

Virginia Board of Law Examiners

APPLICATION

FOR LICENSE TO PRACTICE LAW

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10-9-48

I, WESCOTT BROWNLEE NORTHAM, 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 Rules 2-(b) from the dean or other official of (state what school) _____

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) _____

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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:

CERTIFICATE OF LAW STUDY

3. State Place and Date of Birth MODESTOWN, VA. AUG. 19, 1924

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

ACCOMAC HIGH SCHOOL

RANDOLPH MACON ACADEMY (1 YEAR)

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA (ENGINEERING & LIB. ARTS)

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA (LAW SCHOOL)

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

U. S. PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON D. C.

JUNE 1947 - OCT. 1947; JULY 1948

U. S. NAVY

JUNE 1942 - APRIL 1946

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 If such application has been made and withdrawn, so state and give reason for withdrawal.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

8. State present residence and each residence during past ten years, giving dates of residence at each locality during said period. 2817 CONN. AVE., N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C., JULY 1948

UNIV. OF VA., CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. JUNE 1942 - JUNE 1945

RANDOLPH MACON ACADEMY, FRONT ROYAL, VA. SEPT. 1944 - JAN.

ACCOMAC, VA. UNTIL SEPT. 1941

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)

HON. JEFF F. WALTER, ONLEY, VA.

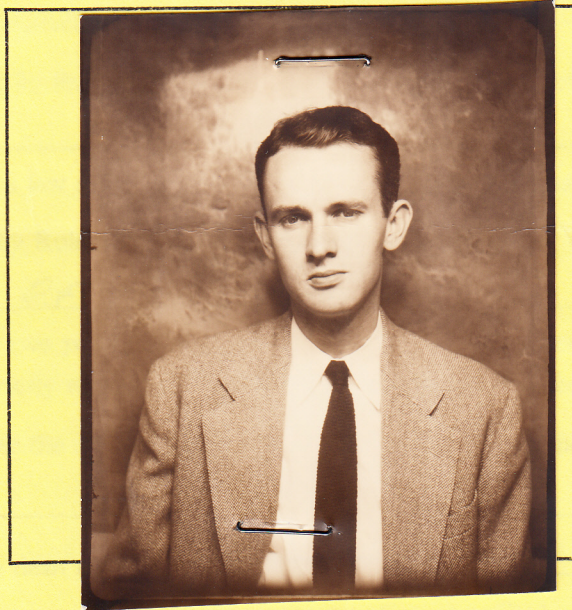
MRS WARNER AMES, ACCOMAC, VA.

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 GO WITH A COMPANY AS A PATENT ATTORNEY.

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. UNIV. OF VA. Accomack Cir Ct

11a. Which examination do you wish to take (date)? DEC. 14, 1948



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 29TH day of SEPTEMBER, 1948.

H. B. Northam

(Signature of Applicant.)

Address 2817 CONN. AVE., N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

card sent
10-26-48

Virginia:- Circuit Court of the County of Accomack, on Monday, the
25th day of October, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen
Hundred and Forty Eight.

It appearing that Wescott B. Northam, a resident of Accomack
County, Virginia, who desires to apply to the Virginia Board of Law
Examiners for a license to practice law, has heretofore filed his
application for this certificate with the clerk of this court ten days
before the date hereof, a copy of which application was forthwith
delivered by the said clerk to the Judge of this court, and notice of
which application was forthwith posted at the front door of the courthouse,
and that said applicant did, on the day named in his application, move
the court to grant this certificate, which motion has been duly
considered, and the court having submitted his 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 court, and the court being duly satisfied, doth certify
that the said Wescott B. Northam 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.

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TESTE: Robt. H. Oldham, CLERK.
(Robt. H. Oldham)

October 9, 1948

Mr. Wescott B. Northam
2817 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Northam:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th explaining as to your leaving the University of Virginia on June 14, 1948. If you had obtained a certificate from the professors and filed your application before the 14th of September, it would not have been necessary to get the court certificate.

However, as I have heretofore indicated, the rules provide that the certificate of the professors must show that the applicant was at the law school within the past three months. It will be necessary, therefore, for you to obtain a court certificate, form for which I enclose herewith.

Yours very truly,

MBW:lch
Enc.

Secretary

October 6, 1948
2817 Conn. Ave. NW
Washington, D. C.

Mr. M. B. Watts
P. O. Box 1315
Court-Library Building
Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Watts:

The following is in response to your letter of October 2, 1948.

I left the University of Virginia Law School June 14, 1948. I spent from June 14, 1948, until July 19, 1948, at my home in Accomac, Virginia. Since that time I have been employed with the U.S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C. and have resided at 2817 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, D. C. Although I now reside in Washington, D. C., my permanent residence and domicile is Accomac, Virginia.

When I left the University of Virginia, last June, I informed the Dean's Office that I intended to take the December Bar Examination, and requested the necessary character certificate. I was told that I could get my application in any time prior to sixty days before the examination, and to please get my certificate later, because of the graduation rush. I realize that ignorance of the rules is no excuse, but I relied, in good faith, on the information given me by the Dean's Office.

If my application still does not meet the formal requirements, please send me the necessary form for a certificate from the court or judge of my residence in Virginia.

Yours very truly,

Wescott B. Northam
Wescott B. Northam

October 2, 1948

Mr. Wescott Brownlee Northam
2317 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have your application for examination accompanied by a certificate of the Dean and professors of the University of Virginia Law School as to your law study and character. The character certificate shows you are not now a student at the University of Virginia Law School but it does not indicate how long you have been absent.

If it has not been over three months since you attended school there, the certificate of the professors will be sufficient. If you have been away from the school longer than three months, it will be necessary for you to file a certificate from the court or judge of your place of residence in this State.

Please advise me in regard to this.

Yours very truly,

MBW:lch

Secretary

cc: Dr. F. D. G. Ribble
Dean, Law School
University, Virginia

VIRGINIA BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

Certificate of Law Study
(As required by Sec. 3413, Code of Va., 1942)

Name of applicant Westcott Brownlee Northam

Name of Law School attended University of Virginia Law School

This certifies that the above named applicant has completed at least a two year academic college course at a duly accredited college and that he has studied law as a regular student for a period equivalent to two collegiate years in the Department of Law of the University of Virginia.

7 H S Robb
Dean

Certificate of Character
(As required by Sec. 3418, Code of Virginia, 1942)

We, the undersigned professors of law in the University of Virginia, certify that the above named applicant is a resident of the State of Virginia; that he is ^{not} now a student in the University of Virginia Law School; that he is a person of honest demeanor, of good moral character, and is over the age of 21 years; and that within the preceding three years he has studied law at the University of Virginia Law School for a period equivalent to two collegiate years.

Date: September 22, 1948

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Harry Coillard
Professor of Law

7 H S Robb
Professor of Law