

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA  
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ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Rule IV.B.(2)(d), Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar, be amended to read in accordance with the appendix attached to this order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amendment of Rule IV.B.(2)(d) be effective immediately;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following note from the reporter of decisions be added to follow Rule IV:

"Note from the reporter of decisions: The order amending Rule IV.B.(2)(d), Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar, is published in that volume of Alabama Reporter that contains Alabama cases from \_\_\_ So. 3d."

Malone, C.J., and Stuart, Bolin, Shaw, and Main, JJ., concur.

Woodall, Parker, Murdock, and Wise, JJ., dissent.

I Robert G. Esdale, Sr., as Clerk of the Supreme Court of Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the instrument(s) herewith set out as same appear(s) of record in said Court.

Witness my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011

*Robert G. Esdale, Sr.*  
Clerk, Supreme Court of Alabama

## APPENDIX

(d) (1) For applicants seeking to take the Alabama Bar examination administered in February 2012, that the applicant has pursued and satisfactorily completed a law-degree program of a university or college that, at the time of the applicant's graduation, was located outside the United States and its territories and was approved in that foreign jurisdiction or that the applicant has been admitted to the practice of law in the jurisdiction in which that university or college is located; and (i) that the law-degree program completed by the applicant includes a substantial component of the study of English common law; or (ii) that the applicant has satisfactorily completed at least 24 semester hours of legal studies in subjects covered by the bar examination in regular law school classes, under the same standards and conditions as are applied to other students, at a law school that was then on the approved list of the American Bar Association or the Association of American Law Schools; or (iii) that the applicant has been admitted to the practice of law before the court of highest jurisdiction in a state or other jurisdiction within the United States, that the applicant has, after such admission, been continuously engaged in the active practice of law for at least three years in a state or other jurisdiction within the United States, and that the applicant is a member in good standing of the bar of that court of highest jurisdiction.

(2) For applicants seeking to take the Alabama Bar examination administered in July 2012 or any subsequent Alabama Bar examination or re-examination, that the applicant has pursued and satisfactorily completed a law-degree program of a university or college that, at the time of the applicant's graduation, was located outside the United States and its territories and was approved in that foreign jurisdiction and that the applicant has been admitted to the practice of law in the jurisdiction in which that university or college is located; and (i) that the law-degree program completed by the applicant includes a substantial component of the study of English common law; or (ii) that the applicant has satisfactorily completed at least 24 semester hours of legal studies in subjects covered by the bar examination in regular law school classes, under the same

standards and conditions as are applied to other students, at a law school that was then on the approved list of the American Bar Association or the Association of American Law Schools; or (iii) that the applicant has been admitted to the practice of law before the court of highest jurisdiction in a state or other jurisdiction within the United States, that the applicant has, after such admission, been continuously engaged in the active practice of law for at least three years in a state or other jurisdiction within the United States, and that the applicant is a member in good standing of the bar of that court of highest jurisdiction.