

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**ORDER NO. 1980**

Amending Bar Rule 2 to expand access to admission by transferred UBE score and incorporate Section 1(e) into eligibility requirements for all applicants.

**IT IS ORDERED:**

Bar Rule 2 is amended to read as follows:

**Rule 2. Eligibility for Admission.**

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**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), (d), and (e) 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, (2) has successfully completed a clerkship

program under AS 08.08.207, and (3) meets the requirements of (a), (c), (d), and (e) 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), (d), and (e) 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.

**Section 4.** An applicant who meets the requirements of (a) through (e) of Section 1 of this Rule or meets the requirements of Section 3 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.

DATED: March 17, 2022

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 17, 2022

/s/  
Chief Justice Winfree

/s/  
Justice Maassen

/s/  
Justice Carney

/s/  
Justice Borghesan

/s/  
Justice Henderson