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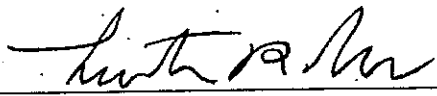
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

RULES RELATING TO ADMISSION OF ATTORNEYS

The attached amendments to the Supreme Court Rules Relating to Admission of Attorneys are hereby adopted, effective July 1, 2009.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT this 9 day of June, 2009.


for ROBERT E. DAVIS
Chief Justice

**RULES RELATING TO ADMISSION
OF ATTORNEYS**

**Rule 701
KANSAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS**

(a) The Supreme Court shall appoint a board consisting of not less than nine nor more than twelve members to be known as the Kansas Board of Law Examiners (hereinafter referred to as the Board). ~~The initial term of any new member hereafter appointed shall be three years and subsequent terms of all members shall be for three years, except an appointment to fill an unexpired term.~~ Vacancies shall be filled by the Supreme Court.

(b) The Supreme Court shall designate one member as chairman and another as vice-chairman. ~~The chairman shall appoint a secretary. The Clerk of the Appellate Courts shall serve as secretary but shall not be a member of the Board.~~

(c) The Board shall act only with the concurrence of a majority of those present and eligible to vote. ~~Five~~ Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

(d) No individual member of the Board shall communicate with applicants regarding completion of applications for admission or character and fitness investigations. Neither the Board nor any member thereof shall conduct post-examination interviews with applicants pertaining to questions asked on the written examination or answers given, grading procedures, or an applicant's performance.

~~(d)~~ (e) The Board may employ or otherwise obtain the services of other persons to assist in carrying out its duties herein. Compensation for any person so employed shall be that agreed upon between such person and the Board, subject to prior approval of the Supreme Court, ~~and shall be paid from the bar admission fee fund.~~

~~(e) The Board shall maintain such records as are generated in the course of accepting and processing applications for admission to the bar and results of taking the bar examination. The following records, and no others, shall be maintained as public records:~~

~~(1) With respect to application for admission to the bar, the name, address, and educational achievement of each applicant;~~

~~(2) With respect to each examination required for admission to the bar:~~

~~(aa) The names and addresses of persons who passed the examination and have met all the requirements for admission to the bar;~~

~~(bb) Such statistical summaries as may be specifically authorized by the Supreme Court.~~

~~Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, all other information provided by or obtained with respect to an applicant, including examination results, shall be deemed confidential and privileged communications, and as such shall not be released to any person or agency.~~

~~(f) Notwithstanding the foregoing restrictions, applications and other information required incident to an application for admission to the bar may be released to:~~

~~(1) the National Conference of Bar Examiners and to the bar admissions authority of any United States jurisdiction where the applicant has applied for admission to the practice of law, provided the applicant shall have made written request for such release and the receiving authority has agreed not to give the information to the applicant;~~

~~(2) the Attorney General of Kansas, the office of the Disciplinary Administrator, and Clerk of the Appellate Courts, for purposes of investigations and hearings as to moral and educational qualifications, for disciplinary purposes, or for administrations of bar examinations; and~~

~~(3) such other parties and in such instances as shall be provided by order of the Supreme Court.~~

~~(g) (1) Applications for admission, reports, decisions, Board proceedings, and documents obtained, or testimony received in the course thereof pursuant to these Rules shall be deemed to be made in the course of judicial proceedings. Board members shall be entitled to all rights, privileges and immunities afforded public officials in the performance of their duties, and Board members and other participants shall be entitled to the immunity afforded public officials in actions filed in the Courts of this state, whether in providing testimony in such actions, or as parties thereto with respect to the performance of their duties or the testimony rendered.~~

~~(2) Any person who communicates information concerning a person applying for admission to the bar to any member of the Board or to any attorney, employee or agent of the Board, or to any employee of the Clerk of the Appellate Courts, or to any investigator acting on behalf of the Board is immune from all civil liability that, except for this rule, might result from any such communication. The grant of immunity provided by this rule applies only to those communications made by such person as a part or for the purpose of the investigation of character and fitness.~~

(f) Each member of the Board shall receive, as compensation for his or her services, the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars per year. All compensation due under this

rule shall be paid monthly or in such other manner as shall be provided by law. In addition, each member of the Board shall be paid all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of services.

(g) All compensation and expenses of the Board shall be paid out of the bar admission fee fund.

(h) The Board may adopt such rules and procedures not inconsistent with these rules, which it shall deem necessary to facilitate the performance of its duties.

Rule 702 CONFIDENTIALITY

(a) The Board shall maintain such records as are generated in the course of accepting and processing applications for admission to the bar and results of taking the bar examination. The following records, and no others, shall be maintained as public records:

- (1) With respect to application for admission to the bar, the name, address, and educational achievement of each applicant.
- (2) With respect to each written examination required for admission to the bar:
 - (i) The names and addresses of persons who passed the examination and have met all the requirements for admission to the bar.
 - (ii) Such statistical summaries as may be specifically authorized by the Supreme Court.

(b) Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, all other information provided by or obtained with respect to an applicant, including examination results, shall be deemed confidential and privileged communications, and as such shall not be released to any person or agency.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing restrictions, applications and other information required incident to an application for admission to the bar may be released to:

- (1) the National Conference of Bar Examiners and to the bar admissions authority of any United States jurisdiction where the applicant has applied for admission to the practice of law, provided the applicant shall have made written request for such release and the receiving authority has agreed not to give the information to the applicant;

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- (3) such other parties and in such instances as shall be provided by order of the Supreme Court.

Rule 703
IMMUNITY

(a) Applications for admission, reports, decisions, Board proceedings, and documents obtained, or testimony received in the course thereof pursuant to these Rules shall be deemed to be made in the course of judicial proceedings. Board members shall be entitled to all rights, privileges and immunities afforded public officials in the performance of their duties; and Board members and other participants shall be entitled to the immunity afforded public officials in actions filed in the courts of this state, whether in providing testimony in such actions, or as parties thereto with respect to the performance of their duties or the testimony rendered.

(b) Any person who communicates information concerning a person applying for admission to the bar to any member of the Board or to any attorney, employee or agent of the Board, or to any employee of the Clerk of the Appellate Courts, or to any investigator acting on behalf of the Board is immune from all civil liability that, except for this rule, might result from any such communication. The grant of immunity provided by this rule applies only to those communications made by such person as a part or for the purpose of the investigation of character and fitness.

Rule 704
APPLICATION FEES

(a) Each applicant shall pay application processing fees for each of the following, which fees may not be waived and shall not be refunded:

- (1) Legal intern under Rule 719: \$50.
- (2) Temporary permit to practice law under Rule 710: \$100.
- (3) Admission to the bar upon written examination under Rule 709: \$400.
- (4) Admission to the bar without written examination under Rule 708: \$1250.

- (5) Restricted license to practice law under Rule 712: \$1250.
- (6) Reapplication for an individual whose application to take the bar examination has been previously denied for failure to establish good moral character or mental and emotional fitness: \$1250.

(b) The amount of the fee for each of the foregoing categories shall be that established by order of the Supreme Court and may be changed from time to time. Applicants shall be advised as to the amount of the fees then applicable upon inquiry to the Clerk of the Appellate Courts.

(c) Applicant fees shall constitute a fund to be known as the bar admission fee fund. Disbursements for compensation and expenses in connection with the duties of the Board shall be from this fund. By order of the Supreme Court any unused balance in the bar admission fee fund may be applied to such appropriate usage as shall be determined by the Supreme Court.

(d) Any applicant who is unable to take a bar examination due to active military service may receive a refund of the application processing fee, on request.

Rule 705 ELIGIBILITY

(a) The practice of law is a licensed privilege, not a right, and the burden of establishing eligibility for licensure by clear and convincing evidence shall rest upon the applicant.

(b) In order for an applicant to establish eligibility to sit for the bar examination in the State of Kansas, the applicant must comply with the educational requirements and prove that the applicant possesses the requisite good moral character and current mental and emotional fitness to engage in the active and continuous practice of law.

Rule 702 706 EDUCATIONAL AND MORAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR

(a) Each applicant seeking admission to the Bar bar of Kansas shall satisfy the Board that he or she:

- (1) Is a person of good moral character and mentally and emotionally fit to engage in the active and continuous practice of law;

- (2 1) has been granted and holds a baccalaureate degree based upon a full course of study in a college, university or other institution of higher learning accredited by the a regional accrediting bodies of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education accreditation body recognized by the United States Department of Education; and
- (3 2) has been granted and holds a Juris Doctor degree or Bachelor of Laws degree from a law school approved by the American Bar Association at the time of the applicant's graduation.

(b) If regional accreditation is not available, the standard for determining the sufficiency of undergraduate degrees earned or of the courses leading thereto shall be that recognized by the University of Kansas.

(b c) Proof that an applicant has been granted and holds the requisite degrees shall be provided to the Clerk of the Appellate Courts by certified copies of transcripts issued by the registrar or equivalent officer of each institution granting such degrees and shall be mailed directly by said issuing authority to the Clerk of the Appellate Courts. Official transcripts must be received by the Clerk of the Appellate Courts no later than January 15 for the February examination and June 15 for the July examination.

(d) The Board may allow to sit for the bar examination, on a conditional basis, an applicant who presents to the Board a certification from the law school attended that the applicant is currently enrolled in a course of study which, if satisfactorily completed, will result in graduation within thirty days following administration of the bar examination. Failure to provide an official transcript establishing law school graduation within thirty days following the administration of the bar examination will result in the bar examination scores being voided.

Rule 707

CHARACTER AND FITNESS QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR

(a) Before an applicant shall receive a license to practice law pursuant to Rules 708, 709, or 712 or a temporary permit pursuant to Rule 710, the applicant must establish by clear and convincing evidence that the applicant possesses the requisite good moral character and current mental and emotional fitness to engage in the active and continuous practice of law.

(b) Good moral character includes, but is not limited to, the qualities of honesty, fairness, responsibility, trustworthiness, integrity, respect for and obedience to the laws of the state and nation, and respect for the rights of others and for the judicial process.

(c) In determining whether an applicant possesses good moral character, the Board shall consider evidence of the following:

- (1) unlawful conduct;
- (2) academic misconduct;
- (3) misconduct in employment;
- (4) acts involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation;
- (5) acts which demonstrate disregard for the rights or welfare of others;
- (6) abuse of legal process, including the filing of vexatious or frivolous lawsuits;
- (7) neglect of financial responsibilities;
- (8) violation of a court order, including child support orders;
- (9) the making of false or misleading statements or omission of relevant information, including any false or misleading statement or omission on law school or bar applications in this state or any jurisdiction;
- (10) denial of admission to the bar in another jurisdiction on character grounds;
- (11) disciplinary action by any professional disciplinary agency of any jurisdiction;
- (12) any other conduct which reflects adversely on the character of the applicant.

(d) Current mental and emotional fitness to engage in the active and continuous practice of law involves an assessment of mental and emotional health and condition as it affects the applicant's competence to practice law and carry out duties to clients, courts, and the profession. An applicant may be of good moral character but unable to discharge his or her duties as an attorney due to a mental or emotional illness or condition. The fitness required is a present fitness, and a prior mental or emotional illness or condition is relevant when it indicates the existence of a present lack of fitness.

(e) In determining whether an applicant is currently mentally and emotionally fit to engage in the active and continuous practice of law, the Board shall consider:

- (1) evidence of mental or emotional instability that may impair the applicant's

ability to practice law, and

- (2) evidence of drug or alcohol dependency or abuse or other addictive behaviors that may impair the applicant's ability to practice law.

(f) In determining whether an applicant possesses good moral character and current mental and emotional fitness to engage in the active and continuous practice of law, the Board shall also consider:

- (1) the applicant's age at the time of the conduct;
- (2) the recency of the conduct;
- (3) the reliability of the information concerning the conduct;
- (4) the seriousness of the conduct;
- (5) the factors underlying the conduct;
- (6) the cumulative effect of the conduct or information;
- (7) evidence of rehabilitation;
- (8) the applicant's social contributions since the conduct;
- (9) candor in the admissions process; and
- (10) materiality of any omissions or misrepresentations.

Rule 703 708

ADMISSION TO THE BAR WITHOUT WRITTEN EXAMINATION

(a) Any applicant for admission to the bar of Kansas who was duly admitted to the practice of law upon written examination by the highest court of another state or in the District of Columbia may be admitted to practice in this state without written examination, upon showing that the applicant:

- (1) is licensed in at least one jurisdiction that permits mutuality of admission without examination for members of the Kansas bar;
- (2) has never failed a written Kansas bar examination;

- (3) presently meets the requirements of Rules ~~702 and 704~~ 706 and 707 to take the Kansas bar examination;
- (4) has never received professional discipline of suspension, disbarment, or loss of license in any other jurisdiction;
- (5) is not currently the subject of a pending disciplinary investigation in any other jurisdiction;
- (6) is a person of good moral character and mentally and emotionally fit to engage in the active and continuous practice of law; and
- (7) has been lawfully engaged in the active practice of law outside the State of Kansas, or in Kansas under Rule ~~706~~ 712, for five of the seven years immediately preceding the date of his or her application. For purposes of this rule, the "active practice of law" shall include the following activities:
 - (i) Representation of one or more clients in the practice of law;
 - (ii) Service as a lawyer with a local, state or federal agency, including military service, with the primary duties of furnishing legal counsel, drafting legal documents and pleadings, interpreting and giving advice regarding the law or preparing, trying or presenting cases before courts, departments of government or administrative agencies;
 - (iii) Service as corporate counsel with the same primary duties as described in subsection (7)(ii) above;
 - (iv) Employment as a teacher of law at a law school approved by the American Bar Association throughout the applicant's employment;
 - (v) Service as a judge in a federal, state or local court, provided that such employment is available only to licensed attorneys;
 - (vi) Service as a judicial law clerk; or
 - (vii) Any combination of the above.

Applicants shall furnish such proof of practice as may be required by the Board of Law Examiners.

(b) Each applicant to the bar without written examination shall pay an application fee as provided in Rule ~~707~~ 704 and shall file in duplicate on forms approved by the Supreme Court and procured from the Clerk of the Appellate Courts:

- (1) a verified petition application for admission,
- (2) such other and further information as the Board of Law Examiners or the Disciplinary Administrator's Office may require in the consideration of his or her application, and
- (3) a designation of the Clerk of the Appellate Courts for service of process.

(c) The Board of Law Examiners shall review each application under this rule and, if deemed necessary, shall interview each applicant and will report its findings and recommendations in writing to the Supreme Court. The Board retains full authority to conduct investigations and hearings pursuant to Rule ~~704~~ 721 in the course of its review.

(d) When the Board recommends denial of an application under this rule without hearing, its recommendation shall be submitted to the Supreme Court and a copy thereof shall be filed with the Clerk of the Appellate Courts, who shall thereupon mail or otherwise furnish a copy to the applicant. The applicant may, within twenty days of the filing service thereof, file with the Clerk exceptions to the Board's recommendations of the Board. Upon request by the Court, the ~~The Board will~~ shall file a response to any such exceptions within twenty days following such request service of the exceptions. The Supreme Court will then make a final determination based upon the record, exceptions and response, if any, and enter its final order, subject to the provisions of Rule 722(g) and (h). ~~Any applicant whose application under this rule is denied by the Supreme Court by reason of lack of good moral character shall not be permitted to reapply in this State under any rule until three years shall have elapsed from the date the previous application was denied by the Court.~~

(e) When an application under this rule is granted by the Supreme Court, the applicant shall appear before the Clerk of the Appellate Courts to take the oath and sign the roll of attorneys. The Clerk shall thereafter issue applicant a certificate of authority to practice law in this State.

Rule ~~704~~ 709

ADMISSION TO THE BAR UPON WRITTEN EXAMINATION

(a) ~~Applicants of good moral character and the requisite education, who have complied with and meet the requirements of the State of Kansas and of the Rules of the Supreme Court, may be admitted to take a written bar examination as to the applicant's learning in the law at such times as the bar examinations shall be held by the Board. The Board may admit to the bar examination, on a conditional basis, an applicant who presents to the Board a certification from the law school attended that the applicant is currently enrolled in a course of study which, if satisfactorily completed, will result in graduation~~

within thirty days following administration of the bar examination. The Board shall conduct written bar examinations on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in February and the last Tuesday and Wednesday in July.

(b) Only those applicants whose applications have been considered and approved by the Board will be permitted to take the bar examination.

(b c) Each applicant for admission to the bar upon written examination shall file a completed application for admission to be received in the Office of the Clerk of the Appellate Courts on or before ~~March~~ October 15 (for the ~~July~~ February examination) and on or before ~~October~~ March 15 (for the ~~February~~ July examination) on forms approved by the Court and procured from the Clerk of the Appellate Courts. The completed application shall consist of:

- (1) a verified petition to the Supreme Court application for admission;
- (2) not less than three affidavits or certificates, on forms to be supplied by the Clerk of the Appellate Courts, from responsible persons attesting that the applicant is a person of good moral character, or such other evidence of character as shall be satisfactory to the Board; and
- (3) any other and further information as the Board then or thereafter may require for its consideration of the application.

(d) Any applicant who wishes to file a completed application for admission after the filing deadline, but on or before ~~April~~ November 15 (for the ~~July~~ February examination) and on or before ~~November~~ April 15 (for the ~~February~~ July examination), shall pay a late penalty fee in the amount of \$200 in addition to the application fee.

(e) Notwithstanding the deadlines set out above, any applicant who is unsuccessful on the February Kansas Bar Examination will be given 30 days from the date of the letter announcing results to make reapplication for the following July examination without imposition of a late penalty fee. ~~Any such application received more than 30 days after the date of the letter announcing results must include the late penalty fee to be considered.~~ Reapplication for the following July examination will not be accepted after that 30 day period.

(f) Any application returned to the applicant due to deficiencies, pursuant to Rule 713, will not be considered as timely filed.

(g) Any application received after ~~April~~ November 15 (for the ~~July~~ February examination) and ~~November~~ April 15 (for the ~~February~~ July examination) shall be considered as an application for the next ensuing bar examination. ~~No applicant for~~

admission to the bar shall be permitted to take the bar examination until the application has been considered and approved by the Board.

~~Failure to accurately and completely answer all questions on the petition, failure to disclose requested information, lack of candor in any answer or falsification of any answer may result in denial of an application for admission to practice law in Kansas and may constitute grounds for revocation of the license to practice law granted to any person based thereon.~~

(h) If the applicant does not take the examination for which application is made, the original application shall remain valid for the next ensuing examination; however, the applicant must ~~notify the Clerk of the Appellate Courts in writing by the filing deadline, that he or she intends to take the examination and file an updated application or an affidavit verifying that the application on file remains current.~~ The current application fee and late penalty fee, if applicable, shall be paid on or before the filing date. If the failure of an applicant to take the bar examination for which application is made is the result of delay attendant to investigation of applicant's fitness and/or character, the need for a hearing thereon, or actions of the Disciplinary Administrator, the Board of Law Examiners, or the Supreme Court, the period for taking the examination and the viability of the application fee shall be extended for such additional time as shall be determined by the Board.

(i) An applicant who is retaking the examination shall file a completed application with the current application fee and late penalty fee, if applicable, on or before the filing date.

(c) ~~Prior to granting approval to take the bar examination, it shall be the duty of the Board to investigate the moral character and educational qualifications of each applicant, and for this purpose it shall conduct such preliminary inquiries and investigations as may be necessary or proper to satisfy itself that all applicants are of good moral character, possessed of the requisite general education, and otherwise qualified to be examined. The Board may call upon the Disciplinary Administrator, any state or local bar association, or one or more members of the bar of the judicial district where the applicant resides, to make such investigation and report the results to the Board. The Board shall make such further investigations as may be necessary to fully inform itself concerning the moral fitness of the applicant, and may require an applicant to submit fingerprints for purposes thereof. In no event will permission be granted to take the bar examination until the investigation as to moral character and educational qualifications has been completed.~~

The Board, for purposes of character and educational investigations, may obtain such information as bears upon the character, fitness and general qualifications of the candidate, take and hear testimony, administer oaths and affirmations, and, by subpoena, issued at the request of either the applicant or the Board, compel the attendance of witnesses and the

~~production of books, papers and documents. Any member of the Board may administer such oaths and affirmations. The practice of law is a licensed privilege and the burden of establishing eligibility by clear and convincing evidence shall rest upon the applicant. All such investigations, hearings and proceedings, and the records thereof, shall be confidential and such records shall be subject to release only as provided in Rule 701(f). The Board, at its discretion, may hold any hearing, or any portion thereof, as an open hearing.~~

(d j) Upon the filing of a ~~petition~~ an application, the name and address of the applicant shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the office of the Clerk of the Appellate Courts for not less than forty-five days prior to the date of the bar examination.

(e k) The Board shall conduct examinations of applicants for admission to the bar as to their learning in the law and educational qualifications for admission to the practice of law. ~~Bar examinations shall be held in February and July of each year at dates to be determined by the Board.~~ The examinations shall test applicants upon such of the following subjects, ~~or other subjects~~, as the Board may require: personal property, domestic relations and family law, noncorporate business organizations, agency and employment, U.C.C. and commercial transactions, legal ethics; contracts, corporations, real property, constitutional law, criminal law, criminal procedure, Kansas and federal civil procedure, torts, wills, trusts and administration, conflict of laws, and evidence. All bar examinations shall be in writing. The Board may, subject to prior approval of the Supreme Court, employ written multiple-choice or essay tests prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners, including, but not limited to, the Multistate Bar Examination and the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination.

(f l) At every bar examination each applicant may be required to provide evidence of identification satisfactory to the Clerk of the Appellate Courts. Each applicant shall place his or her name on the form furnished by the Clerk and deposit it in a sealed envelope with the Clerk. When the applicant shall have finished the examination, he or she shall mark it with his or her examination number only, as directed by the Board. Any other mark of identification placed upon the examination paper shall disqualify it, and the Board may refuse to read or consider it. ~~Those applicants taking the Multistate Bar Examination in another jurisdiction or using the results of a previous examination in another jurisdiction shall disclose their number to the Clerk of the Appellate Courts and to no one else.~~

(m) In lieu of taking the Multistate portion of the first Kansas bar examination taken by the applicant, the Board may, if requested by the applicant, accept any Multistate Bar Examination score achieved in another jurisdiction in a concurrent examination or in a prior examination conducted within thirteen months of the current examination, provided the applicant successfully passed the entire bar examination in the other jurisdiction in one sitting and achieved a minimum scaled score of 120 on the Multistate Bar Examination. An applicant desiring to use the Multistate Bar Examination score from a concurrent bar

examination in another state will not be eligible for admission to the practice of law in Kansas until it is shown that the applicant successfully passed the entire bar examination of the other state in one sitting, regardless of the score obtained on the essay portion of the Kansas examination. In the event the applicant fails the bar examination in the other jurisdiction, the Multistate Bar Examination score may not be used in Kansas in the current or any succeeding examination. If the applicant fails the Kansas examination, the Multistate Bar Examination score so transferred may not be used in any succeeding Kansas Bar Examination. All applicants shall notify the Clerk of their intention to use Multistate Bar Examination scores achieved in another jurisdiction at the time their application is filed. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to cause his or her Multistate Bar Examination scores to be certified to the Clerk by the National Conference of Bar Examiners or by the appropriate bar examination authority where the prior Multistate Bar Examination was taken. The Clerk shall adopt such procedures as are necessary to report such scores to the Board without divulging the identity of the applicant to the Board members.

~~(g) An applicant who is retaking the examination shall file an updated application with the application fee required by Rule 707(a)(3). An applicant who has failed the examination four times shall no longer be eligible for admission.~~

(h) No applicant shall be admitted to the bar who has not completed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination, caused his or her score to be reported to the Clerk of the Appellate Courts, and received a passing score as determined by the Board. Failure to successfully complete the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination within 180 days from the date an applicant took the bar examination will negate the results of such bar examination and require reapplication for admission and reexamination, including the payment of all fees required.

(i) As soon as practicable after the completion of a bar examination, the Board shall file a report with the Clerk of the Appellate Courts recommending the granting or the denial of the petition denying admission of the applicant. When such report recommends the granting of a petition admission, unless some reason appears to the contrary, the Supreme Court will make an order admitting the applicant to practice in all the courts of the state, which order shall become effective upon taking an oath, the form of which shall be in substance as follows: pursuant to Rule 720.

~~"You do solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and bear true allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas; that you will neither delay nor deny the rights of any person through malice, for lucre, or from any unworthy desire; that you will not knowingly foster or promote, or give your assent to any fraudulent, groundless or unjust suit; that you will neither do, nor consent to the doing of any falsehood in court, and that you will discharge your duties as an attorney and counselor of the Supreme Court and all other courts of the~~

~~State of Kansas with fidelity both to the Court and to your cause, and to the best of your knowledge and ability. So help you God."~~

~~Upon entry of an order of admission, an applicant shall sign his or her name upon the roll of attorneys of the Supreme Court, and the Clerk of the Appellate Courts shall thereupon issue a certificate of such applicant's authority to practice law in all courts of this state. For good cause shown, the Clerk of the Appellate Courts may waive the personal signature of the applicant on the roll of attorneys and the Clerk shall enter his or her name on the roll.~~

~~Unless otherwise permitted by the Supreme Court, an applicant shall take the oath of admission within one year after the date of the letter notifying an applicant that he or she has met the requirements under Rule 704 for admission to the Kansas Bar. Failure to take the oath in the prescribed period will result in revocation of the letter of licensure.~~

(p) When the Board denies a petition recommends denying admission by reason of an applicant's failure to make a satisfactory grade on the bar examination, its report shall be final and shall be filed with the Clerk of the Appellate Courts.

(q) An applicant who has failed the examination four times shall no longer be eligible to apply for admission.

~~When the Board recommends denial of the petition by reason of an applicant's lack of good moral character or of the requisite educational qualifications, its recommendation shall be submitted to the Supreme Court and a copy thereof shall be filed with the Clerk of the Appellate Courts, who shall thereupon mail or otherwise furnish a copy to the applicant. The applicant may, within twenty days of the filing thereof, file exceptions to the recommendations of the Board. Upon request by the Court, the Board will file a response to any such exceptions within twenty days following such request. The Supreme Court will then make a final determination based upon the record, exceptions and response, if any, and enter its final order.~~

(j) Any applicant whose petition admission is denied because of failure to make a satisfactory grade as a result of taking on the bar examination shall have the right to inspect receive a copy of his or her essay examination papers at the office of the Clerk of the Appellate Courts if such request is made in writing not later than the thirtieth ninetieth day after the mailing by the Clerk of the notice of denial of admission. Because of the need for confidentiality to protect the integrity of the examination, no review or inspection of questions asked or answers given on the Multistate Bar Examination is permitted. Neither the Board nor any member thereof shall conduct post-examination interviews with applicants pertaining to questions asked or answers given, grading procedures, or an applicant's performance. No examination papers of an applicant, who successfully passes the examination, shall be retained beyond the commencement administration date of the