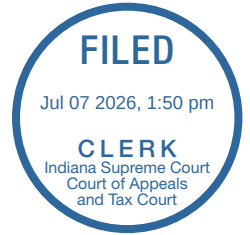


In the Indiana Supreme Court

Cause No. 26S-MS-8



Order Amending Admission and Discipline Rules

The Court has considered proposed amendments to Rules 2.1, 6, 6.1, 13, 15, and 17.1 of the Indiana Rules for Admission to the Bar and the Discipline of Attorneys, and the creation of new Rule 13.1. The proposed amendments and new rule create a process for certain applicants to ask the Board of Law Examiners to waive educational requirements for admission by examination or by transferred Uniform Bar Examination score; expand when eligible law students and law school graduates may serve as legal interns; allow experienced attorneys seeking admission without examination to qualify without a separate ABA-approved-law-school degree requirement; require attorneys admitted without examination and attorneys receiving a business-counsel license to complete the Indiana Law Course; and update related admissions provisions and cross-references.

Having reviewed the proposed amendments and the public comments received, the Court approves the amendments and new rule. Under the authority vested in this Court to provide by rule for the procedure employed in all courts of this state and this Court's inherent authority to supervise the administration of all courts of this state, Rules 2.1, 6, 6.1, 13, 15, and 17.1 of the Indiana Rules for Admission to the Bar and the Discipline of Attorneys are amended, and new Rule 13.1 is adopted, as set forth in Exhibit A to this order (deletions shown by ~~striketrough~~ and new text shown by underlining).

These amendments are effective August 1, 2026.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 7/7/2026.

Loretta H. Rush

Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.

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Rule 2.1. Legal Interns

Section 1. Requirements

(a) A law student may serve as a legal intern when the following requirements are met:

- (i) The law student is enrolled in ~~either an ABA-approved law school accredited as set forth~~ or a law school located in the United States, provided that, if the law student is enrolled in a non-ABA-approved law school, the law student, upon graduation, would be eligible to seek a waiver of Rule 13(1)(a)-) under Rule 13.1.
- (ii) The law student has satisfactorily completed one-half of the educational requirements for a first professional degree in law.
- (iii) The law student has received permission from the dean of the law school to participate in a legal intern program determined to be beneficial to the law student's training ~~pursuant to~~ under the guidelines jointly developed by the law schools of this state.
- (iv) The law student has completed or is enrolled in a legal ethics or professional responsibility course as set forth in Rule 13(1)(c).

(b) A law school graduate may serve as a legal intern when the following requirements are met:

- (i) The law school graduate is eligible to take the bar examination under Rule 13 or is eligible to seek a waiver of Rule 13(1)(a) under Rule 13.1.
- (ii) The law school graduate has received permission from an attorney who is a member of the Indiana bar to serve as a legal intern under that attorney's direct supervision.

Section 2. Length of Intern Status

(a) A law student may serve as a legal intern until graduation from law school or for a lesser period if designated by the dean of the law school.

(b) A law school graduate may serve as a legal intern from the date of graduation until the graduate has taken and been notified of the results of the applicable bar examination—either the first bar examination for which the graduate is eligible under Rule 13, or, if the graduate has been granted a waiver of Rule 13(1)(a) under Rule 13.1, the bar examination for which the graduate has timely applied or, if none, the next bar examination for which the graduate may timely apply after the waiver is finally approved. If the graduate is successful on that examination, the graduate may continue to serve as a legal intern until the first opportunity thereafter for formal admission to the Indiana bar. If the graduate petitions for a waiver of Rule 13(1)(a) under Rule 13.1 and the Board denies the petition, or if a waiver granted by the Board is not approved by the

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Indiana Supreme Court, the graduate's authority to serve as a legal intern terminates on the date of the denial or nonapproval.

Section 3. Certification

- (a) The dean of a law school sponsoring a legal intern program shall advise the ~~State~~ Board of Law Examiners of those students who qualify to be legal interns and the length of that internship.
- (b) An attorney who is a member of the Indiana bar and who wishes to sponsor and supervise a graduate as a legal intern shall advise the Board. ~~And the~~The dean of the law school from which the graduate received ~~their~~ first professional degree in law shall advise the Board of ~~both~~ the date of graduation and either (i) the date at on which the graduate will ~~be~~ first be eligible for examination under Rule 13, or (ii) that the graduate has petitioned or intends to petition for a waiver of Rule 13(1)(a) under Rule 13.1.

Rule 6. Admission Without Examination

Section 1. Attorneys Licensed in Other States

A person ~~who has been~~ admitted to practice law in the highest court of law in any other state (herein defined as a state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia), ~~and~~ may be granted a license to practice law in Indiana without examination upon a finding by the ~~State~~ Board of Law Examiners that ~~said person~~the applicant has met each of the following conditions:

- (a) The applicant has actively engaged in the practice of law for a period of at least three of the five years immediately preceding the date of application. "Actively engaged in the practice of law" ~~shall mean~~means:
 - (i) performing legal services for the general public as a lawyer for at least 1,000 hours per year;
 - (ii) being employed by a state or local governmental or business entity as a lawyer performing duties for which admission to the practice of law is a prerequisite for at least 1,000 hours per year;
 - (iii) performing the duties of a teacher of law on a full-time basis ~~in at~~ an ABA ~~accredited~~approved law school;
 - (iv) serving as a judge of a court of record on a full-time basis;
 - (v) serving on a full-time salaried basis as an attorney with the federal government or a federal governmental agency, including service as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Department of one of the military branches of the United States; or

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- (vi) a combination of the above.
- (b) The practice of law must have been authorized based on the applicant's admission in the state where the applicant is licensed and during the period of licensure unless the practice falls under subdivisions (iii) or (v) above. Practice under either a business counsel license or a pro bono publico license may apply toward years of practice so long as the applicant meets all other requirements of this rule.
- (c) The applicant is a member in good standing in all statesjurisdictions of admission.
- (d) The admission of the applicant is in the public interest.
- (e) The applicant meets Indiana's character and fitness requirements.
- (f) The applicant has paid or tendered the required fee.
- (g) The applicant has not failed the Indiana bar examination or scored below 264 on the Uniform Bar Examination (whether administered in Indiana or another jurisdiction) within five years of the date of the application.
- ~~(h) The applicant has obtained a JD degree (or its equivalent) from a law school located in the United States that at the time of the applicant's graduation was on the approved list of the Council of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar of the American Bar Association.~~

Section 1.1. Military Spouses

- (a) The Board ~~has the discretion to may~~ waive the minimum practice ~~and reciprocity requirementsrequirement~~ in Section 1 for an applicant ~~who has been~~ admitted to practice law in the highest court of law in any other state and whose spouse is a member of the armed forces of the United States subject to military transfer to Indiana for active duty military service upon a finding that ~~said personthe applicant~~ has met the requirements specified in ~~SectionsSection~~ 1(c) ~~-(h),g)~~ and the following conditions:

Section 5. Educational Requirements

- (a) In addition to the requirements in Rule 29, ~~within twelve months of an applicant's admissionapplicant admitted~~ under Sections 1 or 2 of this rule, ~~the applicant shall attend an annualbe required to complete the Indiana Law Course, a jurisdiction-specific component on~~ Indiana law ~~update seminar that provides a minimum of twelve hours of continuing legal education that has been approved by, not later than 6 months after the Indiana Commission for Continuing Legal Education. The date of admission. If an applicant fails to complete the Indiana Law Course within the required time period, the Board shall publish a list of approved seminarsmay certify such fact to the Indiana~~

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Supreme Court with the recommendation that the applicant's license be suspended pending completion of the course.

- (b) Applicants admitted under this rule are subject to, and shall comply with, Indiana's Rules for Admission to the Bar and the Discipline of Attorneys, Indiana's Rules of Professional Conduct, all other Court rules, and all statutory requirements.

Rule 6.1. Temporary License

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~~Section 1), ~~and~~ who is in good standing and has no pending disciplinary proceedings in each ~~state~~jurisdiction of admission, may be granted a temporary license to practice law in Indiana if the person has applied for admission to the Indiana bar ~~on~~(by examination, by transferred Uniform Bar Examination score, or by admission without examination ~~under Rule 6~~), and meets one of the following qualifications:

- (a) The person is employed as a full-time faculty member at an ABA-~~accredited~~approved 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 free of charge to persons of limited means, ~~free of charge; or;~~
- (c) The person offers pro bono services free of charge to persons of limited means, ~~free of charge;~~ through a legal services organization or public defender office; ~~or~~
- (d) The person is employed full-time as an attorney for the Indiana Department of Child Services providing litigation services in child welfare cases; or
- (e) The person is employed full-time as a deputy prosecutor.

Rule 13. Educational Requirements for Admission by Examination

Section 1. Educational Qualifications

Each applicant for admission to the Indiana bar by written examination must establish to the satisfaction of the ~~State~~ Board of Law Examiners that the applicant:

- (a) Has obtained a JD degree (or its equivalent) from a law school located in the United States that at the time of the applicant's graduation was on the approved list of the Council of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar of the American Bar Association~~-1~~.

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unless the requirement is waived under Rule 13.1. (The Indiana Supreme Court reserves the right to disapprove any school regardless of ABA approval.);

- (b) Has satisfactorily completed the law course required for graduation and furnishes to the Board a certificate from the dean of the law school (or the dean's designee) that the applicant will receive a JD degree (or its equivalent) as a matter of course at a future date, pursuant to under Rule 15; and
- (c) Has completed two cumulative semester hours of legal ethics or professional responsibility in law school.

Section 2. Early Examination Rule-

An applicant, who has fewer than five hours to complete and is within ~~one hundred~~100 days of graduating from an ABA-approved law school, may take the examination if the applicant has satisfactorily passed work in the subject matter as set forth in Section 1, and has otherwise completed all requirements for admission to the Indiana bar, ~~may take the examination~~ but may not be admitted to the Indiana bar until the applicant has met all other requirements for admission and has graduated from an ABA-approved law school.

Section 3. Certification of Educational Qualifications-

The law school dean (or the dean's designee) shall certify an applicant's completion of the subject-matter requirements under this rule and must file such certification with the Board at least twenty days before the examination.

Section 4**Rule 13.1. Waiver of Educational Qualification Requirements**

The Board of Law Examiners may, in its discretion and subject to final approval by the Indiana Supreme Court, waive the ~~required educational requirements set forth in Section Rules 13(1)(a) for and 17.1(1)(e).~~ A waiver may be sought by an applicant who ~~on, by~~ the date of the bar examination for which ~~they are seeking a waiver (1)the waiver is sought or, for a waiver under Rule 17.1(1)(e), by the date of admission, satisfies one of the following:~~

- (1) The applicant has or will have graduated from a law school located in the United States that is not approved by the ABA; the applicant was or will be eligible upon graduation ~~from that law school~~ to take the bar examination ~~of in~~ another state jurisdiction within the United States; and the Board finds that the applicant is qualified ~~by reason of through~~ education or experience to ~~takesatisfy~~ the Indiana bar examination; or (2) applicable educational requirement.
- (1)(2) The applicant has or will have completed legal education in a jurisdiction outside the United States; the applicant has or will have obtained a graduate degree (e.g., LL.M. or equivalent) from an ABA-approved law school in a program based on American law; and the Board finds that the applicant is qualified ~~by reason of through~~ education or

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experience to ~~takesatisfy~~ the ~~Indiana bar examination~~applicable educational requirement.

Applicants seeking a waiver ~~under this section~~ must petition the Board ~~by letter and provide in writing, including through any electronic procedures prescribed by~~ the Board ~~with, and must submit a nonrefundable waiver-application fee of \$250. The petition must include~~ the following materials:

- (a) Official transcripts from each undergraduate college or university the applicant attended, reflecting all courses taken, the grade for each course, the number of semester hours of credit earned, and the degree(s) awarded, if any.
- (b) Official transcripts from each law school the applicant attended, reflecting all courses taken, the grade for each course, the number of semester hours of credit earned, and the degree(s) awarded, if any.
- (c) A narrative statement that includes a description of the applicant's legal education and training, a description of the applicant's work history, and reasons why the applicant believes a waiver is warranted with respect to the applicable educational requirement.
- (d) ~~Bar examination results—~~Information showing the number of graduates from the applicant's law school(s) who passed ~~the bar examination and the number who~~ failed, classified by ~~state the jurisdiction~~ administering the ~~exam~~examination, for ~~each of the previous last~~ three years.
- (e) A statement ~~of indicating~~ whether the applicant has applied to take the bar ~~exam~~examination in any other jurisdiction ~~and, the result of that request~~application, and the ~~result~~results of any bar examination taken by the applicant.
- (f) For applicants who have completed legal education outside the United States, a description of that country's legal system, including, but not limited to, whether the English common law substantially forms the basis of that country's jurisprudence and whether English is the language of instruction and practice in the courts of that jurisdiction.
- (g) Any other documentation, material, or information the applicant believes is relevant to establish that the applicant is qualified ~~by reason of through~~ education or experience to ~~takesatisfy~~ the ~~Indiana bar examination~~applicable educational requirement.

Any document submitted to the Board that is not in the English language must be translated into English. The Board may request additional information or material as it deems ~~appropriate~~necessary, and no material submitted to the Board will be returned to the applicant. The Board should grant a waiver when doing so would be in the public interest after balancing all relevant factors, including the applicant's educational history and achievement, the applicant's work history and achievement, bar ~~exam~~examination results from other jurisdictions, ~~(if applicable), the applicant's~~ desire to practice law in Indiana, and the applicant's

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familiarity with the American legal system. ~~The Board's decision is subject to final approval by the Court.~~

A waiver granted under this rule for the educational requirement set forth in Rule 13(1)(a) applies only to the bar examination for which the applicant has timely applied, or, if none, the next bar examination for which the applicant may timely apply after the waiver is approved. The waiver does not carry forward to any later examination and does not apply to any reexamination. An applicant who does not sit for that examination, or who sits for and fails that examination, must obtain a new waiver before being permitted to sit for a later examination or reexamination.

A waiver granted under this rule for the educational requirement set forth in Rule 17.1(1)(e) applies only to the application for admission by transferred UBE score for which the waiver is sought and does not carry forward to any later application.

Rule 15. Applications, Filing Dates and Fees for Examination and ~~Re-~~ ExaminationReexamination

Applications for admission on first examination shall be filed through the electronic application procedures prescribed by the ~~State~~ Board of Law Examiners. The application shall be in such form and shall request such information as may be required by the Board ~~of Law Examiners.~~ The Board ~~of Law Examiners~~ may require additional information as ~~is deemed by it to be~~ deems necessary.

An affidavit of the dean of the applicant's law school, or the dean's designee, to the effect that there is nothing in the school records or personal knowledge of the dean or faculty of such school to indicate that the applicant is not of good moral character or that the applicant is not fit for admission to the practice of law must be filed with the ~~State Board of Law Examiners.~~ The Board shall provide forms for such certification.

A certified transcript of the law school record of the applicant showing the date of graduation and the degree conferred must be filed with the Board ~~of Law Examiners~~ before the applicant can be admitted to the bar.

For an application to be properly filed, an applicant must submit the electronic application and prescribed filing fee by the stated filing deadline. No requests for filing past the stated deadlines or for waiver of filing deadlines will be accepted by the Board ~~of Law Examiners~~ or by the Indiana Supreme Court.

Applications for admission on first examination for the July examination must be filed by April ~~1, 1~~ and be accompanied by a \$250 filing fee ~~of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).~~ A late filing ~~period~~ is permitted until April 15. The ~~filing fee for late filing fee~~ is five hundred dollars (\$500).

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The filing deadline ~~filing date~~ for the February examination is November 15 of the previous year. The filing fee is ~~two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)~~. ~~The A late filing period is from that date to permitted until~~ November 30 of the previous year. The late filing fee is ~~five hundred dollars (\$500)~~.

If an applicant fails to pass the first examination and is permitted to take further examinations, the application for ~~re-examination~~reexamination must be made on forms prescribed by the Board and filed with the Executive Director of the Indiana Office of Admissions and Continuing Education by the following dates. Applications for ~~re-examination~~reexamination for the July examination must be filed by May 30 and ~~be~~ accompanied by a \$250 filing fee ~~of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)~~. The late filing deadline is June 15, and the late filing fee is ~~five hundred dollars (\$500)~~. Applications for ~~re-examination~~reexamination for the February examination must be filed by December 15 of the previous year. ~~The regular and be accompanied by a \$250 filing fee is two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)~~. The late filing deadline is December 30 of the previous year. The late filing fee is ~~five hundred dollars (\$500)~~.

~~There are no other provisions for or consideration of requests for late filing by the Board or by the Indiana Supreme Court.~~

Applicants who have a petition before the Board or an appeal before the ~~Supreme~~ Court ~~of regarding~~ the grading of ~~their~~the applicant's examination will be required to meet all filing deadlines for ~~re-examination~~reexamination. If an applicant is successful on petition or on appeal, the applicant will receive a full refund of any ~~re-examination~~reexamination fee.

If an applicant whose application has been approved and processed fails to take the first examination ~~first~~ following ~~its~~ approval, such applicant shall have the privilege of having that application held in abeyance and of taking the next regularly scheduled examination given by the Board without payment of any additional fee. Any applicant whose application has been approved and processed ~~but~~ who fails to take that examination, or the next following examination, shall have that application dismissed. The applicant will be entitled to a refund of one-half ~~(1/2)~~ of the fee paid.

If an applicant applies to sit for a first examination after ~~his or her~~the applicant's application has been dismissed, a new application must be filed ~~and~~, a ~~two hundred fifty dollar (\$250)~~ filing fee must be paid, and the first examination deadlines must be met. If an applicant applies to sit for a ~~re-examination~~reexamination after ~~his or her~~the applicant's application has been dismissed, a new application must be filed and a ~~two hundred fifty dollar (\$250)~~ filing fee must be paid, but ~~these applicants~~the applicant will be permitted to file by the ~~re-examination time~~reexamination deadline and will have the opportunity to file within that late filing period. All applicants applying after dismissal must meet the regular deadlines or late filing deadlines and pay the regular fee or the late fee as ~~they apply to those deadlines~~applicable.

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Rule 17.1. Admission by Transferred Uniform Bar Examination Score

Section 1.

An applicant who has taken the UBE in a jurisdiction other than Indiana and achieved a scaled score of at least 264 may be admitted to the Indiana bar if ~~he or she~~ the applicant satisfies the following conditions:

- (a) The scaled score was attained on a UBE administered within five ~~(5)~~ years preceding the date of application;
- (b) The applicant received a scaled score of ~~eighty (80)~~ on the MPRE no earlier than two ~~(2)~~ years before the applicant sat for the UBE on which ~~he or she~~ the applicant achieved a scaled score of 264;
- (c) The applicant is a member in good standing ~~of the bar(s) in all jurisdictions~~ of admission;
- (d) The applicant meets ~~the Indiana's~~ character and fitness requirements ~~of Indiana~~; and
- (e) The applicant graduated from an ABA ~~accredited-approved~~ law school, unless the requirement is waived under Rule 13.1.

Section 2.

Any applicant for admission by a transferred UBE score shall be required to complete the Indiana Law Course, a jurisdiction-specific component on Indiana law, not later than ~~six (6)~~ months after the date of the applicant's admission to the Indiana bar. If an applicant fails to complete the Indiana Law Course within the required time period, the Board of Law Examiners may certify such fact to the Indiana Supreme Court with the recommendation that the applicant's license be suspended pending completion of the course.

Section 3.

Applications for admission by a transferred UBE score shall be filed through the electronic application procedures prescribed by the Board ~~of Law Examiners.~~ The application shall be in such form and shall request such information as may be required by the Board ~~of Law Examiners.~~ The Board ~~of Law Examiners~~ may require additional information ~~deemed by~~ as it ~~to be~~ deems necessary.

Section 4.

An affidavit of the dean of the applicant's law school, or the dean's designee, to the effect that there is nothing in the school records or personal knowledge of the dean or faculty of such school to indicate that the applicant is not of good moral character or that the applicant is not fit for admission to the practice of law must be filed with the Board ~~of Law Examiners.~~ The Board shall provide forms for such certification.

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Section 5.

A certified transcript of the law school record of the applicant showing the date of graduation and the degree conferred must be filed with the Board of Law Examiners before the applicant can be admitted to the bar.

Section 6.

Applications for admission by a transferred UBE score shall be accompanied by a filing fee of ~~five hundred dollars (\$500).~~\$500.