

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

The Nebraska Supreme Court considered a proposed amendment to the Admission Rules for the Practice of Law under Neb. Ct. R. § 3-119, which relates to the requirements for application for admission by an attorney. The Supreme Court directed that the proposed amendment be published for a public comment period.

The Nebraska Supreme Court invites interested persons to comment on the proposed amendment. Anyone desiring to comment on the proposed amendment should do so in writing to the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, P.O. Box 98910, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-8910, or via e-mail to wendy.wussow@nebraska.gov, **with the rule section(s) listed in the subject line**, no later than November 1, 2021.

The full text of the proposed amendment is available below, or a paper copy may be obtained from the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals upon request.

CHAPTER 3: ATTORNEYS AND THE PRACTICE OF LAW

Article 1: Admission Rules for the Practice of Law.

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§ 3-119. Application for admission by attorney/Class 1-A, 1-B, 1-C, 1-D, and 1-E motion applicants.

Each applicant will be required to execute under oath a thorough application and to sign an authorization and release form that extends to the Commission and to any persons or institutions supplying information thereto. The applicant will be informed of the consequences of failing to produce information requested by the application and of making material omissions or misrepresentations (Appendix A).

(A) **Class 1-A applicants.** Class 1-A applicants are motion applicants who may be admitted to practice in Nebraska upon approval of a proper application and:

(1) who have been licensed and are active and in good standing before the highest court of another state, the District of Columbia, or of any jurisdiction where the Common Law of England constitutes the basis of jurisprudence;

(2) who, at the time of their admission, had attained educational qualifications at least equal to those required at the time of application for admission by examination to the bar of Nebraska;

(3) who have passed a non-UBE examination equivalent to the examination administered in Nebraska with a score which is at least equivalent to the UBE passing score established by the Court and set forth in § 3-117(F); and

(4) who have passed the MPRE with the minimum score established by the Court and set forth in § 3-117(F).

(B) **Class 1-B applicants.** Class 1-B applicants who may be admitted to practice in Nebraska upon approval of a proper application are those:

(1) Who have passed the UBE or equivalent bar examination taken in another state and who have been licensed and are active and in good standing before the highest court of another state, territory, or district of the United States preceding application for admission to the bar of Nebraska and have actively and substantially engaged in the practice of law in another state, territory, or district of the United States for 3 of the 5 years immediately preceding application for admission; and

(2) who, at the time of their admission, had attained educational qualifications at least equal to those required at the time of application for admission by examination to the bar of Nebraska.

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