

**SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA**

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**ORDER**  
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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:**

**Part I.** Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVII, Section 3(B) be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 3. Requisites for Admission to the Bar.** Every applicant for admission to the Bar of this state shall meet all of the following requirements:

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(B) Be a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, or an alien otherwise authorized to work lawfully in the United States.

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

**Section 6. Equivalency Determinations.**

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**(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, Louisiana Obligations Law, Criminal Law, Corporations or Business Organizations, Evidence, Intellectual Property, Federal Civil Procedure, Louisiana Civil Procedure, Taxation, Uniform Commercial Code, and Torts, provided that no more than 4 credit hours in any one subject shall be counted toward this requirement.

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These rule changes shall become effective on January 1, 2009, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

FOR THE COURT:

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Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., Chief Justice