

**ATTACHMENT:**

**The State Bar of California**

*Proposed Amendment of Rule II, Rules Regulating Admission to Practice Law in California, Re Requirements for Foreign-Educated Applicants to Qualify for Admission to Practice Law in California*

**RULE II. Admission to Practice Law: General Requirements**

**Section 1.** To be eligible for certification by the Committee to the Supreme Court of California to practice law in California, all applicants must meet the following requirements in Section 1, in addition to any other requirements set forth below that may be applicable:

- (a) Be of the age of at least 18 years;
- (b) Be of good moral character pursuant to the provisions of Rule X;
- ~~(c) Complete the general education requirements pursuant to the provisions of Rule VII prior to commencing the study of law;~~
- ~~(d) Register as a general applicant (Rule III) or attorney applicant (Rule IV);~~
- ~~(e) Complete the legal education requirements prescribed in Rule VII prior to taking the California Bar Examination;~~
- ~~(f) Qualify for and pass or establish exemption from the First-Year Law Students' Examination in accordance with the provisions of Rule VIII;~~
- (g) Pass the California Bar Examination and such examination in professional responsibility or legal ethics as determined by the Committee and as specified in Rule VIII; and,
- (h) Be in compliance with California court ordered child or family support obligations pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11350.6.

**Section 2. General Applicants with Legal Education completed in a United States Law School.** General applicants who wish to qualify under this section must also meet the following requirements:

- (a) Complete the general education requirements pursuant to the provisions of Rule VII prior to commencing the study of law;
- (b) Complete the legal education requirements prescribed in Rule VII prior to taking the California Bar Examination; and
- (c) Qualify for and pass or establish exemption from the First-Year Law Students' Examination in accordance with the provisions of Rule VIII.

### **Section 3. General Applicants with Foreign Legal Education**

- (a) General applicants who have a first degree in law, acceptable to the Committee, from a law school located in a foreign state or country, in addition to the requirements of Section 1, must also complete a year of legal education at a law school approved by the American Bar Association or accredited by the Committee in the areas of law as prescribed by the Committee prior to taking the California Bar Examination.
- (b) General applicants who completed legal education in a law school located in a foreign state or country without the first degree in law, in addition to the requirements of Section 1, must also meet the following requirements:
- (1) Complete the general education requirements pursuant to the provisions of Rule VII, Section 1 prior to commencing the study of law;
  - (2) Complete the legal education requirements prescribed in Rule VII, Section 2 (applicant may receive up to one year of legal education credit from foreign legal study); and
  - (3) Qualify for and pass or establish exemption from the First-Year Law Students' Examination in accordance with the provisions of Rule VIII.

**Section 4. Attorney Applicants** Upon completion of the requirements in Section 1 above, attorney applicants will be eligible for certification by the Committee.