

1       **Rule 14-704. Qualifications for admission of Attorney Applicants.**

2       (a) Requirements of Attorney Applicants. The burden of proof is on the Applicant to  
3 establish by clear and convincing evidence that she or he:

4       (a)(1) has paid the prescribed fees and filed the required Complete Application as an  
5 Attorney 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 from an Approved Law  
8 School;

9       (a)(4) has been admitted to the practice of law before the highest court of a U.S. state,  
10 territory, or the District of Columbia;

11       (a)(5) is of good moral character and satisfies the requirements of Rule 14-708;

12       (a)(6) has successfully passed the MPRE and the Bar Examination;

13       (a)(7) is a member in good standing in all jurisdictions where currently admitted;

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

18       (a)(9) complies with the provisions of Rule 14-716 concerning licensing and  
19 enrollment fees.

20       (b) Attorney Applicants from Unapproved Law Schools. An Applicant who does not  
21 meet the educational qualifications in Rule 14-704(a)(3) is qualified provided the  
22 Applicant establishes by clear and convincing evidence that she or he:

23       (b)(1) complies with the requirements in (a)(1) and (a)(2) and (a)(4) through (a)(9);

24       (b)(2) has graduated with a First Professional Degree in law from an Unapproved  
25 Law School located within a U.S. state, territory or the District of Columbia;

26       (b)(3) has been admitted to the practice of law before the highest court of a U.S. state,  
27 territory or the District of Columbia for no fewer than ten years, and has been Actively  
28 and lawfully engaged in the Full-time Practice of Law in one or more jurisdictions where  
29 licensed for any ten of the eleven years immediately preceding the filing of the  
30 application.

- 31 (c) Attorney Applicants from Foreign Law Schools. The burden of proof is on the  
32 Applicant to establish by clear and convincing evidence that she or he:
- 33 (c)(1) graduated from a Foreign Law School in a country where principles of English  
34 common law form the predominant basis for that country's system of jurisprudence;
- 35 (c)(2) complies with the requirements in (a)(1), (a)(2) and (a)(5) through (a)(9);
- 36 (c)(3) has been admitted to practice law in an English common law jurisdiction;
- 37 (c)(4) has been Actively and lawfully engaged in the Full-time Practice of Law in an  
38 English common law jurisdiction for no fewer than two (2) years;
- 39 (c)(5) has completed with a minimum grade of "C" or its passing equivalent no less than  
40 24 semester hours, or a corresponding amount in quarter hours, at an Approved Law  
41 School, within 24 consecutive months. The 24 semester hours must include no less than  
42 one course each in a core or survey course of constitutional law, civil procedure, criminal  
43 procedure or criminal law, legal ethics and evidence;
- 44 (c)(6) is of good moral character and satisfies the requirements of Rule 14-708;
- 45 (c)(7) has successfully passed the MPRE and the Bar Examination; and
- 46 (c)(8) complies with the provisions of Rule 14-716 concerning licensing and enrollment  
47 fees.
- 48 (d) Foreign Attorneys not meeting the requirements of paragraph (c). Attorneys not  
49 meeting the requirements of paragraph (c) may be eligible for admission only if they  
50 meet the requirements of paragraph (a).