

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT

IT IS ORDERED that the Rules for Admission to the Bar of this state be amended by adding thereto the following:

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RULE XII

STATE BAR ADMISSIONS REVIEW PANEL: The Review Panel shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members to be appointed by the Supreme Court to serve for a term of three years, and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. The Review Panel shall perform the following functions:

1. In the few cases where bar admission applicants have come so close to a passing mark as to leave the members of the State Board of Law Examiners in genuine doubt as to whether the applicant's examination papers have been graded too closely, whereby injustice may have been done in denying the applicant a passing mark, such Board may of its own motion submit such examination papers in whole or in part to the Review Panel for reconsideration and final grading.

2. Such Review Panel shall, in addition to the reviewing and regrading of the examination papers referred to it for consideration under the immediately preceding paragraph, review and regrade the examination papers of such other applicants as may be expressly referred to it by order of the Supreme Court. Also in certain exceptional cases, as shall be determined by special order of the Supreme Court, the examination papers of an applicant, who has failed repeatedly, may in the first instance be graded by said Panel without having been first graded or considered by the State Board of Law Examiners. Other bar admission controversies and problems may be referred by the Supreme Court to said Review Panel for investigation and final recommendation. The findings of the Review Panel under this paragraph, with respect to the passing grade or other admission qualifications of an applicant, shall, when approved by the Supreme Court, be final and not subject to further review or consideration.

3. In reviewing and regrading of examination papers, the Review Panel shall act separately and independently of the State Board of Law Examiners and shall give no consideration whatever to any mark or grade theretofore given to the applicant by said Board.

4. The Review Panel shall have the right to conduct special oral examinations whenever deemed desirable. Subject to the approval of the Supreme Court, such Review Panel may formulate and adopt its own rules of practice and procedure."

BY THE COURT

(Signed) CHARLES LORING
Chief Justice

Dated Feb.18,1947.