Graduates of the Law School sit for state bar examinations in many states. In the most recent examination year, the three most common states were New York, California and Massachusetts.

The rules of certain states (not New York) require either notification to the bar admission authorities of intent to begin the study of law or registration with the authorities when law studies begin. Students should obtain instructions from the proper source, usually the state board of bar examiners or the clerk of the court of highest jurisdiction, in the state in which they intend to practice. Failure to comply with the instructions may substantially delay admission to the bar as well as increase costs. Please note that the rules for admission to the bars of all states include a character and fitness requirement. The pamphlet entitled "Are you fit to be a lawyer?" discusses this subject in detail from the perspective of the New York bar. You will receive an electronic copy. **We encourage you to read it now.** If you have any concerns, please contact the bar admissions authorities in the state(s) where you may wish to seek bar admission. For current bar requirements, students should consult *The Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admission Requirements*, published annually by the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar and National Conference of Bar Examiners. A copy is available at the Registrar’s Office, 160 Myron Taylor Hall, or by going online to [http://www.ncbex.org/comprehensive-guide-to-bar-admissions](http://www.ncbex.org/comprehensive-guide-to-bar-admissions) or visit State Bar Information at [http://www.ncbex.org/bar-admissions/offices](http://www.ncbex.org/bar-admissions/offices).

Students should be aware that all state bar authorities will request the Dean of the Law School or the Dean of Students to certify that an applicant is of good moral character and fit to be a member of the bar. Bar authorities often ask us for a copy of your law school admissions application, so please be sure that you have responded with 100% accuracy on all admissions questions, including Question #23.

**Question #23 reads as follows:** "Have you ever, either as an adult or a juvenile, been cited, arrested, taken into custody, charged with, indicted, convicted or tried for, or pleaded guilty to, the commission of any felony or misdemeanor or the violation of any law, except minor parking or traffic violations, or been the subject of any juvenile delinquency or youthful offender proceeding? *Please note that although a conviction may have been expunged from the records by an order of a court, it nevertheless should be disclosed in the answer to this question. Also, you should have available and be prepared to submit or exhibit copies of police and court records regarding any matter you disclose in reply to this question.*

Important reminder for ALL students—You are under a continuing obligation to update all answers on your application. Therefore, should any of the occurrences described in Question #23 occur at any point following the completion of your application, including during your years as a Cornell Law student, you must
notify Dean Miner immediately. **PLEASE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT YOU NEED NOT UPDATE MINOR PARKING OR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.**

Any student matriculating at Cornell Law School consents to the mutual exchange of information, for educational and bar admission purposes, between the school and the bar examiners of other authorities of any jurisdiction to which that student seeks admission. Please feel free to make an appointment to see me if you would like to discuss issues related to bar admission or bar registration.