

The following are the proposed amendments to Rules 4.44 and 4.45 of the Admissions Rules:

Rule 4.44 Withdrawal of Application for Determination of Moral Character

- (A) An applicant may withdraw an Application for Determination of Moral Character any time before being notified that the Committee is unable to make a determination without further inquiry and analysis. ~~Following such a notice, withdrawal requires the Committee's consent.~~
- (B) An applicant may withdraw an application filed with the State Bar Court for a hearing on an adverse determination of moral character by filing a request for withdrawal with the Office of Chief Trial Counsel and forwarding a copy to the Committee at its San Francisco office.

Rule 4.45 Notice regarding status of Application for Determination of Moral Character

- (A) Within 180 days of receiving a completed Application for Determination of Moral Character, the Committee notifies an applicant that its determination of moral character is positive or that it requires further consideration ~~or information from the applicant, a government agency, or another source.~~ A positive determination is valid for thirty-six months.
- (B) While an Application for Determination of Moral Character remains pending, a status report is issued to the applicant at least every ~~sixty~~ 120 days.
- (C) Within ~~sixty~~ 120 days of receiving additional information it has requested, the Committee notifies the applicant that
 - (1) the applicant is determined to be of good moral character;
 - (2) the applicant has not met the burden of establishing good moral character;
 - (3) the applicant requires further consideration;
 - (4) the applicant is invited to an informal conference with the Committee; or
 - (5) the applicant is advised to enter into an Agreement of Abeyance with the Committee.