

Due to COVID-19 guidelines, the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners is accepting an original signed Declaration, Authorization and Release in lieu of your application being notarized. Some aspects of our investigation process may require a signed and notarized Authorization and Release before we can process your application. If so, you will be contacted.

**VIRGINIA LEGAL AID COUNSEL
DECLARATION, AUTHORIZATION and RELEASE**

I, _____ hereby affirm that:

1. I am the applicant named in the foregoing application for admission to practice law in Virginia;
2. I have read the Supreme Court of Virginia Rule 1A:9 Rule regarding Virginia Legal Aid Counsel admission, and I make this application in accordance with those Rules;
3. I understand that my obligation to furnish complete and accurate information in connection with this application is a continuing one, and accordingly, should anything occur or be discovered between the time this application is submitted and the time I am admitted that would change or render incomplete any portion of the information furnished in or in connection with this application, I will promptly notify the Board and furnish the necessary information to correct or complete my application;
4. I agree to give any further information which may be required in reference to my past record;
5. I hereby authorize the Board, their agents or authorized representatives, to make a complete investigation of my character, financial responsibility and general fitness to practice law in Virginia and to disclose such information about me as may be reasonably necessary to conduct such an investigation;
6. I hereby authorize and request every person, firm, corporation, association, and agency having control of any documents, records, or other writing, or having other information pertaining to me, to furnish to the Board any such writings and information the Board believes will relate to my moral character and/or fitness to engage in the practice of law, and to permit the Board and any of its agents or representatives to inspect and make copies of such documents, records and other writings;
7. I hereby release, discharge and exonerate the Board, their members, agents and representatives and any person, entity furnishing documents, records or information in connection with this application or the investigation discussed above from any and all liability of every nature and kind arising from any investigation or out of the furnishing, inspection or use of such documents, records and other information;
8. I fully realize that the determination of whether I may be allowed to practice law in Virginia depends on the truth and completeness of my answers in this application and the information furnished with it; and
9. I have read the foregoing application and the answers that I have given in it are true and complete.

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENT IN MY APPLICATION MAY RESULT IN THE DENIAL OF MY ADMISSION TO VIRGINIA.

(A photocopy of the foregoing authorization shall be as valid as an original.)

(Applicant Signature)

(Dated)