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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 03-OB-3497

IN RE: COLLETTE BATTLE

ON APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR

PER CURIAM

Petitioner, Collette Janine Battle, successfully passed the essay portion of the Louisiana Bar Examination. However, the Committee on Bar Admissions ("Committee") declined to certify her for admission to the Bar based upon character and fitness concerns. On petitioner's application to this court, we appointed the Office of Disciplinary Counsel to conduct an investigation and appointed a commissioner to take character and fitness evidence. Following the proceedings, the commissioner filed his report with this court, recommending that petitioner be admitted to the practice of law. Neither petitioner nor the Committee objected to that recommendation.

Considering the commissioner's recommendation and the entire record of this proceeding, we conclude petitioner has satisfied her burden of proving that she has "good moral character" to be admitted to the Bar of this state. *See* Supreme Court Rule XVII, § 5(E). Accordingly, it is ordered that the application for admission be and hereby is granted.