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NOTICE

Proposed Amendments to the Rules of the Board of Bar Overseers

The Board of Bar Overseers (BBO) solicits comments on a proposed amendment to Section 3.62 of the Rules of the BBO, Procedure on Petitions for Reinstatement Generally.

Section 3.62 requires petitioners for reinstatement to file four paper copies of Part I of the reinstatement questionnaire with the BBO. Most petitioners file their papers electronically and there is no need for four hard copies of the same document. The amendment would apply even to those petitioners who file papers copies, because the BBO's practice is to scan and save all papers files. The amendment would require only one copy of Part I to be filed, either on paper or electronically.

A redline of the proposed amendment can be found below. Comments should be directed to clerk@massbbo.org no later than September 21, 2026. Comments received will be made available to the public.

Rules of the Board of Bar Overseers, Section 3.62 Section 3.62 Procedure on Petitions for Reinstatement Generally

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The Board will assign a reinstatement petition for hearing upon receipt of (a) a copy of the petition from the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County; (b) ~~one~~four fully completed copyies of Part I of the reinstatement questionnaire set out in section 3.63 (filed electronically or in paper copy); (c) a certificate of service showing that one copy of the petition and the originals of both Part I and Part II of the reinstatement questionnaire have been served upon Bar Counsel; and (d) the costs deposit required under section 3.64.

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