OFFICE OF APPELLATE COURTS

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

C5-84-2139

ORDER DIRECTING THE BOARD OF LAW
EXAMINERS TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO
THE MINNESOTA RULES FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR

A petition was filed with the court 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 Examination without having graduated from an ABA-approved law school. By order filed August 10, 2009, we ordered the Minnesota Board of Law Examiners to undertake a study to examine the issues raised by the petition and to submit a report to the court. The Board filed its report on June 2, 2010.

We have reviewed the Board's report and have determined that the court will consider a rule amendment that would permit a licensed attorney who has successfully practiced law in another United States jurisdiction for a substantial number of years to sit for the Minnesota Bar Examination and, if successful and otherwise qualified, to be admitted to the Bar of Minnesota, notwithstanding the fact that the attorney had not graduated from an ABA-approved law school.

Based upon all the files, records, and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Minnesota Board of Law Examiners shall prepare and file with the

court a proposed amendment to the Rules for Admission to the Bar that would permit a

licensed attorney who has successfully practiced law in another United States jurisdiction

for a specified number of years to sit for the Minnesota Bar Examination and, if

successful and otherwise qualified, to be admitted to the practice of law in Minnesota,

notwithstanding the fact that the attorney had not graduated from an ABA-approved law

school.

The Board shall file the proposed rule amendment with the court on or 2.

before September 30, 2010, after which the matter will be scheduled for public comment

and hearing.

Dated: August 5, 2010

BY THE COURT:

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Chief Justice