

SUPREME COURT OF OKLAHOMA

In re: Amendment of Rules Three, Four Five and Seven of Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law

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SUMMARY

The Oklahoma Supreme Court issued a second corrected order amending Rules Three, Four, Five, and Seven of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law. The amendments address bar examination and Uniform Bar Examination score-transfer requirements, law-student registration, examination standards, and application fees, with provisions taking effect immediately or on specified dates.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Oklahoma
JURISDICTION	Oklahoma
DECIDED	January 21, 2021
DOCKET	SCBD-7013
DISPOSITION	approved
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Supreme Court of Oklahoma considered an application to amend Rules Three, Four, Five, and Seven of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

administrative law legal ethics and professional responsibility bar admission

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Supreme Court of Oklahoma had jurisdiction to consider the application to amend the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law.

2. Whether Rules Three, Four, Five, and Seven governing admission to the practice of law should be amended as set out in Exhibit A.

HOLDINGS

1. The Supreme Court of Oklahoma had jurisdiction over the application to amend the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law.
2. Rules Three, Four, Five, and Seven of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law were amended as set out in Exhibit A, effective immediately.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“This Court finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter and the Rules are hereby amended as set out in Exhibit A attached hereto, effective immediately.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Oklahoma Supreme Court received an application seeking amendments to the rules governing admission to practice law. The amendments addressed examination requirements, Uniform Bar Examination score transfers, law-student registration, examination procedures, and applicant fees.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

An application to amend the admission-to-practice rules was filed on January 13, 2021. The Supreme Court determined that it had jurisdiction and entered a second corrected order amending the rules as set out in Exhibit A, effective immediately.

DISPOSITION

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