

STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
STANDING ORDER ON SERVICEMEMBERS OR SPOUSES OF SERVICEMEMBERS
SEEKING ADMISSION TO THE MAINE BAR

Effective August 3, 2026

Attorneys who are servicemembers or spouses of servicemembers assigned to Maine and who wish to be licensed in Maine while they or their spouses are stationed here may seek waiver of strict compliance with the duration of practice requirement of the rule governing admission by motion without examination, Maine Bar Admission Rule 11A(a)(2). The Maine Supreme Judicial Court, the Maine Board of Overseers of the Bar, and the Maine Board of Bar Examiners are committed to working with these applicants to accommodate their unique circumstances and to expedite the bar application process to the extent possible when they or their spouses' service brings them to Maine.

The Court will consider requests for waiver on a case-by-case basis, depending on the individual circumstances of the applicant. Servicemembers and spouses of servicemembers are encouraged to contact the Maine Supreme Judicial Court Clerk's Office at (207)822-4146 for more information about the waiver process. Servicemembers and spouses of servicemembers assigned to Maine who wish to take the Maine bar examination but have missed a deadline to apply for the exam, should also contact the Maine Board of Bar Examiners at (207)623-2464 or execdir@mainebarexaminers.org for assistance.

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FOR THE COURT:

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