

# Florida Board of Bar Examiners

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## **New officers named to Board overseeing Florida Bar admissions**

New officers and members were selected recently for the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, which implements the Florida Supreme Court's constitutional authority to oversee and regulate admissions of new attorneys to The Florida Bar.

The changes involve members from the **Tampa**, **Tallahassee**, and the **Miami** areas. They are:

- Jennifer Martinez Mooney of Land O'Lakes became Chair of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners November 1. Ms. Mooney served as Vice Chair of the Board from November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021. Ms. Mooney's appointment to the Florida Board of Bar Examiners began November 1, 2017.

Ms. Mooney is a Senior Staff Attorney in the Legal Department of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, in Tampa. She also worked as the Director of Central Staff for the Second District Court of Appeal in Lakeland. She was admitted to The Florida Bar in 1998. She was the Chairperson of The Florida Bar's Unlicensed Practice of Law Committee from April 2011 to February 2016. Ms. Mooney was recently appointed to serve on the newly created Special Committee for the Review of Professionalism in Florida, which began its work in July 2021. She served as a staff member on Florida's Criminal Punishment Code Task Force in 2019 and 2020. She is currently a member of the Florida Trial Court Staff Attorney Association and served as a board member from 2014 to 2016. Ms. Mooney is a graduate of the University of South Florida, Stetson University, and Stetson University College of Law.

- Rachelle Munson became Vice Chair of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners on November 1. Ms. Munson's appointment to the Florida Board of Bar Examiners began November 1, 2018. Ms. Munson will become Chair of the Board on November 1, 2022.

Ms. Munson is an Assistant Attorney General in the Administrative Law Bureau of the Office of the Attorney General, in Tallahassee. During her career in public service, she has served as a Senior Attorney with the Department of Economic Opportunity/Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, Program Administrator for the Agency for Workforce Innovation serving Central Florida, and Administrative Hearing Officer with the formerly named Department of Labor and Employment Security. Ms. Munson served as past president of the Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter National Bar Association, past president of Paul C. Perkins Bar Association, and former member of the Florida Supreme Court Standing Committee on Fairness and Diversity. Among her current professional and community outreach affiliations, Ms. Munson serves as a board member of Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc. and is a member of the Administrative Law and Government Lawyer sections of The Florida Bar. She is a graduate of the University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and College of Law.

- Cristina E. Groschel, of Groschel Law, P. A. in Margate has been appointed by the Supreme Court of Florida to membership on the Florida Board of Bar Examiners to succeed retiring Member Jane A. Rose of Tampa. Her term of office will extend through October 31, 2026.

Ms. Groschel received her Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies from Nova Southeastern University, and her law degree from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, where she graduated summa cum laude. She was admitted to The Florida Bar in 2003, and is a member of the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida, and the Broward County Bar Association. She is certified as a Professional in Human Resources and is also a member of the Society for Human Resource Management. Since her admission to The Bar, Ms. Groschel has frequently served as an exam reader for the board.

- Victoria J. Wilson, of Levine Kellogg Lehman Schneider + Grossman, LLP, in Miami has been appointed by the Supreme Court of Florida to membership on the Florida Board of Bar Examiners to succeed Ita M. Neymotin of Ft. Myers. Her term of office will extend through October 31, 2026.

Ms. Wilson received her Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Florida, and received her law degree from University of Miami School of Law. She was admitted to The Florida Bar in 2011, and is a member of the following: US District Court, Southern and Middle Districts and Federal and Dade County Bar Associations. Since her admission to The Florida Bar, Ms. Wilson has frequently served as an exam reader for the board.

The Florida Board of Bar Examiners is an administrative agency of the Supreme Court of Florida charged with the responsibility of enforcing the Rules of the Supreme Court Relating to Admissions to The Bar. This involves the supervision of character background investigations as well as the administration and grading of the Florida Bar Examination. The board's website, located at <https://www.floridabarexam.org/>, has all required application forms, the Rules of the Supreme Court Relating to Admissions to the Bar, Frequently Asked Questions and links to other agencies, including The Florida Bar and the Supreme Court of Florida.

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