

IN THE PETITION TO AMEND SCR 40.02
Relating to the Qualifications for Admission

PETITION

To: Chief Annette Kingsland Ziegler
Justice Ann Walsh Bradley
Justice Patience D. Roggensack
Justice Rebecca G. Bradley
Justice Rebecca F. Dallet
Justice Brian Hagedorn
Justice Jill J. Karofsky
16 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53701

The Board of Bar Examiners, by its director Jacquelynn B. Rothstein, hereby petitions the Supreme Court of Wisconsin for an order to amend SCR 40.02 as follows:

SECTION 1. The BBE requests that the Court amend SCR 40.02 as follows:

SCR 40.02 Qualifications generally.

A person who meets all of the following qualifications shall be admitted to practice law in this state by order of the supreme court:

- (1) Has attained the age of majority under the law of this state.
- (2) Satisfies the legal competence requirements by diploma privilege (SCR 40.03), bar examination (SCR 40.04 or SCR 40.055) or proof of practice elsewhere (SCR 40.05).
- (3) Satisfies the character and fitness requirements set forth in SCR 40.06.
- (4) Takes the oath or affirmation prescribed in SCR 40.15 in open court before the supreme court or a justice thereof. For individuals unable to appear at an in-person court ceremony and upon receipt of notification from the Board that an applicant has been certified for admission, a qualified applicant may request to take the oath or affirmation prescribed in SCR 40.15 remotely via audio-visual communications technology before the supreme court or a justice thereof. Qualified individuals may also request that they be permitted to take the oath or affirmation prescribed in SCR 40.15 before a member of the highest court of another jurisdiction or a person authorized by that jurisdiction to administer the attorney's oath for bar admission there or before a judge of the U.S. District Court or Court of Appeals or a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Any such requests shall be sent to the Clerk of the Supreme Court.
- (5) Subscribes the roll of attorneys maintained by the clerk of the supreme court or has his or her name entered thereon by the clerk.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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