**AMENDMENTS TO THE**

**RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAR OF OHIO**

On July 9, 2013, the Supreme Court of Ohio adopted the following amendments to the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio (Gov.Bar R. I, Sections 9 and 14 and XII, Sections 2 and 7) effective January 1, 2013.

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**SUPREME COURT RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAR OF OHIO**

**RULE I. ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW**

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**Section 9. Admission Without Examination.**

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(C) An applicant for admission to the practice of law in Ohio without examination shall file with the Office of Bar Admissions an Application for Admission to the Practice of Law Without Examination. The application shall include all of the following:

1. An affidavit stating all of the following:
2. That the applicant has not engaged in the unauthorized practice of law;
3. That the applicant has studied the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio, the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct, and the Code of Judicial Conduct, all as adopted by the Court;
4. That the applicant is a citizen or a resident alien of the United States;
5. A certificate from the admissions authority in the jurisdiction from which the applicant seeks admission, demonstrating that the applicant has taken and passed a bar examination and has been admitted to the practice of law in that jurisdiction;
6. A certificate of good standing from each jurisdiction in which the applicant is admitted to practice law, dated no earlier than sixty days prior to the submission of the application;
7. An affidavit that demonstrates that the applicant has complied with division (A)(2) of this section and that includes a description of the applicant’s practice of law, the dates of such practice, and, if applicable, a description of the applicant’s employment subsequent to ceasing such practice;
8. To confirm that the applicant has engaged in the full-time practice of law for at least five full years out of the last ten years prior to the applicant’s submission of the application, an affidavit from the applicant’s employer or employers verifying the applicant’s full-time practice of law or, if the applicant has been self-employed, an affidavit from an attorney who is a member of the bar in the jurisdiction in which the applicant practiced and who knows the applicant, verifying the applicant’s full-time practice of law. As used in division (C)(5)of this section, “full-time practice of law” means practice in which the applicant was actively and substantially engaged as a principal business or occupation;

(6) To confirm that the applicant’s practice was performed in a jurisdiction that affirmatively permitted such practice by a lawyer not admitted to practice in that jurisdiction, if applicable, a rule, statute, or other authority verifying that the applicant’s practice was lawful at the time the practice occurred;

1. Such other evidence, as may be reasonably requested by the Court, demonstrating that the applicant has met the requirements of division (A) of this section;
2. A certificate by an attorney admitted to the practice of law in Ohio and duly registered pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VI, who will present the applicant to the Court pursuant to division (G) of this section, stating that the applicant is of good moral character and recommending the applicant for admission to the practice of law in Ohio without examination;
3. Fingerprint identification taken by a sheriff, deputy sheriff, municipal police officer, or state highway patrol officer;
4. A questionnaire, typed and in duplicate, for use by the National Conference of Bar Examiners, the Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness, and the regional or local bar association admissions committee in conducting a character investigation of the applicant;

(11) A fee of one thousand five hundred dollars;

1. A fee in the amount charged by the National Conference of Bar Examiners for its character investigation and report;
2. Certificates or official transcripts evidencing compliance with Section 1(B) and (C) of this rule. If the applicant’s undergraduate or legal education was not received in the United States, a one hundred fifty dollar fee shall accompany the application for evaluation of the applicant’s legal education. If the applicant’s legal education was not received in the United States, the application shall not be processed until the applicant’s legal education is approved by the Court.

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**Section 14. Admissions Fund.**

(A) The fees collected under this rule, the fees charged and collected by the Court for admissions-related services, and the fees collected under Rules II, IX, XI, and XII of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar shall constitute the Admissions Fund. All application fees assessed under this rule and Gov.Bar R. II, IX, XI, and XII shall be nonrefundable and payable to the Supreme Court of Ohio by certified check or money order.

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**RULE XII. PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION**

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**Section 2. Requirements for Permission to Appear Pro Hac Vice**

(A) A tribunal of this state may grant permission to appear pro hac vice to an out-of-state attorney who is admitted to practice in the highest court of a state, commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States or the District of Columbia, or who is admitted to practice in the courts of a foreign state and is in good standing to appear pro hac vice in a proceeding.

(1) An attorney is eligible to be granted permission to appear pro hac vice if:

(a) The attorney neither resides in nor is regularly employed at an office in this state or;

(b) The attorney is registered for corporate status in Ohio pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VI, Section 3 or;

(c) The attorney resides in this state but lawfully practices from offices in one or more other states or;

(d) The attorney maintains an office or other systematic and continuous presence in Ohio pursuant to Prof.Cond.R. 5.5(d)(2) or;

(e) The attorney has permanently relocated to Ohio in the last 120 days and is currently an applicant pending admission under Gov.Bar R. I.

(2) A tribunal shall not grant permission to appear pro hac vice to an attorney who has taken and failed the Ohio bar examination, been denied admission without examination, or had an application for admission in Ohio denied on character and fitness grounds pursuant to Gov.Bar R. I within the last five years.

(3) Prior to being granted permission to appear pro hac vice by a tribunal, the attorney shall have applied for registration with the Supreme Court Office of Attorney Services, paid an annual registration fee of $150.00, and been issued a certificate of pro hac vice registration. The application for registration shall include the following information:

(a) The attorney's residential address, office address, and the name and address of the attorney's law firm or employer, if applicable;

(b) The jurisdictions in which the attorney has ever been licensed to practice law, including the dates of admission to practice, resignation, or retirement, and any attorney registration numbers;

(c) An affidavit stating that the attorney has never been disbarred and whether the attorney is currently under suspension or has resigned with discipline pending in any jurisdiction the attorney has ever been admitted;

(d) A statement the attorney satisfies the requirements in Section 2(A)(1)-(2);

(e) A statement that the attorney will comply with the applicable statutes, law and procedural rules of the State of Ohio, and the rules, policies, and procedures of the tribunal before which the attorney seeks to practice and will be familiar with and comply with the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct and the Rules for the Government of the Bar.

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**Section 7. Admissions Fund**

Payment of the annual registration fee shall be deposited in the Admissions Fund established under Gov.Bar R. I, Section 14(A).