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Virginia Board of Law Examiners

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# APPLICATION

## FOR LICENSE TO PRACTICE LAW

I, Thelma Loue Diggs, hereby apply to the Virginia Board of Law Examiners for a license to practice law in the State of Virginia, and, as required by the rules of the Board, submit the following information as to my character, qualifications, etc.:

1. (a) I attach a certificate required by Rule 2-(b) from the dean or other official of (state what school) School of Law - Howard University - Wash., D.C., showing that I have a degree from a law school approved by the American Bar Association; or—

(b) I attach a certificate required by Rule 2-(b) from the dean or other official of (state what school) \_\_\_\_\_

showing that I have studied law for two years at a law school approved by the American Bar Association; or—

(c) I have heretofore filed the quarterly reports and hereto attach certificate required by Rule 2-(e) 2, showing completion of two years study of law under the supervision of (state what school or attorney) \_\_\_\_\_

2. (a) I attach certificate from the dean or other official of (state what school) \_\_\_\_\_ showing that I have completed a two-year academic college course at an accredited college. (This certificate may be made by the dean or other official of a law school approved by the American Bar Association, if applicant has studied law at such school as a regular student.); or—

(b) I attach evidence which I deem sufficient to show that I have completed the equivalent of a two-year academic course of an accredited college, consisting of the following papers: \_\_\_\_\_

3. State Place and Date of Birth

Norfolk, Va. July 30, 1910

4. Education: (Give a brief summary of all studies, both general and legal.)

R. B. Degree, VA. State College 1930 - Sept. 1945 to present - School of Law Howard University, Washington, D.C.



5. Names and addresses of all employers during the past ten years, as well as dates of each period of employment.

Norfolk Public Clinic for U.S. Control (Supervisor of Clinic - Nursing & Field Staff from 12/2/36 to 1/1/42 at which time I was transferred to U.S. Clinic for City of Norfolk, in Charge of Branch Clinics & responsible for records & reports of same - Chief Dr. Raymond Rembrough Dermatologist, Uni. of Charleston, S.C. & Harry Parrier Consultant U.S. Control - Norfolk, Va.

6. Have you ever been charged with the commission of any crime of any nature whatsoever?

NO.

7. Have you previously applied for admission to the bar in Virginia or any other State. If so, give date and results. If such application has been made and withdrawn, so state and give reason for withdrawal.

NO  
550 # 25th Pl. N.E. Washington, D.C. for school term of Law School - Permanent.

8. State present residence and each residence during past ten years, giving dates of residence at each locality during said period.

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800 Hayes St. Norfolk - All my life except interim of study away from home.

9. References: (Names and addresses of two or more persons who have known you intimately for more than five years, and, if possible, the names of two or more attorneys practicing in the community in which you now live, all of whom can report as to your moral character)

Bertine L. Douglass Atty at Law - 145 Bank Street, Norfolk, Va.  
Eugene Dugg Atty at Law 145 Bank St. Norfolk, Va.

10. State your intention and purpose in taking the bar examination. Do you intend to engage in the active practice of law? If so, do you intend to specialize in any particular field of practice and what is it?

I intend to engage in active practice of law - I am unable to say at this time I intend to specialize in any particular branch of law.



11. Give the name of the court to which, or of the law school to the professors of which, you propose to apply for the certificate required by Rules 4 and 5 Law School, Howard University  
Washington, D.C. Corporation Court of Maryland

Dean Geo. H. Johnson and Mr. Howard Jenkins - Mr. John Busey - Professor of Law, Howard University  
 11a. Which examination do you wish to take (date)? 2nd June in Dec. 1947



12. Attach to this page over the square outlined, an unmounted photograph of yourself taken within the preceding 12 months.

I hereby certify that the foregoing information is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 19 47.

Howard Duggs  
 (Signature of Applicant.)

Address 550 # 25th Pl. N.E.  
Washington, D.C.



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BERTHA L. DOUGLASS  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

145 BANK STREET  
PHONES 25861-44061

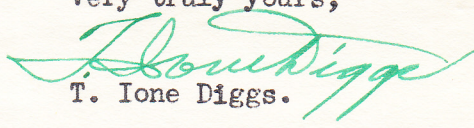
November 28, 1947.

Mr. M. B. Watts, Secretary,  
Board of Law Examiners,  
Richmond, Virginia.

Dear: I am enclosing herein certificate relative to my application for license to practise law in this State, together with check in the amount of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00), the required fee.

Please acknowledge receipt of enclosures and advise me of any other matters necessary in connection with my application.

Very truly yours,

  
T. Ione Diggs.

ENCL.

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ORDER OF COURT- CERTIFICATE.

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE HONORABLE R. B. SPINDLE, JUDGE OF THE CORPORATION COURT  
OF THE CITY OF NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, on the ~~22nd~~<sup>26th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 1947.

IT APPEARING that T. Ione Diggs, a resident of 800 Hayes Street,  
Norfolk, Virginia, who desires to apply to the Virginia Board of Law  
Examiners for a license to practice law, has heretofore filed her ap-  
plication for this Certificate with the Clerk of this Court, ten days  
or more before the date hereof (application filed November 3rd. 1947),  
a copy of which application was forthwith delivered by the said Clerk  
to the Judge of the Court and notice of which application was forth-  
with posted at the front door of the Court House, and that said appli-  
cant did, on the day named in his application move the Judge to grant  
this Certificate, which motion has been duly considered, and the Judge  
having submitted her name to three attorneys practicing before this  
Court, who have made a thorough investigation of the moral character  
and fitness of the applicant and reported their findings to the Judge,  
and the Judge being duly satisfied, doth certify that the said T. IONE  
DIGGS is a person of honest demeanor, of good moral character, is over  
21 years of age, and has resided in this State the preceding six months.

A copy, Teste: W. L. Prieur, Jr., Clerk.

By Frank White Deputy Clerk.



October 20, 1947.

Miss Thelma Ione Diggs  
550 # 25th Pla. N. E.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Diggs:

I have your application for examination and note that you propose to furnish the certificate required by rules 4 and 5 which relates to age, character and residence, by the Dean and professors of Howard University Law School.

This certificate can be made by professors of a school of this State, but not by professors of a school of the District of Columbia. It is necessary for you to show six months' residence in this State prior to the date of the examination for which you apply and furnish a certificate from the Court of your place of residence as to your age and character.

If you can furnish this from the Corporation Court of Norfolk, the city which you claim is your permanent residence, it will be sufficient, but I cannot accept such a certificate from the Dean or professors of Howard University.

Yours truly,

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Secretary.





HOWARD UNIVERSITY  
WASHINGTON 1, D. C.

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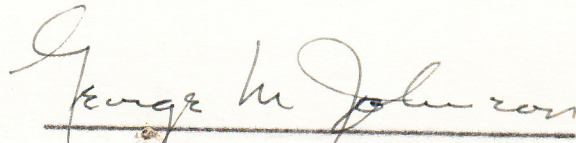
SCHOOL OF LAW

October 6, 1947

TO THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS:

This is to certify that T. IONE DIGGS was admitted as a regular student in the day division of the Howard University School of Law on September 11, 1946, upon the basis of her A.B. degree from Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia; that to date she has successfully completed two years' work in said Law School; that she is now a senior in said Law School and is a prospective candidate for graduation in June, 1948, with the degree Bachelor of Laws.

It is further certified that the Howard University School of Law has been approved by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

  
George M. Johnson  
Dean