



**SPECIMEN OF APPLICANT'S HANDWRITING**

ALL APPLICANTS MUST FILE A SPECIMEN OF THE APPLICANT'S HANDWRITING. DETACH AND COMPLETE THE SPECIMEN OF APPLICANT'S HANDWRITING FORM ON THE PRECEDING PAGE, IN THE PRESENCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL THAT WILL BE CERTIFYING YOUR HANDWRITING.

**ABA LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES** – IF YOU ARE QUALIFYING TO SIT FOR THE BAR EXAMINATION UNDER COURT OF APPEALS RULE 520.3 (GRADUATION FROM AN ABA APPROVED LAW SCHOOL) YOU MUST HAVE YOUR HANDWRITING SAMPLE CERTIFIED BY AN APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL AT YOUR LAW SCHOOL. IF YOU ARE NO LONGER AT LAW SCHOOL AND IT IS A LONG DISTANCE AWAY, WRITE THE PARAGRAPH AND MAIL IT TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR COMPARISON WITH A SAMPLE IN THEIR RECORDS. IF YOUR SCHOOL IS UNABLE TO CERTIFY YOUR HANDWRITING, THEY SHOULD PROVIDE A LETTER TO THAT EFFECT AND YOU SHOULD FORWARD THAT LETTER TO US, WITH YOUR HANDWRITING SAMPLE CERTIFIED BY A NOTARY PUBLIC.

**LAW OFFICE STUDY** - IF YOU ARE QUALIFYING TO SIT FOR THE BAR EXAMINATION UNDER COURT OF APPEALS RULE 520.4 (LAW OFFICE STUDY), YOU MUST HAVE YOUR HANDWRITING SAMPLE CERTIFIED BY THE ATTORNEY FOR WHOM YOU CLERKED.

**NON-ABA LAW SCHOOL OR FOREIGN LEGAL EDUCATION** – IF YOU ARE QUALIFYING TO SIT FOR THE BAR EXAMINATION UNDER COURT OF APPEALS RULE 520.5 (UNAPPROVED LAW SCHOOL & FIVE YEARS OF PRACTICE IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION) OR 520.6 (FOREIGN LEGAL EDUCATION), YOU MAY HAVE YOUR HANDWRITING SPECIMEN CERTIFIED BY A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER LIKE OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO VERIFY/WITNESS A SIGNATURE.

**THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OFFICE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup> IF APPLICATION IS MADE FOR THE FEBRUARY EXAMINATION, AND JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> IF APPLICATION IS MADE FOR THE JULY EXAMINATION.**

THE COMPLETED SPECIMEN OF APPLICANT'S HANDWRITING FORM SHOULD BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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