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The Courts of the Province were first authorized to examine persons seeking to practice law in 1715 (Acts 1715, chap. 48, sec. 12). The examination of attorneys remained as a function of the several courts of the State until 1898, when the Legislature created the State Board of Law Examiners (Chapter 139, Acts of 1898). The Board is composed of three members appointed by the Judges of the Court of Appeals. Twice yearly, in the winter and summer, the Board conducts examinations for admission to the Bar. It also passes upon the petitions of attorneys from other states desiring admission and administers an Out-of-State Attorneys' Examination twice yearly. The Board passes upon appeals from the findings and recommendations of the Character Committees of the various circuits. Law students expecting to practice in Maryland must register their intentions with the Board. The Court of Appeals formulates the rules governing the Board, but the Board may prescribe rules for the conduct of examinations, providing such rules do not conflict with those made by the Court (Code 1957, 1976 Repl. Vol., Art. 10, secs. 2-8).

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