

Please note that 5 reference forms will print with your completed application based on your responses to question 56 on the Affidavit of Personal History.

Reference letters are considered third party information.

**IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO CIRCULATE REFERENCE FORMS  
PRIOR TO SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION TO THE STATE  
BAR OF MICHIGAN.**

This following form is only to be used in the event of a lost reference form or reference replacement.

# BAR APPLICANT REFERENCE

Re: \_\_\_\_\_

BAR APPLICANT'S NAME



REFERENCE PERSON'S NAME

OCCUPATION

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

The individual whose name appears above is applying to be licensed as a lawyer in Michigan and is asking you to serve him or her as a reference person. Michigan Supreme Court Rules require the State Bar of Michigan Committee on Character and Fitness to conduct an investigation and recommend whether or not each bar applicant has the requisite character and fitness to represent others as an attorney. State Bar receipt of your response as a reference person is important and it is a requirement the applicant must fulfill at the time the applicant applies for the bar examination (March 1st deadline for July exam, November 1st for the February exam). Your requested cooperation is necessary to help properly protect the public by assuring that persons licensed to practice law meet the highest standards of trust and responsibility. Please provide answers to the following questions.

How long have you known the applicant?  
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What is your judgment about the applicant's fitness to practice law?  
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Have you known the applicant in a personal or business capacity?  
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What has the applicant been doing during the period of your acquaintance?  
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To your knowledge, has the applicant ever been involved in any personal difficulties or troubles that have created a doubt about the applicant's reliability or trustworthiness? Please explain. (In considering your response, bear in mind that we are seeking any information about an applicant's behavior or conduct which could indicate that licensing the applicant to practice law might result in harm or loss to people who later employ the applicant as their attorney).  
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What is the applicant's reputation as to character and truthfulness?  
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Additional Comments:  
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Date

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Signed  
(Only original signatures accepted, please sign with **blue ink**)

**Please return this form to the applicant or mail directly to:  
State Bar of Michigan, Attn: C&F, 306 Townsend St., Lansing, MI 48933**