

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

ORDER

Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1 and 5 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the need to amend Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVII regarding Admission to the Bar of the State of Louisiana,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVII, Section 6(B) be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 6. Equivalency Determinations.

(B) Standard; Burden of Proof. The applicant shall bear the burden of proving that the legal education of the applicant is equivalent to that of the legal education offered in the United States or its territories by a law school accredited by the American Bar Association. The American Bar Association standards for accreditation of law schools shall be relevant to any equivalency determination.

In addition, the applicant shall bear the burden of proving that the applicant has successfully completed a minimum of 14 semester hours of credit, or the equivalent, in professional law subjects from an American law school in any of the following categories: Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law, Corporations or Business Organizations, Evidence, Federal Jurisdiction, Federal

Civil Procedure, Intellectual Property, Louisiana Civil Procedure, Louisiana Obligations Law, Professional Responsibility, Taxation, Torts and Uniform Commercial Code, provided that no more than 4 credit hours in any one subject shall be counted toward this requirement.

These rule changes shall become effective upon signing, and shall remain in full force and effect thereafter, until amended or changed through future Orders of this Court; provided that these changes shall not affect applicants who have submitted an application for an equivalency determination or have obtained an equivalency determination prior to the effective date of these rule changes.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this _____ day of _____, 2009.

FOR THE COURT:

Catherine D. Kimball, Chief Justice