

IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

April Term, A.D. 2016

In the Matter of the Amendments to the)
Rules and Procedures Governing)
Admission to the Practice of Law)

**ORDER AMENDING RULES 211, 302, AND 503 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 211, 302, and 503 of the Rules and Procedures Governing Admission to the Practice of Law. This Court finds the recommendations should be adopted. It is, therefore,

ORDERED that the amendments to Rules 211, 302, and 503 of the Rules and Procedures Governing Admission to the Practice of Law, attached hereto, are adopted by the Court to be effective January 1, 2017; 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 also be recorded in the journal of this Court.

DATED this 30th day of August, 2016.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

E. JAMES BURKE
Chief Justice

Rules and Procedures Governing Admission to the Practice of Law

**SECTION II
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION BY EXAMINATION**

Rule 211. Passing Scores and Notification of Results.

(f) In the event an applicant has obtained a passing score on the UBE prior to the date of application, the UBE on which the applicant obtained a passing score must have been conducted less than three years prior to application for admission.

**SECTION III
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION ON MOTION OR BY TRANSFER OF UBE SCORE**

Rule 302. Eligibility for Admission on Motion.

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, (3) the necessary fees, and (4) a character investigation performed by or for the NCBE, admission may be granted to an applicant who:

(f) Has engaged in the active, authorized practice of law for a minimum of 300 hours per year for five of the seven years immediately preceding the date of application, ~~in~~ and is an active member in good standing of the bar of a UBE jurisdiction or a jurisdiction (or jurisdictions) that grants bar admission without examination to attorneys licensed in Wyoming on the basis of practice in Wyoming; and who

**SECTION V
ADMISSION TO PRACTICE**

Rule 503. Conditional Admission.

(h) *Termination.* Bar Counsel may petition the Court for an order to show cause why the conditionally admitted attorney's membership should not be terminated. If a petition is filed:

(1) The Court shall examine the petition and determine whether a *prima facie* showing of a violation of the Monitoring Agreement has been demonstrated. If the Court determines that such a showing has been made, it may immediately suspend the conditionally admitted attorney

and may issue an order to show cause why the conditionally admitted attorney's membership should not be terminated. The order of suspension shall not be confidential.

(2) A suspended attorney shall comply with the requirements of suspended attorneys.

(3) The conditionally admitted attorney may file a verified response to the order to show cause within 30 days of the date of the order to show cause, in which case the Court shall assign the matter to the Committee for hearing and recommendation. In the event the conditionally admitted attorney does not file a verified response to the order to show cause, the Court shall issue an order terminating the conditionally admitted attorney's membership in the Wyoming State Bar. The order of termination shall not be confidential.

(4) Following the hearing, the Committee may recommend, and the Court may order, the conditional admission be extended or modified or that the conditionally admitted attorney's membership be terminated. The Committee's recommendation shall be served on the applicant pursuant to Rule 403(b). The recommendation, along with the record (including the transcript and exhibits) shall be assembled by the Admissions Director and transmitted to the Court.

(j) *Post-hearing proceedings.* If the Committee recommends that the conditional admission be extended or modified or that the conditionally admitted attorney's membership be terminated, the conditionally admitted attorney may object to the recommendation by filing with the Court a brief complying with W.R.A.P. 7.01 through 7.04, except that instead of the statement of issues required by 7.01(d), the conditionally admitted attorney shall set forth specific exceptions to the recommendation. The brief must be filed within thirty (30) days of service of the report and recommendation. Bar Counsel may file a responsive brief within twenty (20) days of service of the conditionally admitted attorney's brief. If Bar Counsel files a responsive brief, the conditionally admitted attorney may file a reply brief within ten (10) days of service of Bar Counsel's brief. The Court shall calendar the matter for such proceedings or argument as it may deem appropriate and shall thereafter enter its order.
