

**PART I  
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**Rule 1-208 Resignation from Membership.**

(a) Resignation while in good standing: A member of the State Bar in good standing may, under oath, petition the Board of Governors for leave to resign from the State Bar. Upon acceptance of such petition by the Board of Governors by majority vote, such person shall not practice law in this state nor be entitled to any privileges and benefits accorded to active members of the State Bar in good standing unless such person complies with part (b) or (c) of this Rule.

(1)The petition for leave to resign while in good standing shall be filed, under oath, with the Executive Director of the State Bar and shall contain a statement that there are no disciplinary actions or criminal proceedings pending against the petitioner and that petitioner is a member in good standing. A copy of the petition shall be served upon the General Counsel of the State Bar.

(2)No petition for leave to resign while in good standing shall be accepted if there are disciplinary proceedings or criminal charges pending against the member or if the member is not a member in good standing.

(3)A petition filed under this paragraph shall constitute a waiver of the confidentiality provisions of Rule 4-221(d) as to any pending disciplinary proceedings.

(b) Readmission within five years after resignation: for a period of five years after the effective date of a voluntary resignation, the member of the State Bar who has resigned while in good standing may apply for readmission to the State Bar upon completion of the following terms and conditions:

(1) Payment in full of the current dues for the year in which readmission is sought;

(2) Payment of a readmission fee to the State Bar equal to the amount the member seeking readmission would have paid if he had instead elected inactive status; and,

(3) Submission to the membership section of the State Bar of a determination of fitness from the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants.

(c) Readmission after five years: After the expiration of five years from the effective date of a voluntary resignation, the former member must comply with the Rules governing admission to the practice of law in Georgia as adopted by the Supreme Court of Georgia.