



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

Atlanta February 5, 2009

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.
The following order was passed:

It is ordered that effective February 5, 2009, Part B, Section 6 (c) of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law be hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 6. Examinations

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(c) Essay questions prepared by the Board of Bar Examiners shall be drawn from the following list of subjects, to wit: Business Organizations; Constitutional Law; Contracts; Criminal Law and Procedure; Evidence; Family Law; Federal Practice and Procedure; Georgia Practice and Procedure; Non-Monetary Remedies; Professional Ethics; Property; Torts; Trusts, Wills and Estates; and the Uniform Commercial Code (Articles 2, 3 & 9). Applicants will be provided forty-five minutes to answer each question.

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It is further ordered that effective February 5, 2009, Part B, Section 9 of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in Georgia be hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 9. Anonymity of Examinees

The examination of each applicant shall be done in such a manner that his or her examination answers are not identifiable by name during the period of grading to the members of the Board of Bar Examiners or the staff of the Office of Bar Admissions. The Board shall develop, and publish before each examination, a plan to ensure the anonymity of each applicant's answers, which plan shall be approved by the Supreme Court.

It is further ordered that effective February 5, 2009, Part B, Section 14 be hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 14. Certificates of Eligibility for Admission to the Bar

Upon an applicant's passing the bar examination and provided that his or her certification of fitness to practice law is current and that he or she has met all of the educational and testing requirements of these Rules, the Board shall issue a certification of eligibility for admission to the practice of law to the applicant. Certification may be in such form as the Board prescribes, including a letter bearing the seal of the Board and signed by the chair of the Board of Bar Examiners, or any member of the Board designated by the chairman or by the Director of Bar Admissions. The applicant shall deliver an original certificate to the Chief Judge of the circuit in which he or she wishes to be admitted to the Bar. Such certificate shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance. A duplicate original certificate shall not be issued for ten (10) business days following the release date of bar examination results.

It is further ordered that effective February 5, 2009, Part B, Section 15 be hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 15. Duty of Judges After Receiving Certificate of the Board

The judge of the superior court, upon receiving the Board's original certificate that an applicant is eligible for admission to the Bar, shall enter an order in substantially the following form:

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It is further ordered that effective February 5, 2009, Part D, Section 2 (b) be hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Eligibility

A person who:

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(b) Is not now and never has been admitted to the practice of law in Georgia but who has been admitted by examination to membership in the Bar of the highest court of another United States jurisdiction prior to the date of taking the Attorneys' Examination in Georgia and who is currently a member in good standing thereof; and who

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I certify that the above is a true extract from the minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year last above written.

Thiase A. Baume, Clerk