

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

On June 26, 2026, the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia made and entered the following order:

RE: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO RULE 3.2 AND RULE 4.4 OF THE WEST VIRGINIA RULES FOR 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, amend, or abrogate court rules. By that authority, the Court has considered amendments to Rule 3.2 and Rule 4.4 of the West Virginia Rules for Admission to Practice of Law regarding the time period for scores of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination to remain valid. The proposed amendments were previously published for public comment for a period of thirty days. No public comments were received.

Upon consideration and review, the Court is of the opinion to, and does, approve the amendments to Rule 3.2 and Rule 4.4 of the West Virginia Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law as follows. Additions are indicated by underscoring, and deletions are indicated by strike-through.

West Virginia Rules for Admission to the Practice of 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

