

**DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION**

**(a) Decision.** Within 30 days after the proceedings are concluded, or if a transcript is ordered, within 30 days after the transcript is received by the Character and Fitness Board, unless a greater or shorter period is directed by the Character and Fitness Board chair, the Character and Fitness Board will file with the Bar written findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommendation. Any Character and Fitness Board member or members may file a written dissent within the same time period.

**(b) Action on Board Recommendation.** The recommendation of the Character and Fitness Board shall be served upon the applicant pursuant to APR 23.5.

(1) If the Character and Fitness Board recommends admission, the record, recommendation, and all exhibits shall be transmitted to the Supreme Court for disposition.

(2) If the Character and Fitness Board recommends against admission, the record and recommendation shall be retained in the office of the Bar unless the applicant requests that it be submitted to the Supreme Court by filing a notice of appeal with the Character and Fitness Board within 15 days of service of the recommendation of the Character and Fitness Board. If the applicant so requests, the Character and Fitness Board will transmit the record, including the transcript, exhibits, and recommendation to the Supreme Court for review and disposition. The applicant must pay to the Supreme Court any fee required by the court in connection with the appeal and review.

**(c) Reapplication.** No application for admission or a license to practice law may be filed within a period of one year after a decision of the Character and Fitness Board recommending against admission or licensure that is not appealed to the Supreme Court, and the Bar shall maintain a record of the application, hearing, and Character and Fitness Board recommendation in the Bar records.

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