IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 2054

Amending Bar Rules 2, 3, 4, and 5 to adopt changes for the NextGen Uniform Bar Examination.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Bar Rule 2 is amended to read as follows:

Rule 2. Eligibility for Admission.

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Section 4. An applicant may be admitted to the Alaska Bar Association under the following conditions:

(a) the applicant meets the requirements of (a) through (e) of Section 1 of this Rule or meets the requirements of Section 3 of this Rule; and

(b) the applicant, within five years preceding the date of the application to the Alaska Bar Association, has achieved

(1) a scaled score of 270 or above on a Legacy Uniform Bar Examination (Legacy UBE) administered in any state, territory, or the District of Columbia, or

(2) a scaled score of 620 or above on a NextGen Uniform Bar Examination (NextGen UBE) administered in any state, territory, or the District of Columbia.

2. Bar Rule 3 is amended to read as follows:

Rule 3. Applications.

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Section 3. An application shall be filed not later than May 1 for the July bar examination and not later than December 1 for the February bar examination. The Executive Director may, for good cause, accept applications for late filing after the May 1 and December 1 deadlines. A total late filing fee in an amount set by the Board shall be paid for applications accepted after May 1 and December 1.

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3. Bar Rule 4 is amended to read as follows:

Rule 4. Examinations.

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Section 5. The Standing Polices of the Board of Governors address the rights of an applicant who takes and fails to pass the bar examination.

Section 6. A scaled score of 270 or above on a Legacy UBE or a scaled score of 620 or above on a NextGen UBE, as calculated by the National Conference of Bar Examiners, shall be the passing grade on the bar examination.

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4. Bar Rule 5 is amended to read as follows:

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

Section 1. (a) To be admitted to the practice of law in Alaska, an applicant must

(1) pass the bar examination prescribed pursuant to Rule 4; be excused from taking the bar examination under Rule 2,

Section 2; or transfer either (A) a scaled score of 270 or above on a Legacy UBE or (B) a scaled score of 620 or above on a NextGen UBE administered in any state, territory, or the District of Columbia within five years preceding the date of the application to the Alaska Bar Association;

(2) pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination by obtaining a scaled score of 80 at an examination taken not more than eight years prior to the applicant's Alaska application for admission;

(3) be found by the Board to meet the standard of character and fitness, as required pursuant to Rule 2(1)(d);

(4) be determined by the Board to be eligible in all other respects;

(5) pay prorated active membership dues for the balance of the year in which he or she is admitted, computed from the first day of admission;

(6) attend a presentation on attorney ethics as prescribed by the Board prior to taking the oath prescribed in Section 3 of this rule;

(7) file an affidavit as required by Bar Rule 64 stating that the applicant has read and is familiar with the Alaska Rules of Professional Conduct; and

(8) take the oath prescribed in Section 3 of this rule.

(b) Within 60 days after completion of the requirements stated in subparagraphs (a)(1), (2), (6), and (7) of Section 1 of this Rule, an applicant must file with the Alaska Bar Association the forms

provided by the Board, formally accepting membership in the Association and admission to the practice of law in Alaska.

(c) The Board may conduct a character investigation of an applicant, or may continue such an investigation, after the applicant has been permitted to take, or has passed, the examination prescribed by the Board pursuant to Rule 4. The fact that the Board has permitted the applicant to take the examination, and has given the applicant notice that he or she has passed the examination, shall not thereafter preclude the Board from denying the admission of the applicant on the grounds of character and fitness as set forth in Bar Rule 2(1)(d).

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DATED: October 21, 2026

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 21, 2026

Not Participating
Chief Justice Carney

/s/
Justice Borghesan

/s/
Justice Henderson

/s/
Justice Pate

/s/
Justice Oravec