IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 00 - _____9016____

ORDER AMENDING RULE V, RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE BAR OF TEXAS

IT IS ORDERED that the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas, are amended in the following manner:

Amend Rule V(b) to read as follows:

- (b) A passing MPRE score is valid for five years from the date the MPRE is taken, unless the exceptions set out in (1) or (2) below extend such score.
 - (1) If an Applicant has a valid, passing MPRE score on the date (s)he takes the Texas Bar Examination or Short Form Examination, and the Applicant passes that particular examination, the MPRE score is deemed to be valid for licensing purposes for a period of no more than two years from the date the Applicant is notified that (s)he has passed that examination.
 - (2) If an Applicant who is eligible for admission without examination under Rule XIII(a)(1) has a valid, passing MPRE score on the date (s)he files his/her application, the MPRE is deemed to be valid for licensing purposes if the Applicant is notified that (s)he has met the requirements of Rule XIII(a)(1) and is eligible to be licensed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT this order shall be effective immediately.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this 1st day of February, , 2000.

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