

**FORM 4 – PSYCHOLOGICAL DISABILITY VERIFICATION**

**Section 1 – Notice to Applicant**

This section of this form is to be completed by the Applicant. The remainder of the form is to be completed by the qualified professional who is recommending accommodations on the bar examination for you on the basis of a psychological disability. Please read, complete, and sign below before submitting this form to the qualified professional for completion of the remainder of this form.

Applicant’s full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of evaluation/treatment: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant’s date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission to the qualified professional completing this form to release the information requested on the form, and I request the release of any additional information regarding my disability or accommodations previously granted that may be requested by the Colorado Office of Attorney Admissions or consultant(s) of the Office of Attorney Admissions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Section 2 – Notice to Qualified Professional**

The above-named person is requesting accommodations on the Colorado Bar Examination. All such requests must be supported by a comprehensive written evaluation report from the qualified professional who conducted an individualized assessment of the applicant and is recommending accommodations on the bar examination on the basis of a learning disability. The Colorado Office of Attorney Admissions also requires the qualified professional to complete this form.

Print or type your responses to the items below. If any of the information requested in this form is fully addressed in the comprehensive evaluation report, you may respond by citing the specific page and paragraph where the answer can be found.

Please attach a copy of the comprehensive evaluation report and all records and test results on which you relied in making the diagnosis and recommending accommodations for the Colorado Bar Examination.

Return this completed form, the comprehensive evaluation report, and relevant records and test results to the applicant for submission to the Colorado Office of Attorney Admissions.

We appreciate your assistance.

The Colorado Office of Attorney Admissions may forward this information to one or more qualified professionals for an independent review of the applicant’s request.

**Section 3 – Evaluator/Treating Professional Information**

Name of professional completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation and specialty: \_\_\_\_\_

License number/Certification/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your qualifications and experience to diagnose and/or verify the applicant’s condition or impairment and to recommend accommodations.

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**Section 4 – Diagnosis and Current Functional Limitations**

What is the applicant’s DSM 5 (or most current version) diagnosis? Please complete all five axes. If diagnosis is not definitive, please list differential diagnoses.

Axis I: \_\_\_\_\_

Axis II: \_\_\_\_\_

Axis III: \_\_\_\_\_

Axis IV: \_\_\_\_\_

Axis V: \_\_\_\_\_

Was the applicant’s motivation level, interview behavior, and/or test-taking behavior adequate to yield reliable diagnostic information/test results?

Yes                       No

Describe how this determination was made, including whether any symptom validity tests were administered. If such tests were not administered, please state why.

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Is this a permanent condition?

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If the condition/disability is not permanent in nature, please explain.

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Describe the applicant's history of presenting symptoms of a psychological disability. Include a description of symptom frequency, intensity, and duration to establish severity of symptomology.

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Describe the applicant's current functional limitations caused by the psychological disability in different settings and specifically address the impact of the disability on the applicant's ability to take the bar examination under standard conditions. Note: psychoeducational, neuropsychological, or behavioral assessments often are necessary to demonstrate the applicant's current functional limitations in cognition.

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Describe the applicant's compliance with and response to treatment and medication, if prescribed. Explain the effectiveness of any treatment and/or medication in reducing or ameliorating the applicant's functional limitations and the anticipated impact on the applicant in the setting of the bar examination.

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Briefly describe the nature of the condition or impairment and describe how it affects the applicant in a test situation.

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In what way does the condition/disability prevent the applicant from taking the examination under standard testing conditions? The testing environment consists of large rooms where several hundreds of other applicants are testing. Testing session are three hours in the morning and three hours in the afternoon. Test sessions include essay, practice competency, and multiple-choice questions.

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Current treatment consists of:

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Date first met with applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of treatment with applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last treatment/consultation: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you make the initial diagnosis?

Yes                       No

If no, provide the name of the professional who made the initial diagnosis and when it was made, if known.

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Attach copies of any prior evaluation reports, test results, or other records related to the initial diagnosis that you reviewed.

### Section 5 – Attach a Comprehensive Evaluation Report

The provision of reasonable accommodations is based on assessment of the *current* impact of the disability on the specific testing activity. The Colorado Office of Attorney Admissions generally requires documentation from an evaluation conducted within the last three years to establish the current impact of the disability. The diagnostic criteria as specified in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition* (DSM 5) (or most current version) are used as the basic guidelines for determination of an Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) diagnosis. The diagnosis depends on objective evidence of ADHD symptoms that occur early in the applicant’s development and cause the applicant clinically significant impairment within multiple environments. Applicant self-report alone is generally insufficient to establish evidence for the diagnosis. Please provide a comprehensive evaluation report that addresses all five points below:

- Psychiatric/psychological history
- Relevant developmental, educational, and familial history
- Relevant medical and medication history
- Results of full mental status examination
- Description of current functional limitations in different settings
- Results of any tests or instruments used to supplement the clinical interview and support the presence of functional limitations, including any psychoeducational or neuropsychological testing, rating scales, or personality tests
- Diagnostic formulation, including discussion of differential or “rule out” diagnoses
- Prognosis

## Section 6 – Recommended Accommodations

The Colorado Bar Examination is a timed written examination administered in three-hour sessions from 9:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday as scheduled twice each year. There is a lunch break from noon to 1:15 p.m. each day.

The first day consists of six essay questions (MEE) in the morning session and two performance test (MPT) questions in the afternoon session. The MEE and MPT are designed to assess, among other things, the applicant's ability to communicate his/her analysis effectively in writing. Applicants may use their personal laptop computers to type their answers, or they may handwrite their answers.

The second day consists of 200 multiple-choice questions (MBE), with 100 questions administered in the morning session and 100 questions in the afternoon session. Applicants record their answers by darkening circles on an answer sheet that is scanned by a computer to grade the examination.

Applicants are permitted to bring small snacks and water. Other items are not permitted in the testing room unless approved as accommodations. The examination is administered in a quiet environment, and the Colorado Office of Attorney Admissions provides applicants with small foam earplugs for use during the exam. Applicants are permitted to use the restroom at any time during the test sessions.

Taking into consideration this description of the examination and the functional limitations currently experienced by the applicant, what test accommodation (or accommodations, if more than one would be appropriate) do you recommend? *(Check all that apply)*

- Test Question Format:

Braille      *Specify Version:*  EBAE      or       UEB

Audio Version

Large Print/**18-point font**

Large Print/**24-point font**

Please explain the need for this accommodation and how it alleviates the impact of the applicant's disability or disabilities in the context of taking a professional licensing exam, the bar exam.

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- Assistance:

- Reader
- Typist/Transcriber for essay portions of the exam, MEE/MPT
- Scribe for the multiple choice portion of the exam, MBE
- Circle multiple choice answers in the MBE test booklet

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- Extra Time:

Test Portion	Extra Time Awarded	
<b>MEE/Essay Exam</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 10%	Other (specify): _____ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> 25%	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 33%	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 50%	
<b>MPT/Performance Test</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 10%	Other (specify): _____ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> 25%	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 33%	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 50%	
<b>MBE/Multiple Choice Exam</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 10%	Other (specify): _____ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> 25%	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 33%	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 50%	

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**Extra Breaks:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Other Arrangements:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Section 8 – Qualified Professional's Signature**

I have attached a copy of the comprehensive evaluation report and all records, test results, or reports upon which I relied in making the diagnosis and completing this form.

I certify that the information on this form is true and correct based upon the information in my records.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person completing this form

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Date signed