

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

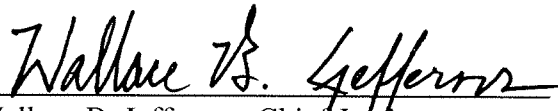
Misc. Docket No. 09- 9139


**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO RULES XVIII AND XXI OF
THE RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE BAR OF TEXAS**

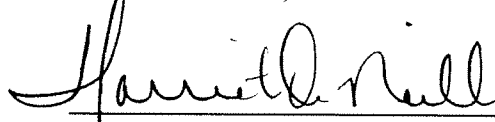
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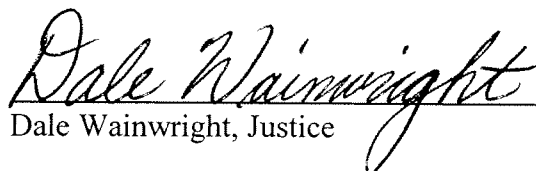
Pursuant to Section 82.022 of the Government Code, the Supreme Court of Texas approves the following amendments to Rules XVIII and XXI of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas. The amendments take effect immediately.

In Chambers, this 24th day of August, 2009.


Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice

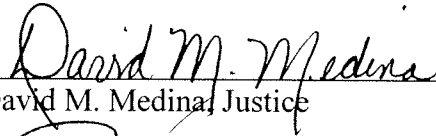

Nathan L. Hecht, Justice


Harriet O'Neill, Justice


Dale Wainwright, Justice



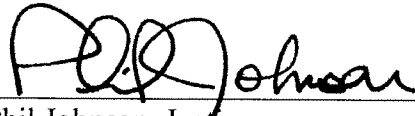
Scott Brister, Justice



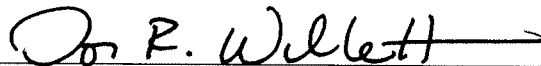
David M. Medina, Justice



Paul W. Green, Justice



Phil Johnson, Justice



Don R. Willett, Justice

Rule XVIII. Fees

(a) The following provisions shall govern the fees charged by the Board:

FEES RELATING TO DECLARATIONS

Declaration Investigation Fee	\$150
Fingerprint Card Processing Fee	<u>\$ 40</u>
	\$190
Late Filing Fee	\$150
Fee for Check Returned for Insufficient Funds	\$ 25

FEES RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY & EXAMINATIONS

Texas Law Student:

\$ 150	Application Fee
75	Examination Fee
<u>75</u>	Investigation Fee
\$ 300	

Out-of-State Law Student:

\$ 150	Application Fee
40	Fingerprint Card Processing Fee
75	Examination Fee
<u>150</u>	Investigation Fee
\$ 415	

Attorneys Licensed in Another State:

\$ 700	Application Fee
40	Fingerprint Card Processing Fee
150	Examination Fee
<u>150</u>	Investigation Fee
\$ 1,040	

Attorneys Qualified for Addmission Without Examination Under Rule XIII:

\$ 700	Application Fee
40	Fingerprint Card Processing Fee
<u>150</u>	Investigation Fee
\$ 890	

Foreign Nnation Attorney - Texas Bar Exam Application Only:

\$ 700	Application Fee
40	Fingerprint Card Processing Fee
150	Examination Fee
150	Investigation Fee
<u>100</u>	Foreign Nation Inquiry Fee
\$1,140	

Foreign Nation Attorney - Concurrent Texas Bar Exam and Foreign Legal Consultant

Applications:

<u>\$ 700</u>	<u>Application Fee</u>
<u>150</u>	<u>Foreign Legal Consultant</u>
	<u>Supplemental Investigation Fee</u>
<u>40</u>	<u>Fingerprint Card Processing Fee</u>
<u>150</u>	<u>Examination Fee</u>
<u>150</u>	<u>Investigation Fee</u>
<u>100</u>	<u>Foreign Nation Inquiry Fee</u>
<u>\$ 1,290</u>	

Foreign Legal Consultant Application Only:

\$ 700	Application Fee
40	Fingerprint Card Processing Fee
150	Investigation Fee
<u>100</u>	Foreign Nation Inquiry Fee
\$ 990	

Foreign Legal Consultant Re-Application Fee:

\$ 150	Re-Application Fee
<u>150</u>	Supplemental Investigation Fee (every second renewal year only) (\$150 in alternate years)
\$ 300	

Supplemental Investigation (S.I.) Fee (as required under Rule IX)	\$ 150
Fingerprint Card Processing Fee	<u>\$ 40</u>
	\$ 190

MISCELLANEOUS ~~miscellaneous~~ FEES:

Late Filing Fee	\$150
Re-Application Fee	\$150
Investigation on Re-Application	\$150
Fee for Check Returned for Insufficient Funds	\$ 25
MBE Transfer Fee	\$ 25
Application Deposit Fee ¹	\$ 30
Incompleteness Fee ²	\$ 75
<u>Laptop Examination</u> Typing Fee	\$ 50

(b) No refund or transfer of fees will be made in the event of the withdrawal of any Declaration or Application, nor in the event a determination is made by the Board that the Applicant or Declarant does not meet the requirements imposed under these Rules.

(c) Any fee required under these Rules may be waived or lowered by the Board upon written request and proof of indigence.

¹ One deposit fee shall be credited toward the filing fee if the application is filed within 1 year of date the deposit is received.

² This fee shall be imposed when a document (declaration, application, S.I., etc.) is received, for the second and subsequent times, which is determined to be incomplete (e.g., unanswered questions, not signed, not notarized, incorrect fees, etc.).

Rule XXI. Civil Immunity

Without limiting, restricting, or waiving any privilege or immunity otherwise available under state or federal law:

(a) The Board and its members, employees, and agents are immune from all civil liability for damages for conduct and communications occurring in the performance of and within the scope of their official duties relating to the character and fitness qualification, eligibility, examination, monitoring, and licensing of Declarants, Applicants or Declarants, and Probationary Licensees ~~the eligibility, examination, and licensing of Applicants.~~

(b) Records, statements of opinion, and other information regarding a Declarant, ~~or an Applicant, or Probationary Licensee~~ communicated without malice to the Board or to its members, employees, or agents by any person, entity, firm, or institution are privileged, and civil suits for damages predicated thereon are barred.