

Guidelines for Requesting Evaluation of Foreign Education

Pursuant to Gov. Bar R. I, Section 2(C), the Supreme Court will review and determine whether an applicant's foreign education is equivalent to the education required of applicants educated in the United States. **In order to determine whether you are eligible to request review by the Court**, you should read **Rule I of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar, Section 1, (B) and (C), and Section 2, (C)**. Please also refer to the following guidelines in completing a request for review.

1. For **all** foreign educated applicants, in accordance with Gov. Bar R. I, Section 2(C), the Court has approved World Education Services and Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. as providers of course-by-course education evaluations. You will need to request a course-by-course evaluation of all your post-secondary education received outside of the United States.

Information regarding fees and required submissions for World Education Services and Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. can be found at www.wes.org and www.ece.org, respectively. Please note that only education received from an educational institution accredited in the country in which the educational institution is located is eligible to be found equivalent to education received from accredited institutions in the United States.

2. If you received your legal education outside of the United States, you must also successfully complete thirty credit hours at an ABA- approved law school. Twenty of the thirty hours of must be chosen from the following list of courses:

Legal Research/Writing; Business Associations; Conflict of Laws; Constitutional Law; Contracts; Criminal Law/Criminal Procedure; Wills, Trusts and Estates; Evidence; Family Law; Civil Procedure; Federal Income Taxes; Professional Responsibility/Legal Ethics; Property (Real & Personal); Torts; Uniform Commercial Code (Articles II, III & IX).

Credits received through an online degree program will not be accepted for evaluation.

Upon receipt of a complete application for admission and a complete request for review of foreign education, your request for review will be submitted to the Court for a determination of educational equivalence. For applicants requesting a determination of undergraduate equivalence only, your application shall be processed and filed contingent upon the Court's approval of your foreign undergraduate education. For applicants requesting a determination of legal education equivalence, your application will not be processed until your legal education is approved by the Court.

Applications and requests for evaluation of foreign education must be uploaded to the Bar Admissions Portal.

If you have any questions regarding foreign education evaluation, contact the Office of Bar Admissions of the Supreme Court of Ohio at 614.387.9340 or baradmissions@sc.ohio.gov.