



# Yale Law School

## Important Information for JD Applicants to the New York Bar

### Application to Sit for the UBE

The application filing period for the **July** New York Bar Exam is **March 1 – 31**.

The application filing period for the **February** New York Bar Exam is **October 1 – 31**.

**To assist you in answering some of the application questions, you should have a copy of your transcript.**

**In the section asking for credits awarded for stand-alone professional responsibility course(s)**, report only those courses approved by the New York State Court of Appeals:

- American Legal Profession
- Legal Profession
- Military Justice
- Professional Responsibility

If you completed any of the above-listed courses, indicate the units for those courses.

If you satisfied the YLS professional responsibility requirement for graduation through any other course or clinic, indicate “zero” (0).

*Note:* Students who graduated prior to 2021 may contact the YLS Registrar’s Office for a list of previously offered courses approved by the New York State Court of Appeals.

**In the section asking for the number of credits that were awarded for Distance Education courses**, report courses from Fall 2023 or later listed as “taught remotely” on YLS:Courses; otherwise indicate “zero” (0).

**In the section asking for the month and year you commenced the study of law**, use the month/year that classes began at the law school you attended your first year. For Yale Law School, that is now almost always AUG/XXXX (*do not report the start of orientation*).

**In the section asking for the month and year you completed all coursework**, use the month/year in which the examination period ended in your final term at the Law School, usually DEC/XXXX (beginning in Fall 2015) or MAY/XXXX. *This date is not necessarily when your degree was awarded.*



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**In the section asking for the total number of credits awarded, use the final number of completed units for your degree. If you are applying before the end of your final term at the Law School, use the number of units you expect to complete.**

## **Application for Admission to Practice as an Attorney**

As part of your application for admission to the New York Bar, you will complete the **Affidavit as to Applicant's Compliance with the Skills Competency and Professional Values Requirement**. On this form, check off **Pathway One**, and send the **Law School Certification of Competence in Skills and Professional Values** form, along with the **Law School Certificate** form, to the Registrar's Office (registrar.law@yale.edu) for completion. Please indicate the Judicial Department on the forms.

*Note:* The Skills Competency and Professional Values Requirement applies to applicants for admission to the bar who commence their J.D. programs after August 1, 2016.

## **Pro Bono Requirement**

Those who seek admission to the New York bar are required to have completed 50 hours of *pro bono* work before they can be sworn in to practice. Hours completed through clinical work during law school may be counted toward this requirement. Students are encouraged to review the *pro bono* requirement and to secure documentation from clinical faculty before they graduate. The *pro bono* requirement may also be completed through work done during summer employment while in law school or after graduation from law school. Further information about the *pro bono* requirement, along with required documentation, is available at:

<http://www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/probono/baradmissionreqs.shtml>