

*IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING*

*April Term, A.D. 2006*

*In the Matter of the Amendments to )  
Rule 201 and Rule 304 of the )  
Rules and Procedures Governing )  
Admission to the Practice of Law )*

IN THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF WYOMING  
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JUDY PACHECO, CLERK  
*Carol Thompson*  
by CHIEF DEPUTY

**ORDER AMENDING RULE 201 AND RULE 304 OF THE RULES AND PROCEDURES  
GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW**

**This matter** came before the Court upon a recommendation from the Wyoming State Bar. After a careful review of the proposed amendments to Rule 201 and Rule 304 of the Rules and Procedures Governing Admission to the Practice of Law, this Court finds that Rule 201 and Rule 304 should be amended. It is, therefore,

**ORDERED** that the amendments to Rule 201 and Rule 304 of the Rules and Procedures Governing Admission to the Practice of Law, attached hereto, be and hereby are adopted by the Court to be effective January 1, 2007; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the amendments to Rule 201 and Rule 304 of the Rules and Procedures Governing Admission to the Practice of Law, attached hereto, shall be published in the advance sheets of the Pacific Reporter, the Wyoming Reporter, and in the Wyoming Court Rules; and that the amendments to Rule 201 and Rule 304 of the Rules and Procedures Governing Admission to the Practice of Law shall thereupon be spread at length upon the journal of the Court.

DATED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.

BY THE COURT:



BARTON R. VOIGT  
Chief Justice



### **Rule 201. Applications for Examination.**

(a) The Wyoming Bar Examination shall be administered in conjunction with the national Multistate Bar Examination (MBE), given in February and July of each year. An application to take the February administration of the Wyoming Bar Examination must be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court no later than the 15th day of November. An application to take the July administration of the Wyoming Bar Examination must be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court no later than the 15th day of April.

(b) Applications to take the Wyoming Bar Examination shall be filed with the Supreme Court Clerk's office on a form prescribed by the Board and shall be accompanied by a fee established by the Board and the Supreme Court, together with a fee equal to the cost(s) of any credit or other report requested by the Board or the Committee. Further, evidence that the applicant meets the education requirements set forth in these rules must be submitted contemporaneously with the application, together with all supporting data and certification required of an applicant. The Board may require the payment of an additional fee for investigation, including but not limited to, the cost of any record or documents required by the Board or the Committee in the conduct of an investigation or inquiry concerning the applicant, the cost of the character report from the National Conference of Bar Examiners and the cost of the services of an investigator.

(c) An applicant who is unsuccessful on an examination, or who fails to take the examination, may ~~file an application to~~ take the next Wyoming Bar Examination without paying an additional fee. Further, applicants who wish to take the next examination need not resubmit evidence of meeting the educational requirements set forth in these rules. Thereafter, the applicant shall be required to resubmit an application and filing fee.

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### **Rule 304. Applications, Fees and Filing Deadlines.**

(a) An application for admission on motion shall consist of two parts:

(1) a questionnaire and affidavit for applicants seeking admission on motion prescribed or approved by the Board, and

(2) a character investigation performed by or for the National Conference of Bar Examiners, and

(b) The questionnaire and affidavit prescribed or approved by the Board shall be submitted with all supporting data required by the Board to determine eligibility under Rule 302, above. Supporting data to the application shall include the following:

(1) A certified copy of the applicant's license of admission or records of admission under the seal of the court;

(2) A certificate by a judge of a court of record of such other state, territory or district before which the applicant has practiced law, setting forth the maker's acquaintance with the applicant, the facts and circumstances of such acquaintance, containing a positive and unqualified statement that the applicant is a worthy, fit and proper person to perform and accept the obligations and responsibilities of a member

of the Bar and stating that the applicant is of good standing in the courts of such other state or territory;

(3) Verification of 45 hours of approved or approvable course work in Continuing Legal Education during the three years immediately preceding the application for admission to the Wyoming Bar; and

(4) Two authorization and release forms.

(c) The Board shall, in each case, give consideration to such certificates of moral character it has required along with the character report by the National Conference of Bar Examiners and shall, either directly or indirectly or through the Committee, make independent inquiry and investigation as to the applicant's moral character and fitness to be a member of the Bar. The Board may, either directly or through the Committee, at its discretion, hold further proceedings with the applicant as described in Section IV and shall thereafter report to the Court the results of its findings, together with its recommendation. The Court may on its own motion make such further inquiry and investigation as it deems proper.

(d) Applications for admission on motion shall be accompanied by a fee established by the Board and the Court and, in addition, the fee required to obtain a Character Report from the National Conference of Bar Examiners. Refunds will not be made for withdrawal of an application, but may only be allowed by the Supreme Court upon motion and for good cause shown. Additional investigation fees may be required by the Board, including but not limited to, the expenses necessary for the Board and/or the Committee to obtain records and documents and the fee necessary to pay the services of an investigator, if deemed of assistance to the Board and/or Committee.

(e) Completed applications are to be filed with the Clerk of the Court.