

Bar Applicant With Extreme School Debt Can Sit for the Bar, Ohio Supreme Court Says

“Cynthia Marie Rodgers, the Capital University School of Law graduate who got dinged on her Ohio character and fitness application for having almost \$900,000 in school debt—and seemingly no clear plan to ever repay it—can sit for the bar exam, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled March 5,” reports Stephanie Francis Ward in ABA Journal’s *News*.

“The court based its finding on Rodgers being candid about her financial situation and complying with the terms of her student loan repayment plan.”

“Rodgers’ current student loan payment is zero because her income is so low, according to the Ohio Supreme Court’s board of character and fitness report. She became disabled after a 2001 tree-trimming accident, and she can’t work a 40-hour week, the report stated. Rodgers’ school debt is consolidated with her husband’s, and he also is not making loan payments because he’s semi-retired and seeking disability, according to the report.”

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