IN THE MATTER OF REPEALING AND CREATING SCR 40.04 (2), CREATING SCR 40.04 (2m) and SCR 40.04 (9), AMENDING SCR 40.14 (3) (a), and CREATING SCR 40.14 (3) (j) Relating to the Wisconsin Bar Examination

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The Board of Bar Examiners, by its Executive Director Jacquelynn B. Rothstein, hereby petitions the Supreme Court of Wisconsin for an order to adopt the following:

# TEXT OF RULE

# SECTION 1. SCR 40.04 (2) repealed and recreated to read:

## **SCR 40.04 (2)**

Commencing in July 2026, the board shall administer the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners. Commencing in July 2028, the board shall administer the successor to the UBE prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

## SECTION 2. SCR 40.04 (9) is created to read:

#### SCR 40.04 (9)

Commencing in July 2026, an applicant may be eligible for admission provided the applicant has received a scaled score of 260 or higher earned in another jurisdiction on the UBE and the score is certified as a UBE score by the National Conference of Bar Examiners. The applicant shall submit evidence of the score and a complete application for admission to the Board within 36 months of the date of the qualifying examination being used as the basis for the admission.

## SECTION 3. SCR 40.04 (10) is created to read:

#### SCR 40.04 (10)

Before being admitted to the practice of law in Wisconsin by UBE examination or by transferred UBE score, an applicant shall successfully complete 30 hours of the Wisconsin law and practice educational component. The Wisconsin law and practice educational component shall be comprised of subject matter areas based on the requirements of the diploma privilege as found in SCR 40.03 and approved by the board. The board shall review any such programming annually.

## SECTION 4. SCR 40.14 (3) (a) is amended to read:

SCR 40.14 (3) (a)

Bar examination fee \$950

SECTION 5. SCR 40.14 (3) (j) is created to read:

SCR 40.14(3)(j)

Fee for admission by transferred UBE score \$850

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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