

General Information and Instruction for Licensed Legal Intern Application

1. This is the application for admission to limited practice as a Licensed Legal Intern in Washington under Rule 9 of the Washington Supreme Court's Admission and Practice Rules (APR 9). Read [Washington Supreme Court APR 9](#) and the entire application carefully. Answer each question completely to avoid possible delay in processing this application.
2. The responsibility of full disclosure rests entirely upon the applicant. Failure to fully disclose as requested in this application may be considered a reflection on the applicant's moral character and may itself result in denial of the license or of future ability to take the Bar exam. There cannot be too much disclosure. See [Washington Supreme Court APR 20-24](#) for more information. The supervising lawyer may be asked to review the completed application and acknowledge that he or she is aware of any information disclosed.
3. Applications and forms must be submitted online. Signatures are not required to be originals, and may be electronic or scanned. Incomplete applications will delay licensure.
4. Applications must be accompanied by a \$50 processing and administration fee. Applicants who will be practicing solely in the course of enrollment in a law school clinical education program that provides free legal services for low-income clients are not required to pay the \$50 fee during the period of enrollment. Applicants must advise the WSBA from your online admissions account when that enrollment terminates and pay the \$50 fee at the time they apply to continue the limited license to practice as an APR 9 Licensed Legal Intern with a non-clinic supervisor.
5. A student at an approved law school may submit an application for a legal intern license up to **4 weeks prior** to completing the required course of study and the start of their supervision if, at the time of submission, he/she is duly enrolled and in good standing at an approved law school, will have satisfied Washington Supreme Court APR 9(b) by the end of the current school term (quarter or semester), and has the approval of the law school dean or the dean's designee. Should the applicant fail to complete said courses, the applicant is not eligible for the Rule 9 license. The student must meet all the requirements of Rule 9 before a license can be issued. Therefore, the student will not be licensed as an intern until the term is completed and all other requirements are met. An APR 6 law clerk may submit an application after completing the 30th month of study.
6. The WSBA reviews the application and, when appropriate, sends a recommendation for issuance of the license to the Washington Supreme Court. The Court will either issue or refuse to issue the Licensed Legal Intern license. The Court's decision will be forwarded to the WSBA and the WSBA will notify the applicant. Written confirmation of licensure will be emailed to the licensed legal intern, as well as the supervisor. **YOU CANNOT ACT AS AN APR 9 LICENSED LEGAL INTERN UNTIL YOU RECEIVE YOUR RULE 9 CARD.**
7. A limited license as an APR 9 Licensed Legal Intern will be valid, unless revoked, for a period of not more than 30 consecutive months, and in no case will it be valid for more than 18 months after graduation from law school, even if that means the license will not be valid for a full 30 consecutive months. You may change, add or update the supervision end date of the supervisor if it is within the license period. There is no extension of the license period.
8. An intern shall immediately cease performing any services under this rule and shall cease holding himself or herself out as a Licensed Legal Intern upon (i) termination for any reason of the intern's limited license under this rule; or (ii) the resignation of the intern's supervising lawyer; or (iii) the suspension or termination of the supervising lawyer's status as supervising lawyer; or (iv) the withdrawal of approval of the intern pursuant to this rule.
9. Approval as an APR 9 Licensed Legal Intern does not automatically secure eligibility to sit for the Washington State Bar Examination (see Bar Exam and Admissions information on <https://admissions.wsba.org/home>). **An APR 9 Licensed Legal Intern must supplement their online application to WSBA regarding any information that may change the answers submitted on this application.**
10. It is the applicant's and supervising lawyer's responsibility to be familiar with the obligations and restrictions contained in [Washington Supreme Court APR 9](#).

If you will be practicing solely in the course of enrollment in a law school clinical education program that provides free legal services for low-income client, the \$50 fee is not required. If you are not required to pay the fee. For questions or more information regarding the Rule 9 license, please review our [website](#) and the [Rule 9 Licensed Legal Intern FAQs](#) or by email to Rule9@wsba.org

