

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
Supplement to PROBLEM 1 - Admission to the Bar

FACTORS CONSIDERED IN ADMITTING PREVIOUSLY-CONVICTED
BAR APPLICANTS

A court has set out factors to consider in making a determination whether applicant has been sufficiently rehabilitated. See **In re Polin**, 596 A.2d 50, 53 n.4 (D.C. 1991).

1. Nature & character of offense;
2. Number and duration of offenses;
3. Age and maturity when committed;
4. Social and historical context;
5. Sufficiency of punishment & restitution made;
6. Pardon;
7. Years elapsed since last offense; and further misconduct;
8. Current attitude (accept responsibility, renounce, remorse);
9. Candor, sincerity & full disclosure in application;
10. Constructive activities & accomplishments since;
11. Opinions of character W's re moral fitness.

◆ **NOTE:** Court expressly stated that 4-1/2 years since the criminal conduct was **not** enough.

◆ **NOTE:** Applicant subsequently ADMITTED. 630 A.2d 1140 (1993).

◆ See also Matter of Nelson, 569 S.E.2d 841 (Ga. 2002); Matter of Covington, 50 P.3d 233 (Oregon 2002); Matter of Carter, 49 P.3d 792 (Oregon 2002); Matter of Pier, 561 N.W.2d 297 (S.D. 1997); Matter of Reinstatement of Krogh, 610 P.2d 1319 (Wash. 1980).