

1 **Rule 14-704. Qualifications for admission of Aattorney Aapplicants.**

2 (a) Requirements of Aattorney Aapplicants. The burden of proof is on the Aapplicant
3 to establish by clear and convincing evidence that she or she:

4 (a)(1) has paid the prescribed fees and filed the required Complete Application as
5 an Aattorney Applicant in accordance with Rule 14-707;

6 (a)(2) is at least 21 years old;

7 (a)(3) has graduated with a First Professional Degree in law (J.D. or L.L.B.) or
8 equivalent degree from an Approved Law School;

9 (a)(4) has been admitted to the practice of law before the highest court of a sister
10 U.S. state, or United States territory, or the District of Columbia for no fewer than five
11 years, and have been substantially (meaning 50% or more) and lawfully engaged in the
12 practice of law in the jurisdiction where licensed for any four of the five years
13 immediately preceding the filing of the application. For purposes of this rule, the practice
14 of law includes the following activities or the equivalent thereof:

15 (a)(4)(A) sole practitioner, or partner, shareholder, associate, or of counsel in a law
16 firm; or

17 (a)(4)(B) an organization's employee whose principal responsibility is to provide legal
18 advice or service; or

19 (a)(4)(C) government employee whose principal duties are to provide legal advice or
20 service; or

21 (a)(4)(D) service in the United States armed forces in a legal capacity; or

22 (a)(4)(E) judge of a court of general or appellate jurisdiction requiring admission to a
23 bar as a qualification for admission thereof; or

24 (a)(4)(F) law clerk to a judge of a court of general or appellate jurisdiction; or

25 (a)(4)(H) teaching full-time in an approved law school;

26 (a)(5) is of good moral character and has satisfiesd the requirements of Rule 14-708;

27 (a)(6) has successfully passed the MPRE and the Bar Examination as prescribed in
28 Rule 14-710;

29 (a)(7) has successfully passed the MPRE as prescribed in Rule 14-713; is a member
30 in good standing in all jurisdictions where currently admitted;

31 (a)(8) has a proven record of ethical, civil and professional behavior and has never
32 been disbarred or resigned with discipline pending, or their equivalent, in any jurisdiction
33 and is not currently subject to lawyer discipline or the subject of a pending disciplinary
34 matter; and

35 (a)(98) ~~has~~ complies with the provisions of Rule 14-716 concerning licensing and
36 enrollment fees.

37 (b) Attorney Applicants from ~~non-U~~ napproved Law Schools. An Applicant who
38 does not meet the educational qualifications in Rule 14-704(a)(3) is qualified provided
39 the Applicant establishes by clear and convincing evidence that she or she:

40 (b)(1) ~~has~~ complies with the requirements in (a)(1) and (a)(2);

41 ~~(b)(2) has complied with the requirements in and~~ (a)(45) through (a)(98);

42 (b)(23) has graduated with a First Professional Degree in law (~~J.D. or L.L.B.~~) or
43 ~~equivalent degree, not based on study by correspondence or by internet study,~~ from an
44 Unapproved Law School located within a U.S. state, territory or the District of
45 Columbia that is accredited in the jurisdiction where it exists and is the substantial
46 equivalent of the legal education provided by an approved law school;

47 (b)(34) has been admitted to the practice of law before the highest court of a sister
48 U.S state, ~~of United States~~ territory or f the District of Columbia for no fewer than ten
49 years, and has been ~~substantially (meaning 50% or more)~~ Actively and lawfully engaged
50 in the Full-time Ppractice of Law in one or f more jurisdictions where licensed for any ten
51 of the eleven years immediately preceding the filing of the application. ~~For purposes of~~
52 ~~this rule, the practice of law includes the activities referenced above in (a)(4)(A) through~~
53 ~~(a)(4)(H);~~

54 ~~(b)(5) has a proven record of ethical, civil and professional behavior and has never~~
55 ~~been disbarred or resigned with discipline pending, or their equivalent, in any~~
56 ~~jurisdiction.~~

57 ~~(c) Election to take student Bar Examination. At the time of application, an attorney~~
58 ~~applicant may elect to be examined under the student Bar Examination as prescribed in~~
59 ~~Rule 14-710 and which is scored in accordance with Rule 14-711.~~