

NOTE TO APPLICANT: You must also have certified #1 completed by a different lawyer, and you must upload it separately with your application.

GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AND FITNESS CERTIFICATE - #1

The Washington Supreme Court Admission and Practice Rules (APRs) require that “[e]very person desiring to be admitted to the Bar and the practice of law in Washington must be of good moral character, and possess the requisite fitness to practice law....” APR 3(a).

Good moral character is defined in APR 20(c) as “a record of conduct manifesting the qualities of honesty, fairness, candor, trustworthiness, observance of fiduciary responsibilities, adherence to the law, and a respect for the rights of other persons and the judicial process.”

Fitness to practice law is defined in APR 20(d) “a record of conduct that establishes that the applicant meets the essential eligibility requirements for the practice of law.”

The **essential eligibility requirements** for the practice of law include the following five abilities:

- (1) the ability to exercise good judgment and to conduct oneself with a high degree of honesty, integrity, and trustworthiness in financial dealings, legal obligations, professional relationships and in one's professional business.
- (2) the ability to conduct oneself in a manner that engenders respect for the law and adheres to the Washington Rules of Professional Conduct.
- (3) the ability to diligently, reliably, and timely perform legal tasks and fulfill professional obligations to clients, lawyers, LLLTs, or LPOs, courts, and others.
- (4) the ability to competently undertake fundamental legal skills commensurate with the lawyer, LLLT, or LPO license applied for, such as legal reasoning and analysis, recollection of complex factual information and integration of such information with complex legal theories, problem solving, and recognition and resolution of ethical dilemmas and;
- (5) the ability to communicate comprehensibly with clients, lawyers, LLLTs, LPOs, courts, and others, with or without the use of aids or devices.

APR 20(e).

Lawyer (two separate attorneys must complete one of these forms for an applicant)*

This is to certify that I, _____, am a member in good standing of the
(please print name)

Bar of _____; that I am and have been well acquainted

with _____, an applicant for admission/licensing to the Bar of the

State of Washington, since _____; and that I believe this applicant is of good moral character

and possesses the requisite fitness to practice law as defined above and that I recommend this applicant's admission.

Certified on this _____ day of _____, 20____

Signature

Bar/License No.

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Email

Phone