

IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

April Term, A.D. 2019

In the Matter of a Temporary)
Rule for Practice Pending)
Admission to the Practice of Law)

**ORDER ADOPTING TEMPORARY RULE FOR PRACTICE PENDING
ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW**

This matter came before the Court upon a “Petition for Implementation of Temporary Rule,” filed herein May 20, 2019, by the Board of Law Examiners for the Wyoming State Bar (Board) and the Character and Fitness Committee of the Wyoming State Bar (Committee), by and through Bar Counsel for the Wyoming State Bar. In the petition, the Board and the Committee inform the Court of the pressing need for Public Defenders in Campbell and Natrona Counties. The petition indicates that out-of-state attorneys may be available to fill vacant Public Defender positions, but their applications for admission to practice law in Wyoming will take some time, due to the requirements of the character and fitness evaluation. The Board and Committee recommend the Court adopt a temporary rule that permits practice pending admission for attorneys hired by the Public Defender to practice in its offices in Gillette and Casper. This Court finds that the recommendation should be adopted. It is, therefore,

ORDERED that the attached rule for Practice Pending Admission is adopted by the Court to be effective immediately; and it is further

ORDERED that, unless this Court orders otherwise, the rule for Practice Pending Admission will not be effective after December 31, 2019, although it will continue to apply to any attorneys who are approved for practice pending admission prior to that date; and it is further

ORDERED that this order and the attached rule shall be published in the advance sheets of the Pacific Reporter and that this order and the attached rule shall be published online at the Wyoming Judicial Branch’s website, <http://www.courts.state.wy.us>. The temporary rule for Practice Pending Admission shall also be recorded in the journal of this Court.

DATED this 3rd day of June, 2019.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

MICHAEL K. DAVIS
Chief Justice

Practice Pending Admission.

(a) An attorney who currently holds an active license to practice law in another jurisdiction in the United States may provide legal services to the Wyoming Public Defender offices in Gillette and Casper, for no more than one year, provided the attorney:

(1) Has been awarded a juris doctor degree from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association;

(2) Is licensed and in good standing in all courts and jurisdictions in which the attorney is admitted to practice;

(3) Is not currently subject to an order of attorney discipline or the subject of a pending formal disciplinary or disability investigation in any jurisdiction;

(4) Has not been denied admission to practice law in Wyoming nor denied admission on character and fitness grounds in any jurisdiction;

(5) Has, pursuant to the Wyoming Rules and Procedures Governing Admission to the Practice of Law, submitted a complete application for admission by examination (Rule 201 et seq.), on motion (Rules 301-304) or by UBE score transfer (Rule 305);

(6) Reasonably expects to fulfill all of Wyoming's requirements for that form of admission;

(7) Associates with and is supervised by a Wyoming Public Defender who is an active member in good standing of the Wyoming State Bar and discloses the name, address, and membership status of that attorney;

(8) Provides a signed verification form from the supervising Wyoming Public Defender certifying the applicant's association with and supervision by that attorney;

(9) Affirmatively states in all written communications with the public and clients the following language: "Practice temporarily authorized pending admission to the Wyoming State Bar"; and

(10) Files an application for practice pending admission with the Court and pays a fee of \$50.00. The fee must be paid when the application is submitted.

(b) Automatic Termination. The authority in this rule shall terminate immediately if the attorney:

(1) Withdraws the application for admission to practice law in Wyoming;

(2) Fails to remain in compliance with section (a) of this rule;

(3) Is disbarred, suspended, or placed on disability inactive status in any other jurisdiction in which the attorney is licensed to practice law; or

(4) Is subject to a formal charge in a disciplinary proceeding.

(c) Required Action After Termination of Authority. Upon termination of authority to practice law pursuant to this rule, the attorney must notify in writing all clients in pending matters, and opposing counsel and co-counsel in pending litigation, of the termination of authority, and immediately cease practicing law in Wyoming.

(d) Plenary Authority. The Court, in its discretion, may extend the time limits set forth in this rule for good cause shown.