

In the
Indiana Supreme Court

Cause No. 94S00-1701-MS-5



Order Amending Indiana Rules for Admission to the Bar and the
Discipline of Attorneys

Under the authority vested in this Court pursuant to Article 7, Section 4 of the Indiana Constitution providing for the admission and discipline of attorneys in this state, the Indiana Rules for Admission to the Bar and the Discipline of Attorneys are amended as follows (deletions shown by ~~striking~~ and new text show by underlining):

Indiana Rules for Admission to the Bar and the Discipline of Attorneys

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Rule 6.1 Temporary License for Clinical Faculty, Legal Services, Public Defender, and Pro Bono Representation

Section 1. Temporary License

A person who has been admitted to practice law in the highest court of law in any other state (as defined in Rule 6, section 1), and who is in good standing and has no pending disciplinary proceedings in each state of admission, may be granted a temporary license to practice law in Indiana if the person has applied for admission to the Indiana bar, either on examination or on foreign license, and meets one of the following qualifications:

(a) The person is employed as a full-time faculty member at an ABA-accredited law school in Indiana and is supervising law students in a clinical program of that law school; or

(b) The person is employed by a legal services organization or public defender office that provides legal assistance to persons of limited means, free of charge; or

(c) The person offers pro bono services to persons of limited means, free of charge, through a legal services organization or public defender office.

Section 2. Conditions and Limitations on Practice Under Temporary License

(a) All legal work performed under Section 1 of this rule must be performed under the supervision of an attorney admitted to practice in Indiana.

(b) Except as otherwise authorized by these rules, a person authorized to practice under this rule shall not perform any legal services in Indiana except as provided in Section 1 and shall not request or accept compensation for services except such salary as may be provided by the legal services organization, public defender office, or law school.

(c) The temporary license issued under this rule shall expire on the earliest of the following dates:

(1) the date the person is admitted to the Indiana bar;

(2) the date the person's application for the Indiana bar is denied for any reason, including but not limited to failing the bar examination or failing to satisfy character and fitness or other eligibility requirements;

(3) two years after the date the temporary license is issued.

(d) At any time while a person's application for admission to the Indiana bar is pending, the Board of Law Examiners may petition the Court to revoke the temporary license if the Board determines that the person no longer meets the requirements for temporary licensure or temporary licensure no longer is in the public interest.

(e) A person granted a temporary license under this Rule submits to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court for disciplinary purposes and agrees to be bound by the Rules of Professional Conduct adopted by the Indiana Supreme Court.

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Rule 12. Committee on Character and Fitness

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~~Section 11. Any person who has been accepted for admission to a law school accredited as required in Rule 13 may file an application with the State Board of Law Examiners, on such forms as the Board shall provide, for determination of his character and fitness to practice law in the State of Indiana in advance of the completion of his legal education. His application shall be processed and the final determination made through the same procedures set out above for the handling of submissions by applicants who have completed or are about to complete their formal legal education. Each application shall be accompanied by a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Thereafter, upon filing an application for admission to the Bar of this State, said person shall again be screened by a member of the Committee on Character and Fitness in the proper county as required by this Rule 12, to determine the applicant's continued qualification for admission to the Bar of Indiana as far as his character and fitness is concerned.~~

These amendments shall take effect upon the date of this Order.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 3/13/2017.



Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.