

Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Rule 3:03: Legal Assistance to the Commonwealth and to Indigent Criminal Defendants and to Indigent Parties in Civil Proceedings

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What do I need to submit to the Court to become a Student Practitioner?

The Dean of your law school must send a letter describing your character, legal ability, and training. The letter must also indicate that you have completed or are enrolled in a course for credit in evidence or trial practice, as well as, include your supervising attorney's name, office address and Board of Bar Overseers number.

2. Who should the Dean address the letter to?

The Dean should address the letter to the Clerk of this Court. (Maura S. Doyle, Clerk, Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Suffolk, John Adams Courthouse- 1st Floor, One Pemberton Square- Suite 1300, Boston, MA 02108-1707)

3. How long does my status as Student Practitioner last?

Your "Student Practitioner" status will last until the results of the proceeding bar exam. With a successful exam result, your Student Practitioner status will remain in effect for six months after the date of examination or until the date of your admission, whichever is sooner. With an unsuccessful exam result, your Student Practitioner status expires.

4. How can I obtain my supervising attorney's bar number?

You may contact the [Board of Bar Overseers](#) to obtain the bar number. **Board of Bar Overseers** 99 High Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 ,(617) 728-8700