



NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

POLICY ON APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION PURSUANT TO AN ACADEMIC CALL

1.1 Academic Call Permitted

1.1.1 Pursuant to Regulation 3.7, members of the faculty at the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University may apply to be a practising lawyer.

2.1 Eligibility Requirements

2.1.1 Regulation 3.7.2 sets out the eligibility requirements:

Eligibility

3.7.2 To be eligible to be a practising lawyer an applicant under this subregulation must

- a) hold a law degree, a graduate law degree from a common law university, or be a member of the Bar of a foreign jurisdiction;
- b) have been a full time member of the faculty for the two years immediately preceding the application;
- c) intend to remain a fulltime member of the faculty for a further year;
- d) be of good character and a fit and proper person.

Application Requirements

2.1.2 Regulation 3.7.3 sets out the application requirements:

Content of Application

3.7.3 An application under this regulation shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee and shall provide

- a) contact information;
- b) proof that the applicant;
 - i. holds a law degree,
 - ii. holds a graduate law degree from a common law university, or
 - iii. is a member of the Bar of a foreign jurisdiction
- c) (c) confirmation that the applicant has been a fulltime member of the faculty for the two years immediately preceding the application;
- d) (d) confirmation that the applicant intends to remain a full-time member of the faculty for a further year;
- e) (e) if the applicant is or has been a member of the Bar of a foreign jurisdiction, a Certificate of Standing from each law society where the applicant is or has been a member.
- f) (f) the Executive Director with a criminal record check in a manner prescribed by the Executive Director

3.1 Options of the Executive Director

3.1.1 Good Character or Fitness

Where it is in the public interest to do so, the Executive Director may obtain additional information regarding the applicant's good character or fitness from the applicant or any other person.

Approval of Application

3.1.2 Where it is in the public interest to do so, the Executive Director may approve an application as an academic call and fix a date for the applicant to be called the Bar.

Denial of Application

3.1.3 The Executive Director may deny an application for reasons other than good character or fitness, if it is in the public interest.

Application Denied

3.1.4 If the Executive Director denies the application, the Executive Director will provide the applicant with a written decision, including reasons, and inform the applicant of the internal review process.

4.1 Referral to the Credentials Committee

4.1.1 Where it is in the public interest to do so, the Executive Director may refer to the Credentials Committee any application for academic call raising an issue of good character or fitness.

Options for the Committee

4.1.2 After considering the application and all information provided by the Executive Director, the Committee may:

- a) defer a decision and request the Executive Director obtain new information;
- b) approve the application, with or without terms, and stipulate the effective date of enrolment; or
- c) deny the application.

Review of the Committee's Decision

4.1.3 If the Committee's decision denies the application, or approves the application with terms, the Committee will:

- a) provide the applicant with a written decision with reasons, and
- b) inform the applicant of the right to appeal to the Credentials Appeal Panel.

5.1 Termination of Employment at Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University

5.1.1 If a practising lawyer who has been admitted pursuant to academic call ceases to be a full-time member of the faculty at the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University, pursuant to Regulation 3.7.8, the person may apply to the Executive Director to remain a practising lawyer. The Executive Director will consider each application on a case-by-case basis and may prescribe requirements to maintain the practising lawyer membership category.

Requirements of Executive Director

5.1.2 If the Executive Director establishes requirements for maintaining membership as a practising lawyer category pursuant to Regulation 3.7.8, the Executive Director will provide the applicant with written reasons and inform the applicant of the internal review process.

Approved by the Credentials Committee - April 23, 2010