

Essential Eligibility Requirements for the Practice of Law

- (1) The ability to reason and recall complex factual information and integrate that information with complex legal theories;
- (2) The ability to communicate with clients, lawyers, courts, and others with a high degree of organization and clarity;
- (3) The ability to use good judgment on behalf of clients and in conducting one's professional business;
- (4) The ability to conduct oneself with respect for and in accordance with the law;
- (5) The ability to avoid acts which exhibit disregard for the rights or welfare of others;
- (6) The ability to comply with the requirements of the Rules of Professional Conduct, applicable state, local, and federal laws, regulations, statutes and any applicable order of a court or tribunal;
- (7) The ability to act diligently and reliably in fulfilling one's obligations to clients, lawyers, courts, and others;
- (8) The ability to use honesty and good judgment in financial dealings on behalf of oneself, clients, and others; and
- (9) The ability to comply with deadlines and time constraints.

An extensive explanation of the American Bar Association eligibility requirements may be found in the ABA publication: *Legal Education and Professional Development – An Education Continuum (MacCrate Report)*, (Robert MacCrate, Chair, 1992). This publication is available through the Law School Registrar.