

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: Amendment to Supreme Court Rule 7, Section 5.01

ORDER

Supreme Court Rule 7, Section 5.01 is amended to add a subsection (f) to address out-of-state bar applicants admitted to their home state pursuant to a diploma privilege.

5.01 Minimum Requirement for Admission of Persons Admitted in other Jurisdictions

Is amended to add the following:

(f) An applicant who was admitted and licensed to practice in another state pursuant to a “diploma privilege” which exempts an applicant from taking a bar examination may seek a waiver of subsection (e) by filing a petition with the Board of Law Examiners setting forth the reasons why he or she should be admitted to practice law in Tennessee. The Board shall then conduct a hearing in response to the petition, according to the guidelines set forth in section 13.03, for the purpose of assessing the applicant’s reputation, character, knowledge, skills and abilities. After considering the totality of the proof presented, the Board shall make a recommendation to this Court either for approval or denial of the petition or for such other action as the Board may deem appropriate. Any applicant whose petition for waiver of subsection (e) is denied by the Board may file a petition for review in this Court pursuant to the procedures set forth in Article XIV.

Enter this the 30th day of June, 2000.

FOR THE COURT:

E. Riley Anderson, Chief Justice