

# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 16-9158

## APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO RULE XVIII OF THE RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE BAR OF TEXAS

**ORDERED** that:

1. Rule XVIII of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas is amended as follows, effective immediately.
2. The Clerk is directed to:
  - a. file a copy of this order with the Secretary of State;
  - b. cause a copy of this order to be mailed to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by publication in the *Texas Bar Journal*;
  - c. send a copy of this order to each elected member of the Legislature; and
  - d. submit a copy of the order for publication in the *Texas Register*.

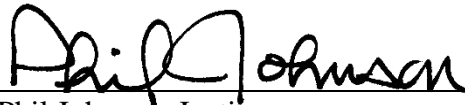
Dated: October 18, 2016



Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



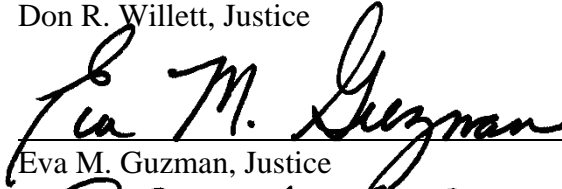
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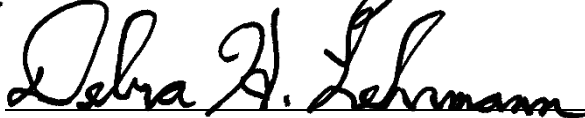
Phil Johnson, Justice



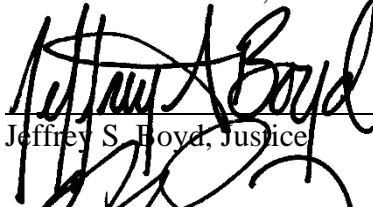
Don R. Willett, Justice



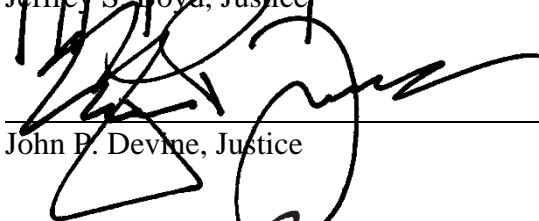
Eva M. Guzman, Justice



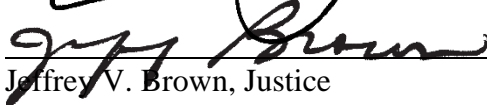
Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



Jeffrey V. Brown, 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
95	Examination Fee
<del>75</del> <u>55</u>	Investigation Fee
<del>\$320</del> <u>300</u>	

Out-of-State Law Student:

\$150	Application Fee
40	Fingerprint Card Processing Fee
<del>95</del> <u>150</u>	Examination Fee
<u>150</u>	Investigation Fee
<del>\$435</del> <u>490</u>	

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 Admission Without Examination Under Rule XIII:

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

Foreign Nation Attorney – Texas Bar Exam Applicant 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:

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

Re-application for Examination:

\$150	Re-application Fee
95	Examination Fee
<u>75</u>	Investigation Fee on Re-Application
\$320	

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)
\$300	(\$150 in alternate years)

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

Military Attorney Application Fee (as required under Rule XXII)	\$ 25
Military Attorney Renewal Application Fee (as required under Rule XXII)	\$ 25

**Miscellaneous Fees**

Late Filing Fee	\$150
Fee for Check Returned for Insufficient Funds	\$ 25
MBE Transfer Fee	\$ 25
Application Deposit Fee <sup>1</sup>	\$ 30

<sup>1</sup> One deposit fee shall be credited toward the filing fee if the application is filed within one (1) year of the date the deposit is received.

Incompleteness Fee <sup>2</sup>	\$ 75
Laptop Examination 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.

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<sup>2</sup> This fee shall be imposed when a document (Declaration, Application, Supplemental investigation, 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.).