

APPLICANT DUTIES AND RIGHTS

(a) Duty of Applicant. It shall be the duty of every Applicant to cooperate in good faith with any investigation by promptly furnishing written or oral explanations, documents, releases, authorizations, or anything else reasonably required by Bar Counsel, the Bar, or the Character and Fitness Board consistent with these rules. Failure to appear as directed or to furnish additional proof or answers as required or to cooperate fully shall be sufficient reason to reject or recommend the rejection of an application.

(b) Applicant Contact with Character and Fitness Board. Applicants shall not have direct contact with any member of the Character and Fitness Board from the time the applicant's application is filed with the Bar until the matter is finally resolved by the Character and Fitness Board or the Supreme Court, except to the extent direct contact is required during the hearing. If the applicant believes that communication with the Character and Fitness Board is necessary outside the hearing, such communication shall take place through Bar Counsel. If the applicant believes that contact about the applicant's matter with members of the Character and Fitness Board is necessary after the matter is finally resolved by the Character and Fitness Board or the court, such contact should be made only through Bar Counsel.

(c) Applicant Right to Counsel. An applicant may be represented by counsel at any time during the application process.

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