## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

## RULES RELATING TO THE ADMISSION OF ATTORNEYS

## **RULE 709A**

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## KANSAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

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Rule 709A is hereby amended, effective November 2, 2017.

- (a) Any applicant for admission to the bar of Kansas who has taken the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) in another jurisdiction may be admitted to practice in this state by acceptance of a UBE score, upon showing that the applicant:
  - (1) has achieved a minimum UBE score of 266 on a 400 point scale from an examination that occurred within 36 months of the date the application for admission to the bar of Kansas is filed;
  - (2) has requested transfer of the score from the jurisdiction where the score was achieved or from the National Conference of Bar Examiners directly to the Kansas Board of Law Examiners;
  - (3) has completed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination, caused his or her score to be reported to the Clerk of the Appellate Courts, and received a passing score as determined by the Board;
  - (4)(3) has never failed a written Kansas bar examination;
  - (5)(4) presently meets the requirements of Rules 706 and 707 to take the Kansas bar examination;
  - (6)(5) has never received professional discipline of suspension, disbarment, or loss of license in any other jurisdiction;

- (7)(6) is not currently the subject of a pending disciplinary investigation in any other jurisdiction;
- (8)(7) is a person of good moral character and mentally and emotionally fit to engage in the active and continuous practice of law; and
- (9)(8) has not previously engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in Kansas or any other jurisdiction.
- (b) Each applicant to the bar by transfer of UBE score shall pay an application fee as provided in Rule 704 and shall file in duplicate on forms approved by the Supreme Court and procured from the Clerk of the Appellate Courts:
  - (1) a verified application for admission and
  - (2) such other and further information as the office of the Disciplinary Administrator, the Review Committee, or the Board may require in the consideration of his or her application.
- (c) An applicant may file a verified application for admission under this rule any time after the applicant has filed an application to sit for the next administration of the UBE in another UBE jurisdiction.
- (d) To be eligible to file a verified application for admission to the bar of Kansas, an applicant must:
- (1) request the official Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam score report from the National Conference of Bar Examiners to be reported to the Clerk of the Appellate Courts; and
  - (2) receive a passing score as determined by the Board.
- (d)(e) The provisions of Rules 715, 716, 717, 718 and 721 apply to applicants under this rule.
- (e)(f) Any application returned to the applicant due to deficiencies, pursuant to Rule 713, will not be considered as timely filed.
- (f)(g) When an application under this rule has been considered and approved by the office of the Disciplinary Administrator, the Review Committee, or the Board,

the applicant after providing proof of education as required in Rule 706, shall take an oath pursuant to Rule 720. The Clerk shall thereafter issue applicant a certificate of authority to practice law in this State.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT this \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2017.

FOR THE COURT

Lawton R. Nuss Chief Justice