

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

ADM10-8008 (formerly C5-84-2139)

OFFICE OF
APPELLATE COURTS
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PROMULGATION OF AMENDMENTS TO
RULES FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR

ORDER

By orders filed on June 27 and August 16, 2011, we amended the Rules for Admission to the Bar of the State of Minnesota, effective September 1, 2011. Further amendment of the Rules is needed to fully implement the amendments promulgated earlier.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the attached amendments to the Rules for Admission to the Bar of the State of Minnesota, as amended by our June 27 and August 16, 2011, orders, are prescribed and promulgated to be effective on September 1, 2011, and shall apply to all applications for bar examinations to be administered in February 2012 and thereafter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Rules for Admission to the Bar, as amended effective September 1, 2011, shall be posted on the website of the Board of Law Examiners.

Dated: August 30, 2011.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lorie S. Gildea", is written over a horizontal line.

Lorie S. Gildea
Chief Justice

RULES FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

In the following amendments, deletions are indicated by a line drawn through the words and additions by a line drawn under the words.

RULE 4. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

- A. Eligibility for Admission.** The applicant has the burden to prove eligibility for admission by providing satisfactory evidence of the following:
- (1) Age of at least 18 years;
 - (2) Good character and fitness as defined by these Rules;
 - (3) Either of the following:
 - (a) Graduation with a J.D. or LL.B. degree from a law school that is provisionally or fully approved by the American Bar Association; or
 - (b)
 - (i) A bachelor's degree from an institution that is accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education;
 - (ii) a J.D. degree from a law school located within any state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia;
 - (iii) that the applicant has been licensed to practice law in any state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia in 60 of the previous 84 months; and
 - (iv) that the applicant has been engaged, as principal occupation, in the practice of law for 60 of the previous 84 months in one or more of the activities listed in Rule 7A(1)(c).

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RULE 7. ADMISSION WITHOUT EXAMINATION

- A. Eligibility by Practice.**
- (1) **Requirements.** An applicant may be eligible for admission without examination if the applicant otherwise qualifies for admission under Rule 4 (excluding applicants who qualify only under Rule 4A(3)(b)) and provides documentary evidence showing that, for at least 60 of the 84 months immediately preceding the application, the applicant was:
- (a) Licensed to practice law;
 - (b) In good standing before the highest court of all jurisdictions where admitted; and

- (c) Engaged, as principal occupation, in the lawful practice of law as a:
 - i. Lawyer representing one or more clients;
 - ii. Lawyer in a law firm, professional corporation, or association;
 - iii. Judge in a court of law;
 - iv. Lawyer for any local or state governmental entity;
 - v. House counsel for a corporation, agency, association, or trust department;
 - vi. Lawyer with the federal government or a federal governmental agency including service as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Department of one of the military branches of the United States;
 - vii. Full-time faculty member in any approved law school; and/or
 - viii. Judicial law clerk whose primary responsibility is legal research and writing.

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RULE 8. ADMISSION BY TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

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B. Filing. In order to qualify for the license, the lawyer must comply with the requirements of Rule 4A(1), (2), (3)(a), and (6) and must file with the Board, the following:

- (1) A completed application for temporary license to practice law in Minnesota for a legal services program;
- (2) A certificate or certificates from the proper authority in each jurisdiction certifying that the lawyer is in good standing and that no charges of professional misconduct are pending;
- (3) An affidavit from the applicant's employer attesting to his or her knowledge of the applicant's competence and good character, and the fact that the applicant has accepted employment as a lawyer for a legal services program in Minnesota and will be supervised by a licensed Minnesota lawyer;
- (4) Two additional affidavits of character as prescribed by Rule 4C(4), and a fee consistent with Rule 12G of these Rules.

RULE 9. ADMISSION BY TEMPORARY HOUSE COUNSEL LICENSE

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B. Eligibility. A lawyer licensed in another jurisdiction may apply for and be admitted under a temporary house counsel license when the lawyer:

- (1) Is employed in Minnesota as house counsel solely for a single corporation (or its subsidiaries), association, business, or governmental entity whose lawful business consists of activities other than the practice of law or the provision of legal services;
- (2) Has practiced law by engaging in one or more of the activities listed in Rule 7A, for at least 36 of the previous 60 months; and
- (3) Complies with the eligibility provisions of Rule 4A(1), (2), (3)(a), (4), and (6), ~~with the exception of Rule 4A(5).~~

The practice of law during the qualifying period must have been performed in a jurisdiction where the applicant is licensed or performed in a jurisdiction that permits the practice of law by a lawyer not licensed in that jurisdiction, unless the applicant, during the qualifying period, was practicing as house counsel for a corporation, agency, association, or trust department.

RULE 10. ADMISSION BY HOUSE COUNSEL LICENSE

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B. Eligibility. A lawyer licensed in another jurisdiction or the holder of a temporary house counsel license issued pursuant to Rule 9B and 9C, who intends to practice in Minnesota for more than 12 months, may apply for a house counsel license when the lawyer:

- (1) Is employed in Minnesota as house counsel solely for a single corporation (or its subsidiaries), association, business, or governmental entity whose lawful business consists of activities other than the practice of law or the provision of legal services;
- (2) Has practiced law by engaging in one or more of the activities listed in Rule 7A for at least 36 of the previous 60 months; and
- (3) Complies with the eligibility provisions of Rule 4A(1), (2), (3)(a), (4), and (6).