

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 07- ~~9122~~

ORDER AMENDING RULE XI *Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas*

IT IS ORDERED that the *Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas* is amended as follows:

Amend Rule XI to read as follows:

- (a) The Supreme Court, by separate order, has established a list of the subjects for the Texas Bar Examination which shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable times.¹
- (b) The Texas Bar Examination shall be given at such places as the Board may direct.
- (c) The Texas Bar Examination shall be given two times each year, beginning on the Tuesday before the last Wednesday of the months of February and July, unless the Board otherwise directs.
- (d) The approved Applicants for an examination are required to be in attendance at the time and place designated by the Board.
- (e) The Texas Bar Examination shall last two and one-half days and shall consist of the Multistate Performance Test (MPT), given on Tuesday morning; the Procedure and Evidence Questions (P&E), given on Tuesday morning; the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE), given on Wednesday; and the Texas Essay Questions (Essays), given on Thursday. After grading the answers to the MPT, the P&E, and the Essays, the resulting raw scores on each of these portions will be scaled to the Multistate Bar Examination, using the equipercntile standard deviation method. Scores on the various portions of the examination will be weighted as follows: MPT, 10%; P&E, 10%; MBE, 40%; and Essays, 40%. Applicants who earn a combined scaled score

¹A list of such subjects, established by the Supreme Court as of the time of publication, is included in Appendix A to these Rules. In the event the Court changes such list, the Board will provide a copy of the revised list upon request.

of 675 (out of a possible 1000 points) shall pass the examination. A partial score on any portion of a failed examination shall not be applied to any subsequent examination.


- (f) An Applicant may take no more than five (5) examinations. However, for good cause shown, the Board at its discretion may waive this limitation upon such conditions as the Board may prescribe.
- (g) Any Applicant who has failed ~~the examination~~ at least two times Texas Bar Examinations may submit a written request, within two weeks of the release of the examination results, for a Formal Review of the Applicant's performance on the immediately preceding examination (excluding the multistate portion). Such Formal Review shall take place in Austin, Texas, at a time selected by the Board and shall consist of an individual oral review of such examination papers by the examining members of the Board. Regardless of the number of examinations taken, an Applicant may receive only one Formal Review under the provisions of this paragraph, provided, however, that no Applicant may obtain both a Formal Review and Informal Review of the same examination.
- (h) Any Applicant who has failed the examination may submit a written request, within two weeks of the release of the examination results, for an Informal Review of the Applicant's performance on his/her failed parts of the immediately preceding examination (excluding the MBE multistate portion). The form of such Informal Review shall be either oral or written, at the discretion of the examining members of the Board. An Applicant may request an Informal Review each time (s)he fails ~~at~~ or part of an examination.
- (i) The Board shall keep, for one year from the date of every examination, all failing ~~parts of such~~ examinations. The Board shall not be required to keep any passing parts of any passing examinations.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT this order shall be effective January 1, 2008.

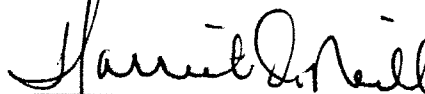
SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS 25th day of July, 2007.



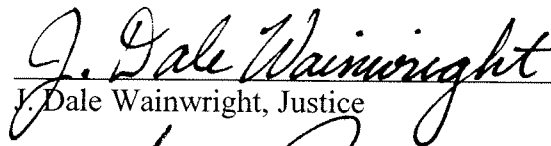
Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice

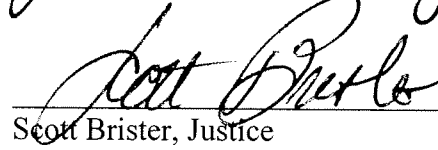


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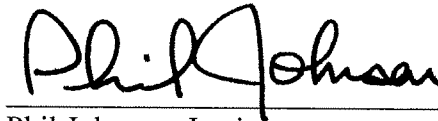

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