STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
AMENDMENT TO
THE MAINE BAR ADMISSION RULES

2014 Me. Rules 14

Effective: October 14, 2014

All of the Justices concurring therein, the following amendments to the Maine Bar Admission Rules are adopted to be effective on the date indicated above. The specific amendment is stated below. To aid in understanding of the amendment, an Advisory Note appears after the text of the amendment. The Advisory Note states the reason for recommending the amendment, but the Advisory Note is not part of the amendment adopted by the Court.

1. Rule 6(a) of the Maine Bar Admission Rules is amended to read as follows:

RULE 6. FEES

(a) Application Fees. Each application for admission to the bar shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee. Payment shall be made by personal check, cashier's check, certified check, or money order payable to the Board of Bar Examiners.

(1) *Applicants admitted in another jurisdiction for one year or more.* Each application for admission to the bar by an applicant who has been admitted to practice in any other jurisdiction for one year or more shall be filed with the Board on forms prepared by the ~~National Conference of Bar Examiners~~ Board and shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~$500~~ $650 plus any applicable late fees. Applicants admitted to practice in any other jurisdiction for one year or more shall also authorize the National Conference of Bar Examiners to prepare a full investigative report and supply it to the Board in a timely manner and shall pay the fee the National Conference sets for that service directly to the NCBE. ~~Applicants may include the NCBE fee in their payment to the Board.~~

(2) *Applicants never admitted in any jurisdiction or admitted in another jurisdiction for less than one year.* Each application for admission to the bar by an applicant who has never been admitted to any bar, or who has been admitted to

another bar for less than one year, shall be filed with the Board on forms prepared by it and shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~$450~~ $600 plus any applicable late fees.

(3) *Applicants seeking admission pursuant to Rule 11A.* Each application for admission to the bar upon motion pursuant to Rule 11A shall be filed with the Board on forms prepared by the ~~National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE)~~ Board and shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~$600~~ $900. Applicants seeking admission under Rule 11A shall also authorize the NCBE to prepare a full investigative report and supply it to the Board in a timely manner and shall pay the fee the NCBE sets for that service directly to the NCBE. ~~Applicants may include the NCBE fee in their payment to the Board.~~

Advisory Note – October 2014

Rule 6(a) is amended to authorize the Board to use its own forms for applications and to increase fees. The fee for applicants admitted in another jurisdiction for one year or more is increased from $500 to $650 plus any applicable late fees. The fee for applicants never admitted in any jurisdiction or admitted in another jurisdiction for less than one year is increased from $450 to $600 plus any applicable late fees. The fee for applicants seeking admission pursuant to Rule 11A is increased from $600 to $900 plus any applicable late fees.

Rule 6(a) is additionally amended to require that an applicant make payment directly to the NCBE for a full investigative report.

Dated: October 10, 2014

FOR THE COURT[1]

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[1] This Rule Amendment Order was approved after conference of the Court, all Justices concurring therein.