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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

RULES RELATING TO THE ADMISSION OF ATTORNEYS

RULE 721

INVESTIGATION AND HEARING PROCEDURES

Rule 721 is hereby amended, effective April 2, 2015.

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(d) In no event will permission be granted to sit for the bar examination pursuant to Rule 709 or a license to practice law be issued pursuant to Rules 708, 709A, or 712 until the investigation as to good moral character and current mental and emotional fitness to engage in the active and continuous practice of law has been satisfactorily completed.

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(t) Anytime after an applicant is approved to sit for the written examination pursuant to Rule 709 or for licensure pursuant to Rules 708, 709A, or 712, but before the applicant receives a license to practice law in the State of Kansas, an investigation may be re-opened if additional information is received that bears on the applicant's good moral character or current mental and emotional fitness to engage in the active and continuous practice of law. In that event, the Board may hold a hearing pursuant to this rule.

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(x) Following the hearing, the Board shall issue a written decision detailing its findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation whether the applicant should be allowed to sit for the written examination or be approved for licensure pursuant to Rules 708, 709A, or 712. If the Board approves the applicant, the

matter is concluded. If the Board does not recommend approval of the applicant, the matter shall be referred to the Supreme Court for review and decision.

By Order of the Court this 29th day of January, 2015,

FOR THE COURT

Lawton R. Nuss

Chief Justice