

680-SUPREME COURT

Dept #: /001/ Department Name: DIRECTOR OF STATE COURTS - MGMT SERVICES

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00003000. **CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE AFFIDAVIT** **CR+5**

Circuit court judge affidavit is required under Supreme Court Rule 70.36. Each judge shall file monthly a certification of pending cases.

RETENTION: EVENT (Creation) + 5 years and destroy confidential

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00014000. **BAR APPLICANT FILES: ADMISSIONS** **EVT+45**

Board of State Bar commissioners and bar applicant's application and examination admitted to the practice of law in WI by bar examination Supreme Court Rule 40.04, or on proof of practice elsewhere. Supreme Court Rule 40.05.

Retention Justification: It is important to retain these files because there may be applicants who withdrew, were denied admission or had conditional admission because of serious character and fitness issues. These files would need to be referenced should they reapply. There also may be attorneys who run into character and fitness issues while practicing. These files would need to be referenced if the Court or The Office of Lawyer Regulation would initiate an investigation.

Change Justification: Records prior to 1978 were kept in the Court of Appeals office under RDA #28 and #29 and at disposition were sent to the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS). When Board of Bar Examiners department was created in 1978, RDA #14 was created but marked "destroy confidential" but should have been marked "Transfer to WHS".

Relevant Rule: Confidentiality: Supreme Court Rule 40.12. "The application files of an applicant and all examination materials are confidential. The supreme court or the board may authorize the release of confidential information to other persons or agencies."

RETENTION: EVENT (Date admitted to practice law) + 45 years and transfer to State Archives (WHS)

00015000. **APPLICANT FILES: NOT ADMITTED** **EVT+45**

Bar or Motion applicant files of applicants not admitted to the practice of law in WI by bar examination. Supreme Court Rule 40.40 .

Event is date bar exam failed or motion applicant denied admission.

Confidentiality: Supreme Court Rule 40.12, "The application files of an applicant and all examination materials are confidential. The supreme court or the board may authorize the release of confidential information to other persons or agencies."

RETENTION: EVENT (See description) + 45 years and transfer to State Archives (WHS)

00023000. **WISCONSIN BAR EXAMINATION INFORMATION** **EVT+45**

The Wisconsin Bar Examination information and materials relating to the administration of the exam.

Retention Justification: It is important to retain these files because there may be applicants who withdrew, were denied admission or had conditional admission because of serious character and fitness issues. The files would need to be referenced should they reapply. There also may be attorneys who run into character and fitness issues while practicing. These files would need to be referenced if the Court or The Office of Lawyer Regulation would initiate an investigation.

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Relevant Rule: Confidentiality: Supreme Court Rule 40.12. "The application files of an applicant and all examination materials are confidential. The supreme court or the board may authorize the release of confidential information to other persons or agencies."

RETENTION: EVENT (Date of examination) + 45 years and destroy confidential

00024000. **BOARD MEETING MATERIALS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE INFORMATION** **EVT+75**

The Board of Bar Examiners (1991 -) meeting materials which includes minutes, agendas and ancillary information provided at the meetings. Also includes Accounting and Fiscal Records, Court Orders, Court Decisions and other miscellaneous administrative office records. Prior to 1991, the department of Board of Bar Examiners was referred to as "The Board of

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Continuing Legal Education" (1976-1977), and "Board of Attorneys Professional Competence" (1978-1990).

Retention Justification: It is important to retain these files because there may be applicants who withdrew, were denied admission or had conditional admission because of serious character and fitness issues. These files would need to be referenced should they reapply. There also may be attorneys who run into character and fitness issues while practicing. These files would need to be referenced if the Court or The Office of Lawyer Regulation would initiate an investigation.

Relevant rule: Confidentiality: Supreme Court Rule 40.12, "The application files of an applicant and all examination materials are confidential. The supreme court or the board may authorize the release of confidential information to other persons or agencies."

**Note: ADM 00025 was reviewed and found to be insufficient for the court's needs.

RETENTION: EVENT (DATE OF MEETING) + 75 years and transfer to State Archives (WHS)

00025000. REINSTATEMENT/READMISSION FILES EVT+45

Files containing information regarding reinstatement/readmission of individual lawyers to the Wisconsin bar such as individual petitions for reinstatement, supporting materials, staff reports and related materials, final action on petitions.

Retention Justification: It is important to retain these files because there may be applicants who withdrew, were denied admission or had conditional admission because of serious character and fitness issues. These files would need to be referenced should they reapply. There also may be attorneys who run into character and fitness issues while practicing. These files would need to be referenced if the Court or The Office of Lawyer Regulation would initiate an investigation.

RETENTION: EVENT (Date of final action) + 45 years and transfer to State Archives (WHS)

00026000. BAR APPLICANT FILES: DIPLOMA PRIVILEGE EVT+45

Bar Applicant files of persons who were admitted to the practice of law by diploma privilege; Supreme Court Rule 40.03.

Confidentiality: Supreme Court Rule 40.12, "The application files of an applicant and all examination materials are confidential. The supreme court or the board may authorize the release of confidential information to other persons or agencies."

RETENTION: EVENT (Date admitted to practice by diploma) + 45 years and transfer to State Archives (WHS)

00070000. CORPORATE COUNSEL REGISTRATION EVT+45

Persons who were not admitted to the bar but registered as in-house counsel and include those who are in active status and those who are no longer registered as in-house counsel. Includes the application, employer affidavit, good standing certificate, disciplinary history letter, and correspondence to the applicant including registration certificate.

It is important to retain these files in case the registrant applies for admission to the bar. That time that the registrant worked as in-house counsel may be applied toward the three to five year requirement for proof of practice elsewhere.

Retention Justification: It is important to retain these files because there may be applicants who withdrew, were denied admission or had conditional admission because of serious character and fitness issues. These files would need to be referenced should they reapply. There also may be attorneys who run into character and fitness issues while practicing. These files would need to be referenced if the Court or The Office of Lawyer Regulation would initiate an investigation.

Relevant rule: Confidentiality: SCR 40.12. "The application files of an applicant and all the examination materials are confidential. The supreme court or board may authorize the release of confidential information to other persons or agencies."

RETENTION: EVENT (Date registration issued or denied) + 45 years and destroy confidential

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00013000. COURT OF APPEALS AND SUPREME COURT CASE FILES EVT+45

File contains briefs, motion papers, court orders, documents required by rules and statutes, opinions and correspondence on cases terminated by The Court of Appeals and/or Supreme Court. Includes cases originating by appeal, supervisory writ, leave to appeal and original action.

RETENTION: EVENT (Date filed) + 45 years and transfer to State Archives (WHS)

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00018000. **ORDERS OF ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW IN WI** **EVT+55**

File contains court orders admitting attorneys to practice law before the Wisconsin State Bar.

Retention Justification: It is important to retain these files because there may be applicants who withdrew, were denied admission or had conditional admission because of serious character and fitness issues. These files would need to be referenced should they reapply. There also may be attorneys who run into character and fitness issues while practicing. These files would need to be referenced if the Court or The Office of Lawyer Regulation would initiate an investigation.

Box 16: SCR 40.12 Confidentiality. The application files of an applicant and all examination materials are confidential. The supreme court or the board may authorize the release of confidential information to other persons or agencies.

RETENTION: EVENT (Date filed) + 55 years and transfer to State Archives (WHS)

Dept #: /007/ Department Name: MEDICAL MEDIATION PANELS

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00200000. **CLOSED MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CASE FILES** **EVT+20**

Files contain formal pleadings and other case related documents from Medical Malpractice Claims filed with pre-trial screening panels pursuant to Wis. Stat. Ch. 655. Files include: submission of controversy; pleadings and correspondence; panel appointments and questionnaires; panel findings and disposition; internal working document; register of actions.

RETENTION: EVENT (Date case closed) + 20 years and destroy confidential

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00001000. **DISMISSED GRIEVANCE CASE FILES** **EVT+3**

Information in this record series contains correspondence, legal documents and investigative information relating to grievances against attorneys within the State. The files are maintained for the purpose of accumulating investigative information on grievances filed against Wisconsin attorneys. These files are created by Office of Lawyer Regulation Staff and are used during the period of time the investigation is on-going.

Copies of the file contents can be distributed to OLR staff for 3 years following closure. Files are retained as required by Supreme Court Rule 22.44 and 22.45 and are confidential as required by Supreme Court Rule 22.40.

Retain for 3 years following the end of the year in which the closure of dismissal occurred.

RETENTION: EVENT (Closure of dismissal) + 3 years and destroy confidential

00009000. **DISCIPLINARY AND REINSTATEMENT CASE FILES** **EVT+65**

These files are maintained for the purpose of accumulating investigative and disciplinary information on grievances filed against Wisconsin attorneys. They are used during the period of time the investigation is ongoing and while the disciplinary action is pending before the Supreme Court. The files are created by Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR) staff and copies of the file contents can be distributed to OLR members and staff. The files become part of the attorney's permanent disciplinary history. Some older records prior to October 2000 are records of formal disciplinary proceedings by the Board of Attorneys Professional Responsibility.

Files are retained as required by Supreme Court Rule 22.44. Private Reprimands are confidential by SCR 22.09(3). When a complaint or petition is filed with the Supreme Court, a Supreme Court case file is created. The files with the Clerk of Supreme Court are subject to rules governing retention of the clerk. Long term retention necessary due to potential length of attorney's career.

RETENTION: EVENT (Case closed) + 50 years and transfer to State Archives (WHS)