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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 2015-BA-1528

IN RE: COMMITTEE ON BAR ADMISSION CFN-1682

CRICHTON, J., concurs in part, dissents in part and assigns reasons:

I concur with the result in the per curiam opinion, but only insofar as petitioner is granted admission. In my view, despite petitioner's consent to the recovery agreement proposed by LAP, the appropriate result would be to grant petitioner admission without any conditions. Upon close examination of the record, including the unique circumstances presented, I believe that conditional admission is unduly harsh and the five-year probationary period, with its attendant burdensome testing requirements for the individual, is unwarranted. While we accord appropriate discretion to LAP recommendations, we are not necessarily bound to these recommendations, even if petitioner has indicated his or her consent. In all cases, the court should carefully scrutinize the severity of the punishment proposed in relation to the facts in the record before us. On these particular facts, I would grant petitioner's admission without any conditions.