

2023 Kansas Statutes

7-127. Applicants for admission to practice law; required information; fingerprints; criminal history record check. (a) Each applicant for admission to practice law in this state, in submitting the application, shall provide to the clerk of the supreme court the information enumerated in K.S.A. 25-2309(b)(1) through (5), and amendments thereto. Whenever any person whose application for admission to practice law in this state is pending shall move from the residential address listed on such person's application, or when the name of any such person is changed by marriage or otherwise, such person, within 10 days thereafter, shall notify the clerk of the supreme court in writing of such person's old and new residential addresses or of such person's former and new names.

(b) Any person whose application to practice law in Kansas is pending as of the effective date of this act*, and for whom the information enumerated in K.S.A. 25-2309(b)(1) through (5), and amendments thereto, is not correct on such application as of the effective date of this act, shall provide the information enumerated in K.S.A. 25-2309(b)(1) through (5), and amendments thereto, in writing to the clerk of the supreme court within 60 days after the effective date of this act. The clerk of the supreme court, within 30 days after the effective date of this act, shall send notice to all persons whose applications to practice law in Kansas are pending as of the effective date of this act, that such persons are required by law to provide the information enumerated in K.S.A. 25-2309(b)(1) through (5), and amendments thereto, in writing to the clerk of the supreme court within 60 days after the effective date of this act.

(c) The supreme court may require an applicant for admission to practice law in this state to be fingerprinted and submit to a national criminal history record check. The fingerprints shall be used to identify the applicant and to determine whether the applicant has a record of criminal arrests and convictions in this state or other jurisdictions. The supreme court and the state board of law examiners are authorized to submit the fingerprints to the Kansas bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of investigation for a state and national criminal history record check. The state board of law examiners and the supreme court may use the information obtained from fingerprinting and the applicant's criminal history only for purposes of verifying the identification of any applicant and in the official determination of character and fitness of the applicant for admission to practice law in this state.

(d) Local and state law enforcement officers and agencies shall assist the supreme court in taking and processing of fingerprints of applicants seeking admission to practice law in this state and shall release all records of an applicant's arrests and convictions to the supreme court and the state board of law examiners.

History: L. 2005, ch. 197, § 1; L. 2016, ch. 93, § 1; July 1.