

SUPREME COURT OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE: AMENDMENT OF RULE 5 OF RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION TO PRACTICE OF LAW

2016 OK 29 (2016) · No. SCBD-6349 · Decided March 7, 2016

SUMMARY

The Oklahoma Supreme Court amended Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law. The amendment revises bar examination requirements, including the Oklahoma Rules of Professional Conduct examination, subject-matter examinations, and the Multistate Bar Examination, and became effective June 1, 2016.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Oklahoma
WRITING FOR THE COURT	All Justices
JURISDICTION	Oklahoma
DECIDED	March 7, 2016
DOCKET	SCBD-6349
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Original rulemaking proceeding in which the Supreme Court of Oklahoma amended Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published Oklahoma Supreme Court rulemaking order; establishes the operative amended Rule 5 requirements effective June 1, 2016.

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

Bar admission

Legal ethics

Professional licensing

Administrative law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law should be amended.

2. What examination and reexamination requirements should govern applicants seeking admission to practice law in Oklahoma under the amended Rule 5.

HOLDINGS

1. Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in Oklahoma is amended as set forth in the court's order, effective June 1, 2016.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Rule 5 of The Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in the State of Oklahoma, attached hereto, is hereby amended, effective June 1, 2016.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The court considered the requirements governing applicants seeking admission to the Oklahoma bar by examination. Rule 5 addressed minimum performance on the Oklahoma Rules of Professional Conduct examination, the remaining examination subjects, the Multistate Bar Examination, and reexamination procedures. The court amended the rule and set an effective date of June 1, 2016.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Supreme Court of Oklahoma acted by order in conference to amend Rule 5 governing bar-admission examinations. The amendment was ordered effective June 1, 2016.

DISPOSITION

other