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SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

Marilyn L. Graves  
Clerk of Supreme Court  
Madison, WI

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In the Matter of the Amendment of  
Supreme Court Rules: SCR 40.04(1)  
-- Law School Graduation  
Requirement for Bar Admission on  
Examination

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ORDER  
No. 97-09

The court held a public hearing October 21, 1997 on the petition of Massachusetts School of Law deemed to constitute a petition for the amendment of SCR 40.04(1) to permit its graduates to satisfy the legal competence requirement for bar admission by passing the Wisconsin bar examination. The court has considered the presentations made at that public hearing and the materials filed with the court in the matter.

IT IS ORDERED that, effective the date of this order, 40.04(1) of the supreme court rules is amended to read:

(1) An applicant who has been awarded a first professional degree in law from ~~a law school that is fully or provisionally approved by the American bar association at the time of the applicant's graduation~~ one of the following shall satisfy the legal competence requirement by presenting to the clerk certification of the board that the applicant has passed an examination administered by the board covering all or part of the subject matter areas of law specified in SCR 40.03(2)(a) ~~±~~ ±:

(a) A law school that is fully or provisionally approved by the American bar association at the time of the applicant's graduation.

(b) A law school whose graduates are eligible to take the bar examination of the state, territory or District of Columbia in which the law school is located, provided the applicant has passed the bar examination of and has been admitted to practice in that or another state, territory or the District of Columbia.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of this amendment of the Supreme Court Rules shall be given by a single publication of a copy of this order in the official state newspaper and in an official publication of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 4th day of June, 1998.

BY THE COURT:

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Marilyn L. Graves,  
Clerk of Court