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NOTICE TO THE BAR

Amendment to Admission Without Examination Rule

The Court of Appeals has amended Section 520.10 of the Rules of the Court of Appeals for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law. The amendment clarifies that applicants for admission on motion in New York need not demonstrate compliance with the program and course of study requirements of Section 520.3 of the Rules, which apply only to candidates for the New York State bar examination.

A copy of the order amending the Rules is attached. Questions may be directed by telephone to the Court's Office for Professional Matters at (518) 455-7760.

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*At a session of the Court, held at Court of
Appeals Hall in the City of Albany
on the.....10th.....day
of.....September, 2013.....*

Present, HON. JONATHAN LIPPMAN, Chief Judge, presiding.

In the Matter

of

The Amendment of the Rules of the Court of Appeals
for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law.

Pursuant to section 53 of the Judiciary Law, it is hereby

ORDERED, that section 520.10 of the Rules of the Court of Appeals for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law (22 NYCRR § 520.10) is amended, effective October 2, 2013, or as soon thereafter as section 52 of the Judiciary Law is complied with, by deleting the bracketed material and adding the underlined material.

§ 520.10 Admission Without Examination

(a) General. In its discretion, the Appellate Division may admit to practice without examination an applicant who:

(1) (i) has been admitted to practice in the highest law court in any other state or territory of the United States or in the District of Columbia; or

(ii) has been admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor-at-law or the equivalent in the highest court in another country whose jurisprudence is based upon the principles of the English

Common Law; and

(iii) is currently admitted to the bar in such other jurisdiction or jurisdictions, that at least one such jurisdiction in which the attorney is so admitted would similarly admit an attorney or counselor-at-law admitted to practice in New York State to its bar without examination; and

(2) (i) while admitted to practice as specified in paragraph (1) of this subdivision, has actually practiced therein, for at least five of the seven years immediately preceding the application:

(a) in its highest law court or highest court of original jurisdiction in the state or territory of the United States, in the District of Columbia or in the common law country where admitted; or

(b) in Federal military or civilian legal service in a position which requires admission to the bar for the appointment thereto or for the performance of the duties thereof, even if the government service, civilian or military, was not in a jurisdiction in which the applicant was admitted to practice; or

(c) in legal service as counsel or assistant counsel to a corporation in the state or territory of the United States where admitted, or in the District of Columbia if admitted therein; or in the common law country where admitted; or

(ii) has been employed in any other state or territory of the United States or in the District of Columbia as a judge, magistrate, referee or similar official for the local, state or federal government in a tribunal of record, or as a law clerk to such judicial official, provided that such employment requires admission to the bar for the appointment thereto or for the performance of the duties thereof, for at least five of the seven years immediately preceding the application; or

(iii) has been employed in this State or in any other state or territory of the United States or in the District of Columbia as a full-time member of the law faculty teaching in a law school or

schools on the approved list of the American Bar Association and has attained the rank of professor or associate professor for at least five of the seven years immediately preceding the application; or

(iv) has actually practiced as provided in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, or been employed as a judicial official as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, or has been teaching at a law school as provided in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, or has actually practiced while admitted pursuant to Rule 520.11(a)(2) of this Part, for a period of up to 18 months, in a combination or cumulation of service among the categories of practice, judicial or legal service or teaching where the Appellate Division determines that such five years of combined or cumulative service is the equivalent of the practice required in clause (a) of subparagraph (i); and

(3) has received a first degree in law from a[n approved] law school in the United States that was approved by the American Bar Association at all times during the period of the applicant's attendance [at the time of applicant's admission to practice in such other state, territory, district or common law country, or at the time of application for admission under this section]; and

(4) is over 26 years of age.

(b) Proof Required. An applicant for admission under this section shall file with the Clerk of the Appellate Division of the department in which, as shown by the papers filed by the applicant with the department, the applicant resides or, if not a resident of the state in which such papers show that the applicant is employed full-time or, if such papers do not show that the applicant resides or is employed full-time in the State, the Appellate Division of the Third Department:

(1) a certificate from the clerk of the highest court of the state, territory, district or foreign country in which applicant has been admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor-at-law or

the equivalent, certifying to applicant's admission to practice and the date thereof; and

(2) in the case of an applicant seeking admission relying upon teaching, a certificate from the dean of the law school which employs or employed the applicant, certifying to the nature and extent of applicant's employment and the rank attained; and

(3) a certificate from the New York State Board of Law Examiners certifying that the applicant has received a first degree in law from a[n approved] law school in the United States that was approved by the American Bar Association at all times during the period of the applicant's attendance [as defined in section 520.3(b) of this Part]; and

(4) any such other satisfactory evidence of character and qualifications as the Appellate Division may require, which may include a report of the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

(c) Proof to be Submitted and Fee to be Paid to New York State Board of Law Examiners. The applicant shall submit to the New York State Board of Law Examiners such proof of compliance with the provisions of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of this section as the board may require and shall at the same time pay the board the fee prescribed by section 465 of the Judiciary Law by certified check or money order payable to the order of the board.

(d) Discretion of Appellate Division. The Appellate Division may in its discretion impose as a condition to admission such other tests of character and fitness as it may deem proper.