

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
ORDER NO. 1814

Amending Alaska Bar Rules 1, 2,
4, and 5 in order to adopt the
Uniform Bar Exam.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Alaska Bar Rules 1, 2, and 5 are amended as follows, effective January 1, 2014:

Rule 1. Board of Governors: General Powers Relating to Admissions.

Section 1. As used in Rules I-VIII:

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(b) "Bar examination" means the examinations offered to applicants for admission to the practice of law in Alaska;

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(f) "General applicant" means a person who has complied with the eligibility requirement of Rule 2, Section 1(a) through (d);

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Section 3. The Board shall examine or provide by contract or otherwise for the examination of all general applicants for admission to the practice of law and shall determine or approve the time, place, scope, form and content of all bar examinations.

Bar examinations may, in whole or in part, be prepared, administered and graded by or in cooperation with other states or the National Conference of Bar Examiners consistent with standards fixed or approved by the Board acting with the advice

of the Committee of Law Examiners. No contract or cooperative agreement for the preparation, administration or grading of a bar examination shall operate to divest the Board of its authority to independently determine the eligibility of an applicant to be admitted to the practice of law.

Section 4. There shall be appointed a Committee of Law Examiners. The appointments shall be made by the President. Except as specified in this rule, members of the Committee shall serve for three years and until their successors are appointed. The terms of the members of the Committee shall be staggered so that the terms of at least one-third of the members shall expire on June 30 of each year. Any person who has served on the Committee within the previous three years may serve as an alternate member in the event that one or more of the regular members is unable to participate in a portion of the grading process. The President shall appoint the Chairperson of the Committee, who shall act as Chairperson for one year commencing on July 1. The Chairperson may be reappointed to successive terms. The Chairperson shall designate alternate members to serve, as necessary.

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Section 6. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business relating to admissions. Seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for such business.

Rule 2. Eligibility for Admission .*

Section 1. Every general applicant for examination shall:

(a) File an application in a form prescribed by the Board and produce and file the evidence and documents prescribed by the Board in proof of eligibility for admission;

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Section 4. An applicant who meets the requirements of (a) through (d) of Section 1 of this Rule and has achieved a scaled score of 280 or above on a Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) administered in another state, territory, or the District of Columbia within five years preceding the date of the application to the Alaska Bar Association may be admitted to the Alaska Bar Association.

*Editor's Note: Section 9, Chapter 119, Session Laws of Alaska 1978, provides that "Section 1-8 of this Act [Chapter 119, Session Laws of Alaska, 1978] have the effect of changing section 5 of Rule 2 of the Alaska Bar Rules of the Rules of Court by transferring the responsibility for the program of law clerk study under AS 08.08.207 from the Supreme Court to the University of Alaska."

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Rule 5. Requirements for Admission to the Practice of Law.

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; be excused from taking the bar examination under Rule 2, Section 2; or transfer a UBE scaled score of 280 or above achieved on a UBE administered in another state, territory, or the District of Columbia within five years preceding the date of the application to the Alaska Bar Association;

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2. Alaska Bar Rules 1 and 4 are amended as follows, effective May 16, 2014:

Rule 1. Board of Governors: General Powers Relating to Admissions.

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Section 5. The Committee shall grade the bar examination except the Multistate Bar Examination which shall be graded by the National Conference of Bar Examiners. The Committee shall advise the Board concerning the grading or administration of bar examinations as from time to time directed by the Board. The Board shall furnish to the Committee clerical and other assistance as may be deemed necessary by the Board.

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Rule 4. Examinations.

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Section 3. As soon as practicable after the bar examination, the committee shall certify to the board its written report of bar examination. The committee shall submit to the board a written report stating the total number of applicants examined, the number passing and the number failing the bar examination, the average performance of each as designated by the code number of each, the maximum possible point value of each bar examination part or section, and other information the committee or the board may deem relevant.

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Section 6. A scaled score of 280 or above, as calculated by the National Conference of Bar Examiners, shall be the passing grade on the bar examination.

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DATED: December 4, 2013

EFFECTIVE DATE: As provided in the Order

/s/ _____
Chief Justice Fabe

/s/ _____
Justice Winfree

/s/ _____
Justice Stowers

/s/ _____
Justice Maassen

/s/ _____
Justice Bolger