

IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

April Term, A.D. 2014

In the Matter of the Amendments to the)
Rules 202, 302, and 304 of the)
Rules and Procedures Governing)
Admission to the Practice of Law)

**ORDER AMENDING RULES 202, 302, AND 304 OF THE RULES AND PROCEDURES
GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW**

The Wyoming Board of Law Examiners has recommended that this Court amend Rules 202, 302, and 304 of the Rules and Procedures Governing Admission to the Practice of Law. This Court finds that the Board's recommendations should be accepted. It is, therefore,

ORDERED that the proposed amendments to Rules 202, 302, and 304 of the Rules and Procedures Governing Admission to the Practice of Law, attached hereto, are adopted by the Court to be effective immediately; and it is further

ORDERED that this order and the attached amendments shall be published in the advance sheets of the Pacific Reporter; the attached amendments shall be published in the Wyoming Court Rules Volume; and that this order and the attached amendments shall be published online at the Wyoming Judicial Branch's website, <http://www.courts.state.wy.us>. The amendments shall thereafter be spread at length upon the journal of this Court.

DATED this 6th day of May, 2014.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

MARILYN S. KITE
Chief Justice

Rules and Procedures Governing Admission to the Practice of Law

Rule 202. Educational Requirements.

(a) ~~The Board shall, before admitting an applicant to an examination~~ allowing an applicant to take the Uniform Bar Examination, be satisfied that the applicant ~~possesses the qualifications as to the periods~~ has satisfactorily completed the course of study prescribed by law; and the following information shall be submitted by an applicant:

- (1) ~~The time of study in an American Bar Association accredited law school, or under the supervision thereof, by the certificate of the president, dean or secretary of the faculty under whose instruction the person has studied, under the seal of the school, if such there be; and~~ Certification from an American Bar Association accredited law school of the applicant's graduation; or
- (2) ~~The time of study in the office of a member of the Bar or a judge of this state by a certificate of such members of the Bar or judge, showing the actual period of such study, together with a listing and description of the substantive topics of law studied. Evidence of tests taken, as well as written material, may be requested. Prior approval of a course of study is highly recommended by the Board. If the applicant is seeking admission after studying law in the office of a member of the Bar or a judge as provided in Wyo.Stat.Ann. § 33-5-105, the applicant must:~~
 - (A) before embarking upon such study, present the proposed course of study to the Board for approval;
 - (B) at its conclusion, certify and provide a certificate of completion from the supervising attorney or judge and such other evidence as the Board may request that the course, as approved, was completed; and
 - (C) provide certification from an American Bar Association accredited law school of satisfactory completion of the statutorily-prescribed period of study at such law school.

(b) Attendance and successful completion of classes and studies at an American Bar Association accredited law school during a school year of not less than eight months in a year shall be deemed a year's attendance in a law school; and in computing the period of study in an office, a vacation actually taken, not to exceed three months in each year, shall be allowed as part of each year.

(c) ~~An applicant shall not be permitted to take the examination unless evidence is first received showing that the applicant meets the educational requirements of these Rules. It is the responsibility of the applicant alone to insure that the evidence is received prior to the examination. The form of evidence shall be an official transcript from each law school attended, or a certificate of the dean of such law school certifying successful completion and graduation from a law school approved by the Board, if applicable. However, in lieu of an official transcript of legal studies, an applicant who is eligible to take the examination prior to graduation shall cause the applicant's law school to submit a certification to the effect that the applicant is a regularly enrolled student and that the examination for which the application has been made is the examination immediately following the applicant's scheduled graduation. An applicant shall cause the applicant's law school, if applicable, to certify to the Supreme Court the fact of the~~

~~applicant's graduation before the Board may certify the applicant as eligible for admission to the practice of law.~~

~~(d) Any person applying under Section 202(a)(1) shall cause the applicant's law school to certify to the Supreme Court the fact of the applicant's graduation before the Board may certify the applicant as eligible for admission to the practice of law.~~

Rule 302. Eligibility.

At the discretion of the Court, and upon the submission of (1) the application(s) required by the Board certifying the qualifications of eligibility listed below, (2) all supporting data, and (3) the necessary fees, admission may be granted to an applicant who:

- (i) ~~Has never taken and failed the Wyoming Bar Examination~~ Has not taken and failed the Wyoming Bar Examination within five years of the date of filing an application; and who

Rule 304. Applications, Fees and Filing Deadlines.

(b) The questionnaire and affidavit prescribed or approved by the Board shall be submitted with all supporting data required by the Board to determine eligibility under Rule 302, above. Supporting data to the application shall include the following:

- (3) ~~Verification Evidence of 45 hours of approved or approvable course work compliance in with the Continuing Legal Education requirements of all jurisdictions in which the applicant is admitted to practice law, if applicable during the three years immediately preceding the application for admission to the Wyoming Bar; and~~
- (4) ~~Two~~ An authorization and release forms; and
