

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

C5-84-2139

OFFICE OF
APPELLATE COURTS

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**ORDER DIRECTING THE BOARD OF LAW
EXAMINERS TO SUBMIT A STUDY OF PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE MINNESOTA RULES
FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR**

A petition was filed on April 29, 2009, seeking amendment to Rule 4A(3) of the Rules for Admission to the Bar of the State of Minnesota to permit an attorney licensed in another state to sit for the Minnesota bar exam regardless of the attorney's legal education. Presently Rule 4A requires that all applicants for admission to the Minnesota bar have a J.D. or LL.B. degree from a law school fully or provisionally approved by the American Bar Association (ABA). A copy of the petition is attached to this order.

In light of the numerous issues raised by this petition, the court believes that the need for a comprehensive review of these issues should be made by the Board of Law Examiners.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

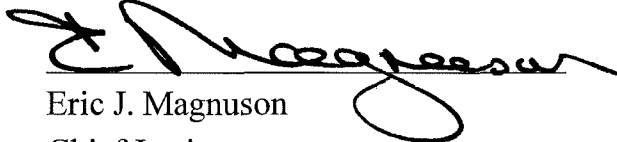
1. The Board of Law Examiners shall undertake a study to examine the issues raised by this petition.
2. When conducting its study, the Board should survey the rules of other states, the Minnesota legal community, the legal education community, and the public, and

should provide an opportunity for oral as well as written comments from any interested party.

3. If the Board determines that a degree from an ABA-approved law school should not be the educational standard, the Board should consider what other means of legal study should be permitted and whether applicants may provide some other proof of adequate legal education.
4. The Board shall submit a report to the court on or before June 1, 2010, that includes findings, conclusions, and a recommendation concerning any proposed amendment to the current rules.

Dated: August 10, 2009

BY THE COURT.


Eric J. Magnuson
Chief Justice