

is devoted to the traditional essay examination, prepared and graded by the Board.

Pursuant to the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar, adopted by the Court of Appeals, June 28, 1990 (effective August 1, 1990), and Rules of the Board adopted October 8, 1990, the subjects covered by the Board's essay examination may include such subjects as: agency; business associations; commercial transactions; constitutional law; contracts; criminal law and procedure; evidence; Maryland civil procedure; property; professional conduct; and torts. Subjects are not specifically labeled on the examination paper, and questions may encompass more than one subject area.

The Board also processes applications for admission filed under Rule 13, which permits out-of-State attorneys to apply for admission to the Maryland bar. These applicants must have practiced law for a total of ten years or at least five years of the ten years preceding application. The lawyers' examination is an essay test limited in scope and subject matter to Maryland's Rules of Practice and Procedure and Rules of Professional Conduct. The test is three hours long and is administered on the first day of the regularly scheduled bar examination.

The requirement that all applicants to practice law in Maryland live in the State when admitted to the bar was abolished in 1982.

The Board is composed of seven lawyers appointed to five-year terms by the Court of Appeals. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 1999 (Code Business Occupations and Professions Article, secs. 10-201 through 10-218).

**ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE
COMMISSION**

David D. Downes, Esq., *Chair*, 1999

Appointed by Court of Appeals (which names chair): Alfred Nance, Esq., 1996; Martin B. Lessans, Esq., 1997; Seymour B. Stern, Esq., 1997; Leonard P. Steuart, 1997; Patricia G. Adams, Esq., 1998; Fredric B. Ratner, 1998; Linda H. Lamone, Esq., 1999; B. Harriette Taylor, Esq., 1999; J. Donald Braden, Esq., 2000.

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By Rule of the Court of Appeals, the Attorney Grievance Commission was created in 1975 to administer discipline and supervise the inactive status of lawyers. The Commission appoints, subject to approval of the Court of Appeals, a lawyer to serve as bar counsel and principal executive officer of the disciplinary system. The bar counsel and staff investigate all matters involving possible

misconduct, prosecute disciplinary proceedings, and investigate petitions for reinstatement (Md. Rules, Chapter 1100, subtitle BV). By the same Rule of Court, the Court of Appeals also established a disciplinary fund to cover expenses of the Commission and provided for an Inquiry Committee and a Review Board to act upon disciplinary cases.

The Commission consists of eight lawyers and two lay persons appointed by the Court of Appeals for four-year terms. The chair is named by the Court.

INQUIRY COMMITTEE

Harry K. Wolpoff, Esq., *Chair*
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Appointed by the Attorney Grievance Commission, the Inquiry Committee consists of attorneys selected by the Bar Associations of the appropriate county or Baltimore City, and lay members.

REVIEW BOARD

Kerry D. Staton, Esq., *Chair*, 1997
Harry C. Storm, Esq., *Vice-Chair*, 1998

Selected by Board of Governors, Maryland State Bar Association, & appointed by Attorney Grievance Commission:

1st Appellate Circuit: James E. Thompson, Esq., 1997

2nd Appellate Circuit: Lloyd J. Hammond, Esq., 1997; G. Warren Mix, Esq., 1998; Stanley H. Hellman, Esq., 1999.

3rd Appellate Circuit: Mary Ann Ferguson, Esq., 1999.

4th Appellate Circuit: Robert H. Silberman, Esq., 1999.

5th Appellate Circuit: Paula J. Peters, Esq., 1997.

6th Appellate Circuit: Kerry D. Staton, Esq., 1997; Benjamin Rosenberg, Esq., 1998; Michael N. Gambrill, Esq., 1999; Lee N. Sachs, Esq., 1999.

7th Appellate Circuit: Jo B. Fogel, Esq., 1997; Joseph M. Quirk, Esq., 1998; Bryan Renehan, Esq., 1998; Harry C. Storm, Esq., 1998.

Appointed by Attorney Grievance Commission: Martin B. Blumsack; Ruth S. Levy; Richard L. Witte. *Terms expire 1998.*

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The Review Board consists of eighteen members appointed to three-year terms by the Commission. Fifteen are attorneys selected by the Board of Governors of the Maryland State Bar Association. Three are lay members from the State at large. Judges are not permitted as members of the Board.