

Supreme Court Rules
Section XVI.
Law School Graduates

Rule 97.

Rules text

A law school graduate certified under these rules, when under the supervision of the Attorney General, a district attorney, a solicitor-general of a state court, a solicitor of a municipal court, a public defender, or a licensed practicing attorney who works or volunteers for a court or for a not-for-profit organization which provides free legal representation to indigent persons or children may assist in proceedings within this state as if admitted and licensed to practice law in this state.

Rule 98.

Rules text

All pleadings and other entries of record must also be signed by the Attorney General, a district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, public defender, or duly appointed assistant attorney general, assistant district attorney, assistant solicitor general, assistant solicitor, assistant public defender, or licensed practicing attorney as described in Rule 97. In the conduct of any grand jury investigation, administrative proceeding, hearing, trial, or other proceeding, such Attorney General, district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, public defender, or duly appointed assistant district attorney, assistant solicitor general, assistant solicitor, assistant public defender, or licensed practicing attorney as described in Rule 97, must be physically present.

Rule 99.

Rules text

An eligible law-school graduate is a recent graduate of a Georgia law school or of an accredited law school from another state who has not yet received the results of his or her first taking of the bar examination. Such graduate shall file a petition to practice as a law-school graduate with the Clerk of the Supreme Court, setting out the graduate's name, address, social security number, the name of the law school from which he or she graduated and the date thereof, and the name, title and signature of the Attorney General, district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, public defender, or licensed practicing attorney as described in Rule 97, whom the graduate intends to assist. If available, evidence of certification of fitness to practice law from the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants issued under Part A, Section 11 of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law, or similar certification from another state, shall be attached to the petition. If not available, the status of the graduate's fitness application in Georgia or any

other state, if any, shall be set out in the petition. A graduate who has been denied or tentatively denied certification of fitness to practice law in Georgia, or any other state, shall not be eligible to practice under this Rule.

Application for a certificate of fitness to take the bar examination is not a prerequisite to eligibility to practice as a graduate.

Any graduate eligible to assist the Attorney General, a district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, or public defender under this Rule is not required to possess the qualifications for appointment to the office of Attorney General, district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, public defender, or assistant attorney general, assistant district attorney, assistant solicitor general, assistant solicitor, or assistant public defender.

Rule 100.

Rules text

Upon receiving and examining the petition of the graduate, the Court shall register the graduate as eligible to practice under these rules until the end of the month (October or May) in which the results of the first Georgia Bar examination given after the petitioner's graduation will be published. The Court shall issue a certificate to the graduate setting out the petitioner's status as a graduate and the duration of his or her eligibility to practice under these rules.

Rule 101.

Rules text

The graduate shall present such certificate to the judge of the trial court where the graduate intends to assist in proceedings. The graduate may be authorized to participate in the proceedings in such form and manner as the judge of the court where such authority is to be exercised may prescribe. Before entering an order authorizing a graduate to assist the Attorney General, district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, or public defender, the judge shall further require of the graduate an oath similar to the oath required by a district attorney, a solicitor general, a solicitor, or a public defender.

As to each graduate authorized to assist the Attorney General, a district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, public defender, or licensed practicing attorney as described in Rule 97, there shall be kept on file in the office of the clerk of the court where such authority is to be exercised, a copy of this Court's certificate, the graduate's oath if required, and the judge's order.

Rule 102.

Rules text

If during this period the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants, or a similar board from another state, denies or tentatively denies the graduate's application, the graduate shall notify the judge of the trial court where he or she is assisting in proceedings immediately and such authority to practice as a graduate shall terminate and be revoked.

Rule 103.

Rules text

A licensed practicing attorney as described in Rule 97, who is supervising law graduates under this Rule, shall ensure that at all times the graduate is covered by an adequate amount of malpractice insurance.