

# STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on November 15, 2023, the following order was made and entered in vacation: **SCA EFiled: Nov 15 2023 03:12PM EST**

**Transaction ID 71410957**

**RE: Approval of Proposed Amendment to Rule 4.2(c) of the Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law, No. 23-524**

On September 5, 2023, the West Virginia Board of Law Examiners (BLE), by Ashton Bias Harrell, Bar Admissions Administrator, filed a proposed amendment to Rule 4.2 of the Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law. By order entered on September 28, 2023, the Court published the proposed amendment, as modified, for a period of public comment for thirty days. No comments were filed.

The Court has jurisdiction under Article VIII, §§ 1 and 3 of the West Virginia Constitution. Upon consideration and review on November 14, 2023, the Court is of the opinion to and does approve the following rule amendment, effective immediately. The proposed amendment is indicated by strike-through and underscoring as follows:

## **Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law**

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Rule 4.2. Requirement of good moral character.

(a) *Certificate of good standing.* — In order to be admitted to practice law in West Virginia, the applicant must be in good standing in every state in which he or she has been admitted to practice and maintains an active status and must submit evidence of that standing.

(b) *Proof of good moral character.* — In order to be eligible for admission, the applicant must show that he or she is possessed of good moral character and is mentally and emotionally stable.

(c) *Affidavits of good character.* — Each applicant shall present the affidavit of at least two attorneys at law ~~practicing in the courts in which the applicant last engaged in practice and the authenticated certificate of a judge of a court of record where the applicant is admitted to practice,~~ evidencing the applicant's good character and compliance with the Code Rules of Professional Responsibility Conduct.

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Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser  
Clerk of Court

