ELON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

ADDENDUM TO LAW SCHOOL APPLICATION

CHARACTER AND FITNESS STATEMENT

NOTE TO STUDENT/APPLICANT: The law school’s application for admission contains several questions bearing on an applicant’s character and fitness for the practice of law. In addition to requiring complete and accurate answers to these questions at the time the application is filed, the law school application also places upon applicants and students a continuing duty to supplement their applications to ensure that their answers are complete and current. Specifically, when submitting their law school applications, Elon Law students certify and “agree to communicate promptly to the School of Law in writing any changes in any matters covered [in the law school application], even if such changes occur after [the student has] enrolled as a student.” In other words, criminal and other matters that fall within the scope of the application questions must be disclosed to the law school, even if they occur after you enroll in the School of Law. The failure to do so may result in dismissal or expulsion from the law school, refusal to award a degree or revocation of a degree awarded. In addition, because the boards of law examiners in most jurisdictions, including North Carolina, request copies of law school applications, a student’s failure to supplement her law school application to fully disclose any character and fitness issues may impact the student’s ability to be licensed to practice law.

Students should supplement their application responses by completing this form and submitting a hard copy in a sealed envelope to Associate Dean Woodlief. Emails and verbal communications will not be accepted. The form will be attached as an addendum to the student’s law school application.

Character and Fitness Section of Law School Application

The Elon University School of Law application provides as follows:

With respect to the questions below, Elon University School of Law requires that all applicants and enrolled students disclose all criminal incidents and disciplinary charges, even if the charges were dismissed, the applicant/student was acquitted, adjudication was withheld or conviction was reversed, set aside or vacated. You have a continuing obligation after the submission of this application and through your graduation from the School of Law to report any conduct that would require you to answer “yes” to any of these questions. If you have any uncertainty as to the meaning of or how to answer the following questions, you should seek the advice of the Associate Dean for Admissions prior to submitting the completed application. Any doubt as to the proper answer to any question should be resolved in favor of FULL DISCLOSURE, as subsequent discovery of a failure to fully and accurately answer the questions may result in denial of admission to the School of Law, exclusion from the School of Law, or a negative recommendation from the Dean of the School of Law to boards of law examiners. You should be aware that many state boards of law examiners review the law school application and student files of persons applying to take the bar examination in their jurisdictions.

State requirements vary and applicants should obtain information about qualifications for admission to the bars of the states where they intend to practice. While the School of Law seeks information about its applicants’ character and fitness to ensure that appropriate law school qualifications are met, acceptance by the School of Law does not guarantee an applicant’s subsequent qualification for admission to the bar.
If the answer to any of the questions below is yes, please provide a complete explanation. For criminal charges, this explanation would include the charges filed, the date, and the disposition (fine, court costs, diversion, etc.).

Supplemental Responses

If you need to amend or supplement your responses to the questions below since submitting your application to Elon University School of Law, please note any changes below.

(1) Have you ever been dropped, suspended, warned, placed on academic or disciplinary probation, disciplined, expelled, requested or advised to resign by any post-secondary school, college, university, graduate or professional school? Yes____ No____

(2) Are you presently, or have you ever been, under investigation for a crime of any kind? Yes ___ No____

(3) Have you ever been arrested for, charged with, cited for, or convicted of a crime of any kind (including all traffic violations, except parking tickets)? Yes____ No_____  

(4) Have you ever been requested to appear before any investigatory agency or prosecuting attorney for any reason? Yes ____ No____

(5) Have you ever been disciplined or reprimanded by any trade, business or professional organization or had revoked a publicly granted license to practice a trade, business or profession? Yes____ No____

(6) Have you ever been discharged or dismissed from the armed forces other than by honorable discharge or been subject to other military discipline? Yes____ No____

(7) Have you ever been dismissed, discharged or requested to resign by an employer? Yes____ No____

If the answer to any of the questions above was “yes,” provide a complete explanation in the space provided below, including the factual circumstances and outcome (attaching another sheet if necessary). For criminal charges, this explanation should include the charges filed, the date, and the disposition (fine, penalty, court costs, diversion, etc.). If the incident occurred prior to the date your law school application was submitted, this statement should also include an explanation why this information was not provided in your original application.

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By signing this statement, I certify that the answers and information submitted with this form are correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and that, as of today’s date, these answers and information, when combined with the earlier responses on my original law school application, are complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that I have a continuing obligation to supplement these responses as appropriate through my graduation from law school.

Print Name: _____________________________ Enrolled: Fall _________

Signature: _____________________________ Date: ________________