

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Administrative Order

2024-RL-004

RE: Rules Relating to Admission of Attorneys

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JANUARY 11, 2024

**DOUGLAS T. SHIMA
CLERK OF APPELLATE COURTS**

The court amends the attached Supreme Court Rules 707, 708, and 719, effective the date of this order.

Dated this 11th day of January 2024.

FOR THE COURT

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marla Luckert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

MARLA LUCKERT
Chief Justice

Rule 707

APPLICATION PROCESSING FEES

- (a) **Fee Amounts.** The Supreme Court establishes the amount of each application processing fee; each fee is subject to change. An applicant must pay any of the following applicable fees:
- (1) legal intern permit under Rule 715: \$50;
 - (2) admission to the bar by examination under Rule 716: \$700;
 - (3) late fee for an application submitted during the grace period under Rule 716: \$200;
 - (4) admission to the bar by Uniform Bar Examination score transfer under Rule 717: \$1,250;
 - (5) temporary permit to practice law under Rule 718: \$100;
 - (6) admission to the bar ~~by reciprocity~~ without examination under Rule 719: \$1,250;
 - (7) military-spouse restricted license to practice law under Rule 720: \$1,250;
 - (8) single-employer restricted license to practice law under Rule 721: \$1,250; and
 - (9) reapplication for a person whose application to take the bar examination was previously denied for failure to establish the requisite character and fitness qualifications: \$1,250.
- (b) **No Waiver or Refund.** Except as described in subsection (c), the Attorney Admissions office cannot waive or refund an application processing fee listed in subsection (a).
- (c) **Military Service Exception.** An applicant who is unable to take the bar examination due to active military service may request a refund of the application processing fee.
- (d) **Bar Admission Fee Fund.** The Office of Judicial Administration will deposit all application processing fees in a fund known as the bar admission fee fund. Any unused balance in the fund may be applied to an appropriate use determined by the Supreme Court.

Rule 708
ELIGIBILITY

- (a) **Requirements.** To apply for admission to the Kansas bar, an applicant must satisfy the following provisions:
- (1) meet the educational qualifications in Rule 711;
 - (2) possess the requisite good moral character and current mental and emotional fitness to engage in the active and continuous practice of law under Rule 712; and
 - (3) comply with the specific requirements and procedures ~~set forth~~ in any applicable rule under which the applicant seeks admission, including Rules 716 through 721.
- (b) **Waiver.** An applicant may request the Supreme Court waive the requirements to satisfy subsections (a)(1) and (a)(3). The applicant must submit a written request to the Attorney Admissions office and state good cause for the requested waiver.
- (c) **Preclusion.** An applicant must not be precluded from admission under Rule 709 or Rule 710.

Rule 719

ADMISSION TO THE BAR WITHOUT EXAMINATION BY RECIPROcity

- (a) **Eligibility.** An applicant for admission to the Kansas bar ~~who is admitted to the practice of law by examination by the highest court of another state, the District of Columbia, or a United States territory~~ is eligible for reciprocal admission without examination if the applicant meets the following requirements:
- (1) was admitted to the practice of law by examination by the highest court of another state, the District of Columbia, or a United States territory;
 - (21) has an active law license from the highest court of another state, the District of Columbia, or a United States territory in at least one jurisdiction that permits reciprocal admission without examination for members of the Kansas bar;
 - (32) is eligible under Rule 708;
 - (43) has never received professional discipline of suspension, disbarment, or loss of license in any jurisdiction; and
 - (54) has lawfully engaged in the active practice of law for five of the seven years immediately preceding the date of the application.
- (b) **Active Practice of Law.** For purposes of this rule, the active practice of law includes the following activities:
- (1) representing a client in the practice of law;
 - (2) serving as corporate counsel or as an attorney with a local, state, or federal government body;
 - (3) teaching at a law school approved by the American Bar Association; and
 - (4) serving as a judge or judicial law clerk in a federal, state, or local court, provided that the position required a license to practice law.
- (c) **Required Documents and Fee.** An applicant under this rule must submit the following:
- (1) an application submitted and accepted through the Attorney Admissions office's online portal;

- (2) any other information the admissions attorney, the Attorney Admissions Review Committee, or the Board of Law Examiners requests for use in considering the application; and
 - (3) the fee under Rule 707(a)(6).
- (d) **Application Review Process.** The following rules apply in the application review process:
- (1) Rule 723 and Rule 725 apply to the character and fitness investigation and any hearing;
 - (2) Rule 724 applies following an adverse Board ruling; and
 - (3) Rule 726 applies if the Board approves an application.