

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 1380

Amending Alaska Bar Rule 2 and Alaska Bar Rule 5 to clarify meaning of "without examination."

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Section 2 of Alaska Bar Rule 2 is amended to read as follows:

Section 2. (a) An applicant who meets the requirements of (a) through (d) of Section 1 of this Rule and

(1) has passed a written bar examination required by another reciprocal state, territory, or the District of Columbia for admission to the active practice of law, and

(2) has engaged in the active practice of law in one or more states, territories or the District of Columbia for five of the seven years immediately preceding the date of his or her application, may, upon motion be admitted to the Alaska Bar Association without taking the bar examination. The motion shall be served on the executive director of the Alaska Bar Association and sponsored by a member in good standing of the Alaska Bar Association. An applicant will be excused from taking the bar examination upon compliance with the conditions above, and payment of a non-refundable fee to be set by the Board for applicants seeking admission on motion. For the purposes of this section, "reciprocal state, territory or district" shall mean a jurisdiction which offers

admission without bar examination to attorneys licensed to practice law in Alaska, upon their compliance with specific conditions detailed by that jurisdiction, providing the conditions are not more demanding than those set forth in this Rule.

(b) An applicant is not eligible for admission under this section if

(1) the applicant was admitted to the practice of law in the reciprocal state, territory or district without taking a written bar examination;

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2. Section 1 of Alaska Bar Rule 5 is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. (a) To be admitted to the practice of law in Alaska, an applicant must

(1) pass the bar examination prescribed pursuant to Rule 4 or be excused from taking the bar examination under Rule 2, Section 2;

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DATED: December 2, 1999

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 15, 2000

/s/

Chief Justice Matthews

/s/

Justice Eastaugh

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Justice Fabe

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Justice Bryner

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Justice Carpeneti