

## STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

On February 17, 2026, the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia made and entered the following order:

**RE: REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AMENDMENTS TO  
RULE 3.2 AND 4.4 OF THE RULES FOR THE ADMISSION TO  
THE PRACTICE OF LAW, No. 25-810**

Under Article VIII, §§ 1 and 3 of the West Virginia Constitution, the Court has jurisdiction to promulgate court rules. By that authority, the Court has considered proposed amendments to Rules 3.2 and 4.4 of the Rules for the Admission to the Practice of Law.

Upon consideration and review, the Court is of the opinion that the following amendments to Rules 3.2 and 4.4 of the Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law should be published for a period of public comment for 30 days. Comments may be filed in writing with the office of the clerk on or before March 19, 2026. Additions are indicated by underscoring, and deletions are indicated by strike-through.

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

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#### **Rule 3.2. West Virginia Bar Examination.**

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(d) *Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination.* — Prior to admission on examination, an applicant, in addition to passing the General Bar Examination, must have successfully completed the MPRE prepared and administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners. To successfully complete the MPRE, the applicant must have achieved a scaled score of at least 80 as determined by the National Conference of Bar Examiners within ~~twenty-five (25)~~ thirty-six (36) months of successful completion of the General Bar Examination. Arrangements to take such examination, including the payment of any fees therefore, shall be made directly with the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

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**Rule 4.4. Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination.**

Prior to admission on motion, an applicant must have successfully passed the MPRE prepared and administered by the NCBE. To successfully complete the MPRE, the applicant must have achieved a scaled score of at least 80 as determined by the NCBE. Arrangements to take such examination, including the payment of any fees therefore, shall be made directly with the NCBE. The Board may, if requested by the applicant, accept any MPRE score achieved in another jurisdiction in a prior examination conducted within ~~twenty-five~~ thirty-six (36) months of application for admission. All applicants for admission on motion shall notify the Board of their intention to use the MPRE score achieved in another jurisdiction at the time their application is filed.

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Attest: /s/ C. Casey Forbes  
Clerk of Court

