

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**ORDER NO. 1704**

Amending Alaska Bar Rule 2, Section 3(b) concerning the eligibility of an individual who has completed a clerkship program to take the bar examination; and

Amending Alaska Bar Rule 5, Section 3 concerning orders of admission.

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. Alaska Bar Rule 2, Section 3, is amended as follows:

**Rule 2. Eligibility for Examination.**

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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), and (d) 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, and (2) has successfully completed a clerkship program under AS 08.08.207, and (3) ~~which~~ meets the requirements of (a), (c), and (d) of Section 1 of this Rule.

2. Alaska Bar Rule 5, Section 3, is amended to read as follows:

**Rule 5. Requirements for Admission to the Practice of Law.**

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**Section 3.** Upon receiving certification of the eligibility of an applicant, any state or federal judicial officer ~~the Supreme Court~~ may enter an order admitting the applicant as an attorney at law in all the courts of the state and to membership in the Alaska Bar Association. Each applicant ordered admitted to the practice of law shall take the following oath before any state or federal judicial officer:

I do affirm:

I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska;

I will adhere to the Rules of Professional Conduct in my dealings with clients, judicial officers, attorneys, and all other persons;

I will maintain the respect due to courts of justice and judicial officers;

I will not counsel or maintain any proceedings that I believe are taken in bad faith or any defense that I do not believe is honestly debatable under the law of the land;

I will be truthful and honorable in the causes entrusted to me, and will never seek to mislead the judge or jury by an artifice or false statement of fact or law;

I will maintain the confidences and preserve inviolate the secrets of my client, and will not accept compensation in connection with my client's business except from my client or with my client's knowledge or approval;

I will be candid, fair, and courteous before the court and with other attorneys, and will advance no fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of a party or witness, unless I am required to do so in order to obtain justice for my client;

I will uphold the honor and maintain the dignity of the profession, and will strive to improve both the law and the administration of justice.

A certificate of admission shall thereupon be issued to the applicant by the clerk of the court.

DATED: May 14, 2009

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 2009

/s/  
Chief Justice Fabe

/s/  
Justice Eastaugh

/s/  
Justice Carpeneti

/s/  
Justice Winfree

/s/  
Justice Christen