



Georgia Office of Bar Admissions

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL AUTHORITY FORM B

In re the request of

for Nonstandard Testing Accommodations.

This form must be completed by a professional who is qualified to diagnose the applicant's disability and familiar with its current impact on the applicant's ability to perform on the Georgia Bar Examination. The recommendations for nonstandard testing accommodations must be specific, and diagnoses must support a current need for the accommodation(s). A description of the Georgia Bar Examination is set forth at the end of this form. Attach and sign extra pages to complete your answers as necessary.

1. Please provide your name, address, email address, and phone number, and describe the professional qualifications (terminal degree, clinical specialty, licensure, etc.) that enable you to act in the capacity of a medical or psychological authority regarding the applicant's physical or mental impairment. A recent copy of your curriculum vitae must be attached.
2. List the date(s) on which you examined the applicant.
3. Describe the nature and severity of the applicant's physical or mental impairment and discuss its effects on the applicant's ability to take the Georgia Bar Examination under standard testing conditions.

4. List the tests, studies, and/or procedures used to diagnose the physical or mental impairment and attach a copy of all pertinent medical or psychological records, including results of laboratory studies, diagnostic tests, and clinical procedures used to determine the presence and severity of impairment. In the case of psychological and psychoeducational testing, please attach all raw data and psychological reports pertinent to the impairment.

5. Advise with specificity the nonstandard testing accommodations you recommend for the applicant. Explain in detail how each accommodation relates to the applicant's physical or mental impairment and why each accommodation is needed. In each instance, support your recommendation with specific test results or clinical observations. If your recommendation includes an extension of the standard examination time, please specify the amount of extra time recommended on each segment of the examination and describe your rationale for the amount of time recommended

Date of execution

Signature

Description of the Georgia Bar Examination

The Georgia Bar Examination is a proctored, timed, two-day examination that takes place at the Georgia International Convention Center. The applicant appears in person and is seated in a large room with the ability to get up and walk to a restroom at will during the exam. The standard exam is scheduled 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Accommodated applicants with extra time test over the same two days for an extended period. Double-time applicants test over four days.

On the first day, applicants handwrite or use their laptop computers to type essay answers. The essay answers are in two formats. For the three-hour morning session, applicants complete two Multistate Performance Test (MPT) tasks (skills-based essays). There is a one-hour break. During the afternoon session, applicants spend three hours answering four essay questions.

On the second day, applicants answer 200 multiple choice questions on the standardized Multistate Bar Examination (MBE). This exam is administered on paper via two scantron sheets. The morning session is three hours with 100 questions, followed by a one-hour break. The afternoon session (with the remaining 100 questions) is three hours.