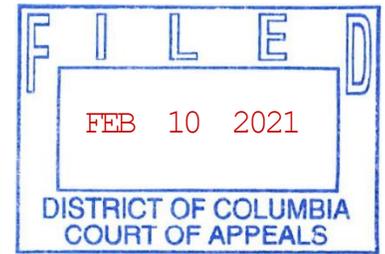


**District of Columbia
Court of Appeals**



BEFORE: Blackburne-Rigsby, Chief Judge; Glickman, Thompson,
Beckwith, Easterly, McLeese, and Deahl, Associate Judges.

ORDER

(FILED – February 10, 2021)

The court hereby adopts, on an emergency basis, an amendment to D.C. App. R. 46. During the current public-health emergency, the amendment permits persons who seek admission to the D.C. Bar under D.C. App. R. 46(c)(4) or (d)(3)(E) to complete up to 14 of the required 26 hours of study through distance-learning classes that satisfy the ABA definition of “distance education course.” Track-changes and clean versions of the emergency amendment are attached to this order.

PER CURIAM

Rule 46. Admission to the Bar.

(c) *Admission based on examination in this jurisdiction.*

(4) *Law Study in a Law School Not Approved by the ABA.*

(A) *In General.* Except as provided in Rule 46(c)(4)(B), An applicant who graduated from a law school not approved by the ABA shall be permitted to take the bar examination only after successfully completing at least 26 credit hours of study in a law school that at the time of such study was approved by the ABA. All such 26 credit hours shall be earned in courses of study, each of which is substantially concentrated on a single subject tested on the UBE~~Uniform Bar Examination~~.

(B) *Temporary COVID-19 Exception.* An applicant who earned the 26 credit hours over a period of time that included academic periods during which the COVID-19 pandemic was in effect may take the bar examination if:

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(ii) the remaining credit hours to be counted toward the 26-credit-hours requirement were earned through online courses that satisfy the ABA definition of “distance education course.”

(d) *Admission by transfer of a Uniform Bar Examination score attained in another jurisdiction.*

(3) *Admission Requirements.* An applicant may, ~~upon proof of good moral character as it relates to the practice of law,~~ be admitted to the Bar of this court on the basis of a UBE score attained in another jurisdiction provided that:

~~(D) The applicant has also taken the MPRE written and administered by NCBE and received the minimum required grade as determined by the Committee; and~~

~~(DE)(i) The applicant has been awarded a J.D. or LL.B. degree by a law school which, at the time of the awarding of the degree, was approved by the ABA; or;~~

~~(ii) If the applicant graduated from a law school not approved by the ABA;~~

~~(a) the applicant successfully completed at least 26 credit hours of study in a law school that at the time of such study was approved by the ABA, with all such 26 credit hours having been earned in courses of study, each of which is substantially concentrated on a single subject tested on the UBE; and/or~~

~~(b) if the applicant earned the 26 credit hours described in Rule 46(d)(3)(E)(ii)(a) over a period of time that included academic periods during which the COVID-19 pandemic was in effect, the applicant earned at least 12 of the 26 credit hours through in-person classroom courses in the ABA-approved law school and the remaining credit hours to be counted toward the 26-credit-hours requirement were earned through online courses that satisfy the ABA definition of “distance education course.”~~

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