admissions Committee shall
19 file with a panel of three members of the Board its written findings of fact and
20 recommendations. The Board panel shall make a decision on the request for review and
21 shall notify the [Applicant](#) in writing of its decision in the form of a final decision, which
22 includes findings of fact and conclusions of law.

23 (c)(2) Appeal process. Within 30 calendar days after the date of the final decision,
24 the [Applicant](#) may appeal to the Supreme Court by filing a written notice of appeal with
25 the clerk of the Supreme Court and serving a copy upon the [General Counsel](#). At the
26 time of filing the notice of appeal, the [Applicant](#) shall pay the prescribed filing fee to the
27 clerk of the Supreme Court. The clerk will not accept a notice of appeal unless the filing
28 fee is paid.

29 (c)(3) Records of proceedings. A record of the proceedings shall be prepared by the
30 Bar and shall be filed with the clerk of the Supreme Court within 21 calendar days
31 following the filing of the notice of appeal.

32 (c)(4) Appeal petition. An appeal petition shall be filed with the Supreme Court 30
33 calendar days after a record of the proceedings has been filed with the Supreme Court.
34 The appeal petition shall state the name of the petitioner and shall designate the Bar as
35 respondent. The appeal petition must contain the following:

36 (c)(4)(A) a statement of the issues presented and the relief sought;

37 (c)(4)(B) a statement of the facts necessary to an understanding of the issues
38 presented by the appeal;

39 (c)(4)(C) the legal argument supporting the petitioner's request; and

40 (c)(4)(D) a certificate reflecting service of the appeal petition upon the [G](#)eneral
41 [C](#)ounsel.

42 (c)(5) Format of appeal and response petitions. Except by permission of the court,
43 the appeal petition and the Bar's response shall not exceed 25 double-spaced pages,
44 each. These documents shall be typewritten on 8 ½ inches by 11 inches paper. The
45 text, including footnotes, shall be in type no smaller than 10 characters per inch for
46 monospaced typeface and 13-point or larger for proportionally spaced typeface. An
47 original and six copies of the appeal petition and the response petition shall be filed with
48 the clerk of the Supreme Court.

49 (c)(6) Within 30 calendar days after service of the appeal petition on the Bar, the
50 Bar, as respondent, shall file its response with the clerk of the Supreme Court. At the
51 time of filing, a copy of the response shall be served upon the petitioner.

52 (c)(7) The clerk of the Supreme Court will notify the parties if any additional briefing
53 or oral argument is permitted. Upon entry of the Supreme Court's decision, the clerk
54 shall give notice of the decision.

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