

## **MILITARY PERSONNEL AND MILITARY SPOUSE BAR APPLICATION POLICY**

In order to meet the unique needs of active duty military personnel and the spouses of active duty military personnel (referred to as military personnel) who may be required to relocate from state to state in the furtherance of their military service, it is the policy of the Minnesota Board of Law Examiners to facilitate the admission to the Bar of the State of Minnesota of military personnel who are lawyers or law graduates by providing the following services and accommodations:

1. The Director of the Board of Law Examiners shall on an annual basis designate an office employee as the Military Liaison who will carry out this policy by providing information and assistance to military applicants in order to expedite the processing of applications and facilitate the admission of military applicants.
  
2. The military applicant may, upon request and after identifying himself or herself as a military applicant, receive any of the following special services and accommodations:
  - i. The military liaison's name and direct dial number and/or email address;
  - ii. Information and advice as to how expeditiously to complete the bar application and obtain necessary supplemental documents;
  - iii. A waiver of a late fee, not including the bar application fee, that is required to complete an application for admission;
  - iv. A waiver of the applicant's obligation to submit supplemental documents that are, under normal circumstances, a precondition for filing the application;<sup>1</sup>
  - v. Expedited scheduling of any required Board interview or Board hearing on the military applicant's application.
  
3. The Board will post this policy on the Board's website for the benefit of current or potential applicants and to advise the general public of this policy.

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<sup>1</sup> The military applicant shall be advised that although submission of the documents as a precondition to filing the application may be waived, all required documents must be received before the applicant can be admitted.

4. The Board shall publicize the availability of assistance by the Military Liaison by mailing on a periodic basis a copy of this policy to all military installations in Minnesota and surrounding states.