

Rule 15-703. Qualifications for Licensure as a Licensed Paralegal Practitioner.

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

3 (a)(1) has paid the prescribed application fees;

4 (a)(2) has either been granted a Limited Time Waiver under Rule 15-705 or has timely filed
5 the required Complete Application for a Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Applicant in accordance
6 with Rule15-707;

7 (a)(3) is at least 21 years old;

8 (a)(4) has graduated with either:

9 (a)(4)(A) a First Professional Degree in law from an Approved Law School; or,

10 (a)(4)(B) an Associate Degree in paralegal studies from an Accredited School; or

11 (a)(4)(C) a Bachelor's Degree in paralegal studies from an Accredited School; or

12 (a)(4)(D) a Bachelor's Degree in any field from an Accredited School, plus a Paralegal
13 Certificate or 15 credit hours of paralegal studies from an Accredited School;

14 (a)(5) has either 1500 hours of Substantive Law-Related Experience within the last 3 years,
15 including 500 hours of Substantive Law-Related Experience in temporary separation, divorce,
16 parentage, cohabitant abuse, civil stalking, and custody and support if the Applicant is to be
17 licensed in that area, or 100 hours of Substantive Law-Related Experience in forcible entry and
18 detainer and unlawful detainer or debt collection if the Applicant is to be licensed in those areas.

19 (a)(6) has successfully passed the Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Ethics Examination;

20 (a)(7) has successfully passed the Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Examination(s) for the
21 practice area(s) in which the Applicant seeks licensure;

22 (a)(8) is of good moral character and satisfies the requirements of Rule 15-708;

23 (a)(9) has a proven record of ethical, civil and professional behavior; and

24 (a)(10) complies with the provisions of Rule 15-716 concerning licensing and enrollment
25 fees.

26 (b) If the Applicant has not graduated with a First Professional Degree in law from an
27 approved law school, the Applicant must:

28 (b)(1) have taken three credit hours in professional ethics for Licensed Paralegal
29 Practitioners;

30 (b)(2) have taken a specialized course of instruction approved by the Board in each specialty
31 area in which the Applicant seeks to be licensed; and

32 (b)(3) have passed either the National Association of Legal Assistants or The Association of
33 Legal Professionals certification examination.

34 (c) An individual who has been disbarred or suspended in any jurisdiction may not apply for
35 licensure as a Paralegal Practitioner.

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