

SUPREME COURT OF OKLAHOMA

In re Rules of the Supreme Court on Licensed Legal Internship

2019 OK 79 · No. SCBD-2109 · Decided December 2, 2019

SUMMARY

The Oklahoma Supreme Court amended Rule 2.1A of its Rules on Licensed Legal Internship. The amendment governs eligibility, supervision, limitations, swearing-in, and expiration of an Academic Legal Intern License. The order states that the amendment is effective immediately.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Oklahoma
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Chief Justice Gurich; Vice Chief Justice Darby; Justice Kauger; Justice Winchester; Justice Edmondson; Justice Colbert; Justice Combs; Justice Kane
JURISDICTION	Oklahoma
DECIDED	December 2, 2019
DOCKET	SCBD-2109
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Oklahoma Supreme Court considered an application to amend Rule 2.1A of its Rules on Licensed Legal Internship.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published court order amending rules, subject to the source's notice that the opinion had not yet been released for publication and could be revised or withdrawn.

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

administrative law legal education and licensing

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Oklahoma Supreme Court had jurisdiction to consider the application to amend Rule 2.1A of the Rules on Licensed Legal Internship.

2. Whether Rule 2.1A should be amended as set out in Exhibit A.

HOLDINGS

1. The Oklahoma Supreme Court had jurisdiction over the application to amend Rule 2.1A.
2. Rule 2.1A of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma on Licensed Legal Internship was 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.” (¶ 1)

“All limitations and procedures which apply to the regular limited license shall apply to the academic limited license, except the Academic Legal Intern shall make no court appearance without a faculty supervisor present.” (Exhibit A, Rule 2.1A(2))

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Legal Intern Committee had proposed changes concerning the qualifications, supervision, limitations, and expiration of an Academic Legal Intern License. The Supreme Court considered the application and amended Rule 2.1A, including removing the examination requirement identified in subsection (f) and revising certain licensing and expiration language.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The matter came directly before the Supreme Court upon an application to amend Rule 2.1A. The Court determined that it had jurisdiction and adopted the amendments set out in Exhibit A, effective immediately.

DISPOSITION

other