

New York Bar Applicants

Skills and Values Requirement

Pursuant to Section 520.18 to the New York Rules for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law (22 NYCRR 520.18), applicants seeking admission in New York who began law school after August 1, 2016 must establish that they have acquired skills and professional values necessary to competently practice law. Applicants may satisfy this requirement by completing one of five separate pathways described in section 520.18. <http://www.nybarexam.org/rules/rules.htm#520.18>

Pathway 1

The skills and professional values that, in the judgment of the faculty of the College of Law, are required for its graduates' basic competence and ethical participation in the legal profession are reflected in the College of Law's Learning Outcomes. The College of Law will certify that a student meets these requirements if the student earns a grade of at least 2.0 (or Satisfactory in classes taken on a Satisfactory/No Credit basis) in classes required for graduation and does one of the following:

- (1) completes the Concentration in Advocacy & Dispute Resolution and earns a grade of at least 2.0 (or Satisfactory in classes taken on a Satisfactory/No Credit basis) in each class that counts toward the Concentration;
- (2) completes the Concentration in Business Transactions and earns a grade of at least 2.0 (or Satisfactory in classes taken on a Satisfactory/No Credit basis) in each class that counts toward the Concentration; or
- (3) completes (a) a six-hour clinic, (a) a six-hour externship, (c) the Semester-in-Residence course, or (d) eight credit hours of experiential courses.

Pathway 2

This pathway permits an applicant to satisfy the skills competency and professional values requirement by submitting proof that the applicant completed 15 credits of practice-based experiential coursework designed to foster professional competency training. Up to 6 of these 15 credits can be earned in law school certified non-credit-bearing summer employment programs, provided those employment opportunities are certified by the law school and satisfy certain other criteria.

Pathways 3-5

The responsibility for satisfying Pathways 3-5 falls almost exclusively on the applicant. Applicants should refer to § 520.18 to the New York Rules for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law (22 NYCRR 520.18),

Pro Bono Requirement

Applicants must satisfy all other requirements for admission to the New York Bar, including the 50-hour Pro Bono requirement. More information about the application process can be found at the New York Board of Law Examiners' website [hyperlink: <http://www.nybarexam.org/eligible/eligibility.htm>]

New York allows only 15 hours of distance education courses to count toward the 64 hours of live classroom instruction and the 83 needed for graduation at an ABA accredited school.