

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 1230

Amending Bar Rule 2, Sec. 2
concerning eligibility for
examination.

IT IS ORDERED:

Paragraphs (a) and (b) of Section 2 of Bar Rule 2 are amended to read as follows:

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

(1) has passed a written 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 ~~initial~~ application, may, upon motion be admitted to the Alaska Bar Association without 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

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) Attorneys admitted to the practice of law in other states, territories or districts without taking a written examination will not be eligible for admission under this section. An applicant may not be admitted to the practice of law under this section if he or she has taken and failed to pass an Alaska Bar examination or engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in Alaska. 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 examination;

(2) the applicant has engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in Alaska; or

(3) the applicant has taken and failed to pass an Alaska Bar examination, unless this occurred before the applicant engaged in the five years of practice required by (a) (2) of this section.

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/s/
Chief Justice Compton

/s/
Justice Rabinowitz

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Justice Matthews

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Justice Eastaugh

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Justice Fabe