

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 504

Amending Rules 1(4), 3(3),
4(4) and (6), and 5(1),
Alaska Bar Rules, Relating
to Bar Admission Procedures

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Section 4 of Rule 1, Alaska Bar Rules, is amended to read:

Section 4. There shall be appointed a Committee of Law Examiners [COMPOSED OF TWELVE MEMBERS OF THE ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION]. The appointments shall be made by the President, subject to ratification by the Board. 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 [FOUR] 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.

2. Section 3 of Rule 3, Alaska Bar Rules, is amended to read:

Section 3. An application shall be filed not later than May 1 [MARCH 1] for the July bar examination and not later than December 1 [OCTOBER 1] for the February bar examination. In the event that an application is filed late an additional late filing fee of \$25 shall be paid if filed not later than fourteen days after the last day for filing a timely application, and a late filing fee of \$100 shall be paid if filed thereafter; provided, however, no application shall be accepted for late filing unless such application is filed at the office of the Alaska Bar Association not later than June 15 for the July bar examination and January 15 for the February bar examination. An untimely application shall be considered an application for the next following examination unless withdrawn by the applicant.

3. Sections 4 and 6 of Rule 4, Alaska Bar Rules, are amended to read:

Section 4. The board shall determine the qualifications of each applicant upon the basis of the report of the Law Examiners Committee, proof of passage of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination [EXAMINATION], the recommendations of the executive director, and such other matters it may consider pertinent under these rules. The board shall certify to the supreme court the results of the bar examination and its recommendations as to those applicants who are determined qualified for admission to the practice of law and who have complied with the provisions of Rule 5 [6]. Notice of the board's determination shall be provided in writing to each applicant. Notice to an applicant determined not qualified shall state the reason for such determination.

Section 6. A combined score of 140 or above, as determined by the National Conference of Bar Examiners, shall be the passing grade on the bar examination [THE PASSING GRADE OF THE BAR EXAMINATION SHALL BE SEVENTY PERCENT OF THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE GRADE. A SCALED SCORE, AS DETERMINED BY THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BAR EXAMINERS, OF 135 ON THE MULTISTATE BAR EXAMINATION SHALL BE THE EQUIVALENT OF SEVENTY PERCENT OF THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE GRADE ON THAT PORTION OF THE EXAMINATION].

4. The title and Section 1 of Rule 5, Alaska Bar Rules, are amended to read:

RULE 5. Requirements for Admission to the Practice of Law [CERTIFICATE OF ADMISSION: MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION AND FEES]

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;
- (2) pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination;
- (3) be found by the Board to be of good moral character;

- (4) be determined by the Board to be eligible in all other respects;
- (5) file with the Association, within one year of receipt of notice of qualification, a registration card in the form provided by the Bar Association;
- (6) certify under oath that he or she is domiciled in the State of Alaska;
- (7) pay prorated active membership fees for the balance of the year in which he or she is admitted, computed from date of payment; and

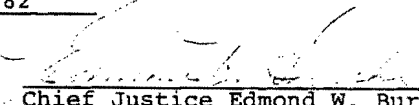
(8) take the oath prescribed in Section 3 of this rule. [AN APPLICANT RECEIVING NOTICE THAT HE OR SHE HAS SUCCESSFULLY PASSED THE BAR EXAMINATION PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO RULE 4, AND WHO HAS BEEN FOUND BY THE BOARD TO BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AND HAS IN OTHER RESPECTS BEEN DETERMINED ELIGIBLE SHALL FILE WITHIN ONE YEAR AN ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION CARD IN THE FORM PROVIDED BY THE BOARD; CERTIFY UNDER OATH THAT HE OR SHE IS DOMICILED IN THE STATE OF ALASKA; AND PAY PRORATED ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE BALANCE OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH HE OR SHE IS ADMITTED, COMPUTED FROM THE DATE OF PAYMENT.]

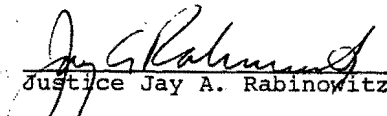
(b) The Board may conduct a character investigation of an applicant, or may continue such an investigation, after an applicant has been permitted to take, or has passed, the examination prescribed by the Board pursuant to Rule 4. The fact that the Board has permitted an applicant to take the examination, and has given the applicant notice that he or she has passed the examination, shall not thereafter preclude the Board from denying the admission of the applicant on the grounds of lack of good moral character.

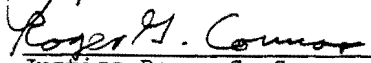
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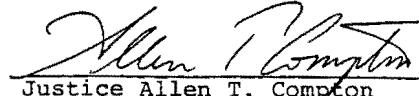
Paragraphs 3 & 4 --
June 1, 1982


Chief Justice Edmond W. Burke


Justice Jay A. Rabinowitz


Justice Roger G. Connor


Justice Warren W. Matthews


Justice Allen T. Compton