

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
ORDER NO. 1548

Amending Alaska Bar Rule 2(3) concerning
Eligibility for Examination.

IT IS ORDERED:

Alaska Bar Rule 2(3) is amended to read as follows:

Rule 2. Eligibility for Examination.

Section 3. (a) An individual who has not graduated from a law school accredited or approved by the Council of Legal Education of the American Bar Association or the Association of American Law Schools shall be eligible to take the bar examination as a general applicant if he/she (1) has been licensed to practice law in one or more jurisdictions in the United States for five of the seven years immediately preceding the date of his/her first or subsequent applications for admission to the practice of law in Alaska, (2) was engaged in the active practice of law for five of those seven years, and (3) meets the requirements of (a), (c), and (d) of Section 1 of this Rule.

(b) An individual shall also be eligible to take the bar examination as a general applicant if he/she (1) has successfully completed not less than one academic year of education at a law school accredited or approved by the Council of Legal Education of the American Bar Association or the Association of American Law Schools,

and (2) has successfully completed a clerkship program which meets the requirements of (a), (c), and (d) of Section 1 of this Rule.

(c) An individual who is a graduate of a law school in which the principles of English law are taught but which is located outside the United States and beyond the jurisdiction of the Council of Legal Education of the American Bar Association or the Association of American Law Schools may be eligible to take the bar examination as a general applicant if he/she submits proof that (1) the foreign law school from which he/she graduated meets the American Bar Association's Council of Legal Education standards for approval, (2) he/she has either: (a) successfully completed not less than one academic year of education at a law school accredited or approved by the Council of Legal Education of the American Bar Association or the Association of American Law Schools, including evidence satisfactory to the Board of Governors that the applicant has successfully completed not less than one course in United States Constitutional Law and one course in Civil Procedure in the United States, or (b) is a member in good standing of the Bar of one or more states, territories, or the District of Columbia and was admitted to the Bar of that state, territory, or the District of Columbia after written examination, and (3) meets the requirements of (a), (c), and (d) of Section 1 of this Rule.

(d) An individual eligible to take the bar examination as a general applicant under (a) through (c) of this section shall request that: (1) certified proof of graduation and/or attendance be sent directly from the law school(s) attended to the Alaska Bar Association, and (2) where applicable under Section 3(c)(2)(b), a certificate of good standing from the Bar of the state, territory, or District of Columbia where he/she is licensed to practice law be sent directly to the Alaska Bar Association. Proof of attendance and/or graduation and the certificate of good standing must be received prior to the date of the examination.

DATED: November 4, 2004

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 15, 2004

Chief Justice Bryner

Justice Matthews

Justice Eastaugh

Justice Fabe

Justice Carpeneti